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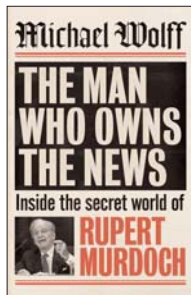
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## The Man Who Owns the News Inside the Secret World of Rupert Murdoch

Michael WOLFF

352pp Hb \$49.95

In a career spanning four decades, Murdoch has built News International into a \$70 billion corporation. Through a series of breathtaking gambles, he expanded from his base in the Australian newspaper business to achieve a pre-eminent position in the UK's media and to control a huge slice of Hollywood. Increasingly his company has built a presence in online and digital media, most recently through its acquisition of MySpace, and he is steadily expanding into Southeast Asia. But Murdoch is more than a predatory and merciless deal-maker. His company does not only generate dizzying profits and growth rates. His company generates the information that forms our understanding of the world. He presides over what we read, what we watch and what we come to believe about ourselves - to an extent that is without serious parallel anywhere on earth. In the words of Michael Wolff, Murdoch holds "more power over more time than any other contemporary figure". With unrivalled access to Murdoch, his family and his inner circle of advisers, Wolff shows how Murdoch came to wield this power and the uses he has made of it. *Due Dec*



## The Courilof Affair

Irene NEMIROVSKY 256pp Pb \$24.95

In 1903, Leon M, a devout terrorist, is given the responsibility by the Revolutionary Committee of 'liquidating' Valerian Alexandrovitch Courilof, the notoriously brutal and cold-blooded Russian Minister of Education. The assassination, he is told, must take place in public and be in the most grandiose manner possible in order to strike the imagination of the people. Posing as his newly appointed personal physician, Leon takes up residence with Courilof in his summer house in the Iles and awaits instructions. But over the course of his stay, he is made privy to the inner world of Courilof - his failing health, troubled domestic situation and, most importantly, the tyrannical grip the Czar himself holds over all his Ministers, forcing them to obey him or suffer deadly punishment. Set during a period of radical upheaval in Europe, this is an unsparing observation of human motives and the abuses of power, an elegy to a lost world and an unflinchingly topical cautionary tale. *Due Dec*

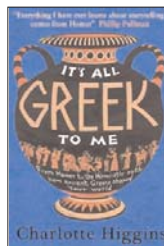


## It's All Greek to Me

Charlotte HIGGINS

304pp Hb \$29.95

The ancient Greeks moulded the basic disciplines and genres in which we still organise thought: from poetry to drama, politics to philosophy, medicine, even ethnography. Includes useful things like timelines, mythology for dummies, maps - everything you need to make sense of the Greek world (and by association, ours!) *Due Dec* *Lindy*



## The Slap

Christos TSIOLKAS 496pp Tp \$32.95

At a suburban barbecue, a man slaps a child who is not his own. This event has a shocking ricochet effect on a group of people, mostly friends, who are directly or indirectly influenced by the event. In this remarkable novel, Tsiolkas turns his blowtorch on to the belly of middle-class suburban Australia and its notions of child-rearing and acceptable behaviour. Told from the points of view of eight people who were present at the barbecue, 'the slap' and its consequences force them all to question their own families and the way they live, their expectations, beliefs and desires. What unfolds is a powerful, haunting novel about love, sex and marriage, parenting and children, and all the passions and conflicting beliefs that family can arouse.



## Quarterly Essay #32

### On the US Election

Kate JENNINGS

128pp Pb \$15.95

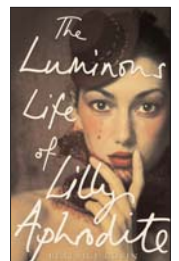
This is a dazzling and perceptive look at the US between hope and despair: an election-year kaleidoscope. It offers a series of memorable snapshots of America in fascinating flux: Bush's last days in office; sub-prime meltdowns; markets, trust and community; the saga of Sarah Palin; and the meaning of Obama.

Christmas Hours			
Regular Trading Hours in December except for:			
7	Sun	10.00am - 6.00pm	
13	Sat	8.00am - 8.00pm	
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21	Sun	9.00am - 6.00pm	
22-23	Mon - Tue	8.00am - 9.00pm	
24	Wed Christmas Eve	8.00am - 7.00pm	
25	Thu Christmas Day	closed	
26	Fri Boxing Day	10.00am - 5.00pm	
31	Wed New Year's Eve	8.30am - 5.00pm	
January			
1	Thu New Year's Day	closed	

## The Luminous Life of Lilly Aphrodite

Beatrice COLIN 416pp Tp \$33.00

Lilly is born as the year 1900 begins. Her mother is an actress and her father a baron, but both die within her first year and she is abandoned to a Berlin orphanage, where she grows up quiet and friendless - until Hanne enters her life. Hanne knows more about the world of men than any 12-year-old should; she is fierce and clear-eyed and raiding the rose gardens to raise money to escape with her brothers. But it is Lilly, with her wide grey eyes, who sees furthest, and when war breaks out she learns that life is even harder than she has already experienced. After the war, Hanne reappears in her life, wanting to break into the exciting escapist world of cinema, yet it is Lilly who succeeds. A brilliant novel that describes the world of Germany in the early decades of the 20th century, very readable despite all the tragedies that period entails. *Due Dec* *Lindy*

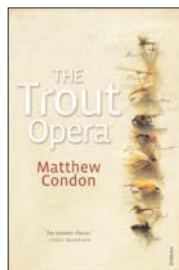


## The Trout Opera

Matthew CONDON

592pp Pb \$24.95

This is a stunning epic novel that encompasses 20th century Australia. Opening with a Christmas pageant on the banks of the Snowy River in 1906 and ending with the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympics in 2000, it is the story of simple rabbit and farmhand Wilfred Lampe who, at the end of his long life, is unwittingly swept up into an international spectacle. On the way, he discovers a great-niece, the wild and troubled young Aurora, whom he never knew existed, and together they take an unlikely road trip that changes their lives. Wilfred, who has only ever left Dalgety once in almost 100 years, comes face to face with contemporary Australia. Aurora, enmeshed in the complex social problems of a modern nation, is taught how to repair her damaged life. *Due Dec*

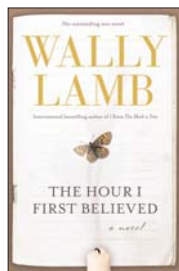


## The Hour I First Believed

Wally LAMB

800pp Tp \$35

Caelum Quirk and his wife Maureen move to Colorado and find jobs at Columbine High School. One day in April 1999, when Caelum is called away by a family emergency, Maureen cowers in a cupboard in the school library, hiding from two students on a murderous rampage. She miraculously survives, but cannot recover from the trauma. Seeking solace, the couple return to Connecticut to an illusion of safety on the Quirk family farm. As Maureen fights to regain her sanity, Caelum discovers a cache of forgotten memorabilia spanning five generations of his family. As he painstakingly reconstructs the lives of his ancestors, he must confront their secrets and fashion a future from the ashes of his own tragedy.



## The Russian Concubine

Kate FURNIVALL

592pp Pb \$25

Junchow, China, 1928. Lydia Ivanova has a fierce spirit. Nothing can dim it, not even the foul waters of the Peiho River. Into the river's grime, bodies are tossed - those of thieves and Communists alike. So every time Lydia steals from someone to feed herself and her mother, she takes her life into her own hands. Her mother, Valentina, was among the Russian elite until the Bolsheviks rounded them up. They took her husband, but she managed to buy back her child and bring her to China. But survival is hard. Even though mother and daughter live in the Whites-only settlement, no walls can keep Lydia in. She escapes to meet Chang An Lo, who saves her life once and is bound to her forever. But Chang has enemies who are hunting him down - Chiang Kai Shek's troops are headed towards Junchow to kill Reds like him. Their all-consuming love can only mean danger for them both, but they are powerless to end it...

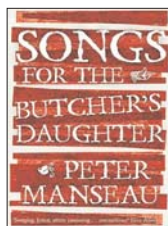


## Songs for the Butcher's Daughter

Peter MANSEAU

400pp Tp \$29.95

Narrated by two poets (one who doesn't know he is, and one who doesn't know he isn't), this is a wise and warm look at the constant surprises and ineluctable ravages of time. It's a book about religion, love and typesetting - how one passion can be used to goad and thwart the other - and most of all, about how faith in the power of words can survive even the death of a language. A novel of faith lost and hope found in translation, this is at once an immigrant's epic saga, a love story for the ages and a Yiddish-inflected laughing-through-tears tour of world history for Jews and Gentiles alike.



## The President's Last Love

Andrey KURKOV

448pp Pb \$24.95

Moscow, 2013. Bunin, the Ukrainian President, has joined other heads of state in an open air swimming pool to drink vodka and celebrate with Putin. During his rise to power, Bunin has juggled with formidable and eccentric political and personal challenges. His troubles with his family and his women combine with his difficulties with corrupt businessmen and demanding international allies, but it is his recent heart transplant that worries him most. Since the operation, he has started developing freckles and his heart donor's mysterious widow seems to have moved in with him. Spanning 40 years, this is an hilarious satire on love, lies and life before and after the Iron Curtain. *Due Dec*

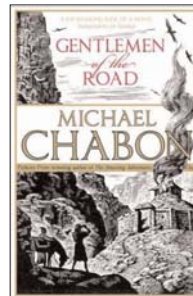


## Gentlemen of the Road

Michael CHABON

224pp Pb \$25.00

Set in AD 950 in the Kingdom of Arran in the Caucasus Mountains, this is the tale of two wandering adventurers, variously plying their trades as swords for hire, horse thieves and con artists. They become unlikely soul-mates when they become entangled in the schemes and battles that follow a bloody coup in the medieval Jewish empire of the Khazars. Hired as escorts for a fugitive prince, they quickly find themselves half-willing generals in a mad rebellion, struggling to restore the prince's family to the throne. As their increasingly outrageous exploits unfold, they encounter a wondrous elephant, wily Rhadanite tradesmen, whores, thieves, soldiers and an emperor, discovering the truth about their young royal charge. Beautifully illustrated throughout, this novel brims with raucous humour and cliffhanging suspense, combining the spirit of *The Arabian Nights* with the action of *The Three Musketeers*.

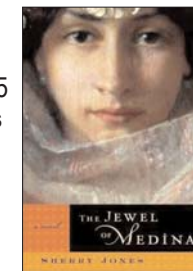


## The Jewel of Medina

Sherry JONES

432pp Pb \$34.95

Set in ancient Arabia during the dramatic birth of Islam, this captivating debut novel paints a fascinating portrait of A'isha, child bride of the prophet Muhammad, who overcame great obstacles to reach her full potential as a woman and a leader.



## Testimony

Anita SHREVE

320pp Tp \$33

At a New England boarding school, a sex scandal is about to break. Even more shocking than the sexual acts themselves is the fact that they were caught on videotape. A Pandora's box of revelations, the tape triggers a chorus of voice - those of the men, women, teenagers and parents involved in the scandal - that details the ways in which lives can be derailed or destroyed in one foolish moment. In a gripping emotional drama with the pace of a thriller, Shreve explores the dark impulses that sway the lives of seeming innocents and the ways in which our best intentions can lead to our worst transgressions.

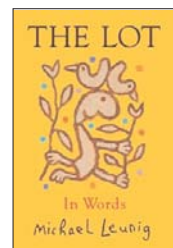
## Humour

### The Lot In Words

Michael LEUNIG

336pp Pb \$29.95

There are few aspects of existence to which Leunig has not turned his renaissance mind, as a bemused and committed member of the human plight. From his cartoonist's sensibilities comes a peculiar journalism made of parable, memoir and soliloquy, on subjects ranging from the sublime to the subhuman. Even in the smallest, simplest things, Leunig finds the eternal key. And no matter how confronting the topic, he awakens and upholds the funny side. The uplifting side that you'd forgotten about - or didn't realise was there.



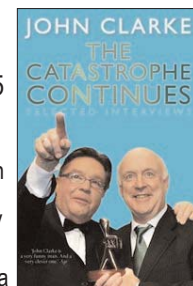
## The Catastrophe Continues

Selected Interviews

John CLARKE

258pp Tp \$32.95

For 20 years, Bryan Dawe has been trying to get some sense out of John Clarke. In 1987, John and Bryan began to broadcast on radio a series of weekly interviews in which prominent and newsworthy figures spoke openly about issues of the day. This noble public service soon took to TV screens, where their weekly report has brought a welcome splash of colour to the week's events. All the stars of the era are here: Keating, Kennett, Howard, Costello, Latham, Ruddock and Rudd.

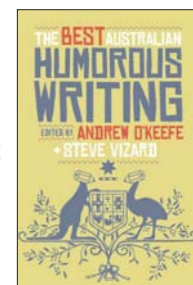


## The Best Australian Humorous Writing

Andrew O'KEEFE

224pp Pb \$33

This is a collection of the stand-out riffs on politics, life, popular culture and 'a funny thing happened when' of the last year. Included are the characteristic musings of some of our most urbane and witty scribes - John Clarke and Bryan Dawe; Marieke Hardy's adventures at Summit 2020; the Chaser at the Logies; and contributions from Chris Lilley, Kaz Cooke, Catherine Deveny, Guy Rundle and Shaun Micallef. *Due Dec*





## The Graveyard Book

Neil GAIMAN 289pp Hb \$27.95

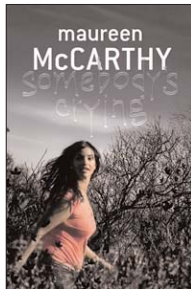
This is partly a loving and wonderful tribute to Kipling's *The Jungle Book*. Instead of a child being reared by the animals of the Indian jungle, this has a boy being raised by the denizens of an English cemetery. Nobody Owens ('Bod' for short) is adopted by the ghostly Owens couple and given the Freedom of the Graveyard (where he can pass through solid walls and learns invisibility) after his family is murdered by the shadowy man, Jack. Bod learns many lessons from the inhabitants - how to be polite in many centuries, Latin from the inscriptions, the gateways to more terrifying realms - as they try to keep him safe. A truly inventive story with colourful characterisation, some gently-handled scary bits and an evocative writing style. Highly recommended for any reader aged 10 to 100!



## Somebody's Crying

Maureen McCARTHY 371pp Tp \$22.95

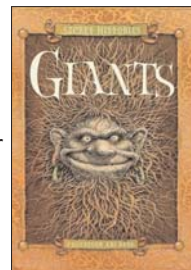
In a small coastal Victorian town, a murder was committed three years previously. Lillian had been a mature-age student at the local high school. Tom and Jonty, her nephew, had become great friends with her. When she is found dead, it is Jonty who falls under suspicion. Tom had escaped to the city and tertiary studies, trying to forget about his best friend Jonty, who had become increasingly erratic in behaviour. But when Tom has to return to his home town, the past is waiting for him. Lillian's daughter Alice becomes drawn into her cousin's need to solve the crime, but at what cost? A good solid mystery for older readers.



## The Secret Histories Giants

Ari BERK 48pp Hb \$19.95

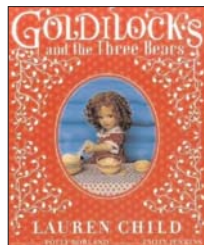
Presented as the research and secret knowledge of the Order of the Golden Quills, this attractive book tells the history and habits of the giants - what's inside their sacks or their castles, what games they play and stories they tell, the various types of giant-folk. Lots of detailed illustrations, fold-outs and open-outs, providing hours of entertainment and imagination for readers 7-10.



## Goldilocks and the Three Bears

Lauren CHILD & Polly BORLAND 42pp Hb \$29.95

Lauren Child retells the classic story of Goldilocks with her trademark panache. One day Goldilocks - who asks too many questions sometimes - is sent off by her mother to gather firewood, with the injunction to stay on the path, be back in time for breakfast and look after her new red shoes. Of course, she doesn't! This charming version is embellished with extraordinary illustrations - full-scale sets with specially commissioned dolls and props, photographed by the acclaimed Borland. A delight for any young girl or collector of children's illustrated books.



## Inventions

### Pop-Up Models from the Drawings of Leonardo da Vinci

Jaspre BARK 16pp Hb \$39.95

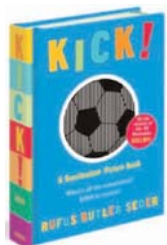
This is one of those intricate books that appeals to adults, as much as the careful child! Beautifully presented in sepia tones throughout and with the text in a style similar to the one Leonardo used in his mirror writing (but easier to read!), this is a celebration of genius. The flying machine, hydraulic power, architecture, war machines, mechanical inventions and the mechanical man are all presented in detailed and intricate pop-up form. Each double-spread is illustrated with Leonardo's drawings, observations and other interactive tabs (I particularly liked the instructions and pieces for building a quick bridge!). Absolutely hours of wonder and pleasure in this amazing book!



## Kick!

Rufus Butler SEDER 22pp Hb \$19.95

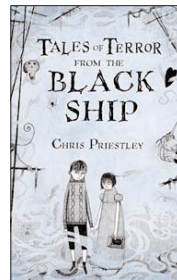
Last year's phenomenal bestseller, *Gallop* (Hb \$19.95) is followed by a new and equally amazing book! Instead of animals moving, it shows children in motion - kicking a ball, riding a bicycle, cartwheeling, playing basketball and running. Hours of fun (and adults can't resist trying to figure out the Scanimation process!)



## Tales of Terror from the Black Ship

Chris PRIESTLEY 256pp Hb \$24.95

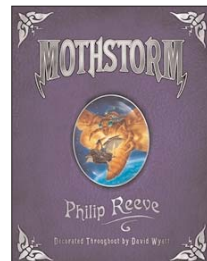
A collection of wonderfully quirky and macabre stories that centre around a mysterious old sea dog telling tales to while away a stormy night. His listeners are young Cathy and Ethan, whose father has gone to seek assistance, and they have a great appetite for his scary stories, although Ethan becomes increasingly anxious as the night wears on. Dawn should bring light and reassurance, but will it? Deliciously creepy with delightfully skewed illustrations provided by David Roberts. Ages 12+



## Mothstorm

Philip REEVE 416pp Hb \$24.95

The next rollicking adventure in the Larklight series sees Art, his annoying nuisance of a sister and their benevolently powerful entity of a mother off to the furthest reaches of the universe, where the Rev Cruet and his daughter Charity have disappeared, but not before sending an urgent message. A sinister cloud of evil intent is fast closing on the Known Universe and it is up to the intrepid Art (with the help of Jack Havoc, space pirate extraordinaire) to save the universe. Again. Absolutely brilliant stuff, once again graced with the amazingly intricate and witty illustrations of David Wyatt, which are worth the cover price alone!



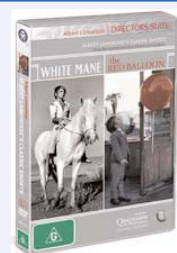
## Recent DVDs at Abbey's

### Albert Lamorisse's Short Classics

#### The Red Balloon and White Mane

Region 4 DVD (PAL) \$20.95

Charming stories of two young boys who experience love, friendship and loss with a red balloon and a wild horse respectively. Dir: Albert Lamorisse; drama; French with English subtitles; 74 minutes; rated G; 1956.



#### The Band's Visit

Region 4 DVD (PAL) \$29.95

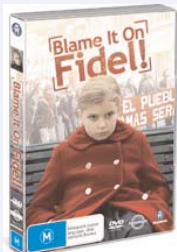
A small police band from Egypt arrives in Israel to perform at a ceremony. Unfortunately, no one is at the airport to receive them. They try to manage on their own, but end up in a small, desolate town in the desert. Dir: Eran Kolirin; comedy; Arabic and Hebrew with English subtitles; 85 minutes; rated M; 2007.



#### Blame it on Fidel!

Region 4 DVD (PAL) \$30.95

Enter the world of 9-year-old Anna, star pupil of her religion class at a private Catholic school, living the blessed Parisian life with her bourgeois family. All flows luxuriously until her parents become radical left-wingers, abandoning their former ways and bewildering Anna's comfortable existence. A witty and touching reflection on politics, religion, family and parenting. Dir: Julie Gavras; drama; French with English subtitles; 99 minutes; rated M; 2006.



#### The Counterfeiters

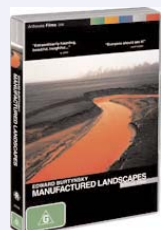
Region 4 DVD (PAL) \$35.95

The true story of Salomon Sorowitsch, a German concentration camp prisoner in 1944 who became part of Operation Bernhard - an extraordinary counterfeiting operation run by the Nazi government with the aim of printing millions in pound sterling to finance the war. Dir: Stefan Ruzowitzky; drama; German with English subtitles; 98 minutes; rated M15+; 2007.

#### Manufactured Landscapes

Region 4 DVD (PAL) \$35.95

Director Jennifer Baichwal follows acclaimed photographer Edward Burtynsky to China where he captures the effect of the country's industrial revolution on its environment. The stunning photos of factories, pollution, dams and mines will make you stop and think about your impact on your surroundings. Documentary; English with optional English subtitles; 90 minutes; rated G; 2006.



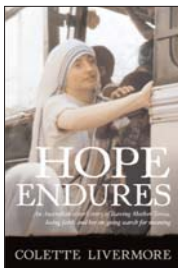


## Hope Endures

### An Australian Sister's Story of Leaving Mother Teresa, Losing Faith and Her Ongoing Search for Meaning

Colette LIVERMORE 234pp Tp \$34.95

This searing, eye-opening memoir is by an extraordinary woman who served for 11 years as a nun in Mother Teresa's order working with the world's poor. Ultimately it is also the story of her journey into disillusionment with the order and her crisis of faith. Livermore recounts the horrors she saw and tried to remedy in her work with the sisters of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in some of the poorest places in the East - in the sprawling, fetid garbage dump of Manila and the crowded slums of urban India. The sheer numbers of desperate people she encounters and helps are huge and humbling, their circumstances devastating, yet these interactions with other souls are not unbearable to her; rather, she draws strength and courage from them. Ultimately, though, she cannot bear the rigid, often psychologically abusive, administrative culture of the order and its insistence on unquestioning obedience that harms the young sisters mentally, emotionally and spiritually, while limiting the good they can do. Livermore also has to resist pressure from Mother Teresa and other superiors who try many arguments to keep her from leaving. But leave she does and goes on to become a general practitioner and an atheist, while continuing her life's work helping the disadvantaged, building a new life of humanitarian service. An inspiring story of an incredible woman, this is also a critique that asks readers to question blind faith and obedience, and discover their own true path to practising goodness in life.

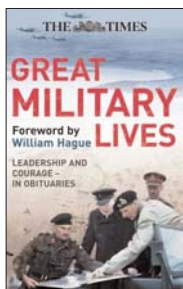


## The Times Great Military Lives

### Leadership and Courage - in Obituaries

William HAGUE (foreword) 320pp Hb \$35

This is an authoritative and fascinating collection of obituaries depicting the great military commanders of the 19th and 20th centuries. These remarkable men were often intellectually brilliant and physically brave, always with the confidence and clarity of mind to take the difficult decisions that might carry a vital battle or turn a campaign. Above all, they were great leaders of men, ready to bear the lonely responsibility of high command, ever aware that they had the lives of thousands - even the fate of nations - in their hands. The obituaries are reproduced here as they were printed at the time, with the contemporary assessment followed in each case by a current perspective by Major-General Michael Tillotson, military obituaries writer for The Times, who with Ian Brunskill, the paper's obituaries editor, has selected the subjects for inclusion.



## Agatha Christie

### An English Mystery

Laura THOMPSON 544pp Pb \$30

A passionate and accomplished writer, Thompson now turns her highly acclaimed biographical skills to Agatha Christie. Arguably the greatest crime writer in the world, 30 years after her death Christie's books still sell over four million copies worldwide every year. Thompson describes the Edwardian world in which she grew up, explores the relationships she had, including those with her two husbands and daughter, and investigates the mysteries still surrounding Christie's life, including her disappearance in 1926. Agatha Christie is a mystery and writing about her is a detection job in itself. But with access to all of Christie's letters, papers and writing notebooks, as well as interviews with her grandson, daughter, son-in-law and their living relations, Thompson is able to unravel the detailed workings of Christie's detective fiction and also the truth behind her private life.

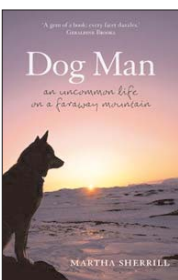


## Dog Man

### An Uncommon Life on a Faraway Mountain

Martha SHERRILL 229pp Tp \$32.95

Sherrill brings us to a world that Westerners know very little about - the snow country of Japan during WWII. In a mountain village, we meet Morie Sawataishi, a fierce individualist who has chosen to break the law by keeping an Akita dog hidden in a shed on his property. This book chronicles his fierce determination to ensure the survival of the Akita species, after all but 16 dogs were slaughtered for the Japanese war effort. In beautiful prose, Sherrill opens up the world of the dog man and his wife, while expertly revealing a little-known aspect of Japan and Japanese culture.

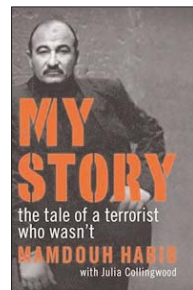


## My Story

### The Tale of a Terrorist Who Wasn't

Mamdouh HABIB with Julia COLLINGWOOD 272pp Tp \$32.95

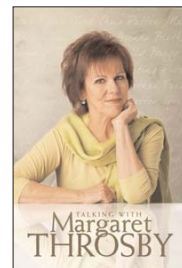
In the early hours of 2 October 2001, Mamdouh Habib and two young German men were taken off a bus travelling between Quetta and Karachi by Pakistani security officers. It was shortly after 9/11 and only days before the Americans attacked Afghanistan. The Pakistanis, at the behest of the Americans, were rounding up anyone who in any way looked suspicious, interrogating them and passing them on to the Americans. The unlucky ones were then 'rendered' to a third-party country to be further interrogated and tortured, where they either disappeared for good or were sent to Guantanamo Bay, branded as terrorists with no legal rights. This is what happened to Habib. It took nearly three-and-a-half years before he was eventually released without charge from Guantanamo and reunited with his wife and four children in Australia. The original American draft charges had accused him of attending al Qaeda training camps in Afghanistan and of training the 9/11 terrorists in martial arts. They even suggested he was meant to have been on one of the 9/11 hijacked planes. The true story of the kidnapping and incarceration of Habib, first in Egypt, then in Guantanamo, is told here by him for the first time. The complicity of the Australian government in his abduction to Egypt is revealed, as well as its subsequent neglect of him while in Guantanamo. His relationship with other well-known alleged terrorists, including meeting David Hicks in Afghanistan and Guantanamo, also comes to light.



## Talking with Margaret Throsby

Margaret THROSBY 384pp Pb \$32.95

Margaret Throsby has spent much of the last 24 years talking and listening to the rich, the famous, the quirky, the wise and the thoroughly entertaining discuss their lives and favourite music on national radio. As listeners, we are drawn in, eavesdroppers to a seemingly private conversation that knows no boundaries. We are drawn along by the music and the thread of the ideas, and the laughter and sadness that tumbles out in often revelatory detail. Join Oliver Sacks, Pat Dodson, Michael Leunig, Billy Bragg, Paul Keating, John le Carre, Jonathan Franzen, Gerry Adams, Chris Patten, Maureen Dowd, David Malouf and many others as they share their thoughts and conjure up their beguiling narratives.

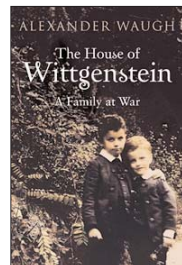


## The House of Wittgenstein

### A Family at War

Alexander WAUGH 384pp Hb \$49.95

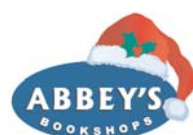
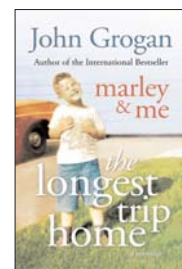
The Wittgenstein family was one of the richest, most talented and most eccentric in European history. Karl Wittgenstein, who ran away from home as a wayward and rebellious youth, returned to his native Vienna to make a fortune in the iron and steel industries. He bought factories and paintings and palaces, but the domineering and overbearing influence he exerted over his eight children resulted in a generation of siblings fraught by inner antagonisms and nervous tension. Three of his sons committed suicide; Paul, the fourth, became a world-famous concert pianist (using only his left hand); Ludwig, the youngest, is now regarded as one of the greatest philosophers of the 20th century. In this dramatic, historical and psychological epic, Waugh traces the triumphs and vicissitudes of a family held together by a fanatical love of music, yet torn apart by money, madness, conflicts of loyalty and the cataclysmic upheaval of two World Wars.



## The Longest Trip Home

John GROGAN 320pp Tp \$35

Finding your place in the world can be the longest trip home. In *Marley & Me* (Pb \$25), Grogan perfectly described the love of a family for their wondrously neurotic dog. Here he writes with the same honesty, openness and humour about the relationship between a boy and his parents. As a bad boy in a good family, John didn't always live up to his parent's expectations, but as a man he came to understand the love they gave him every day of his life. At its heart, this is a universal story about growing up and making peace with your parents.



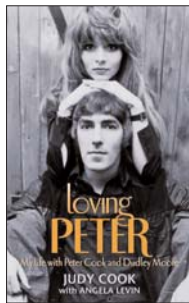


## Loving Peter

### My Life with Peter Cook and Dudley Moore

Judy COOK 288pp Tp \$35.00

Judy Huxtable, a beautiful Swinging Sixties model and actress, met and fell in love with Peter Cook in 1967. They were together during the memorable hit shows *Behind the Fridge* and *Derek and Clive*, divorcing in 1989. Being intimate with Peter meant that Judy was inevitably close to Peter's comic partner, Dudley Moore, and they all formed an extraordinary bond. She was in a unique position to observe the special relationship that Peter and Dudley shared, as well as the rivalry that existed between them. Judy gives a perceptive and poignant account of the Peter Cook that only she knew. She writes with a mix of humour, insight and sadness about one of the funniest, most enigmatic and troubled men on the planet. She describes what he was like as a husband, performer, friend, father and man, giving an inside view of what really made him tick, why he seemed to want to destroy those he loved the most, and how he succumbed to the destructive forces of drink and drugs.



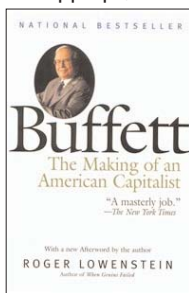
## Buffett

### The Making of an American Capitalist

Roger LOWENSTEIN

512pp Tp \$35.00

Starting from scratch, Warren Buffett amassed one of the epochal fortunes of the 20th century by picking stocks and companies for investment - an astounding net worth of \$10 billion, and counting. His awesome investment record has made him a cult figure popularly known for his seeming contradictions: a billionaire with a modest lifestyle, a phenomenally successful investor who eschews the revolving-door trading of modern Wall Street, a brilliant dealmaker who cultivates a homespun aura. Lowenstein draws on three years of unprecedented access to Buffett's family, friends and colleagues to provide the first definitive, inside account of the life and career of this American original. He explains Buffet's investment strategy - a long-term philosophy grounded in buying stock in companies that are undervalued on the market and hanging on until their worth surfaces. *Due Dec*

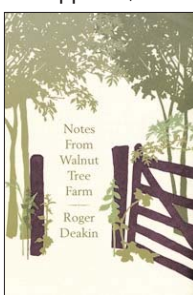


## Notes from Walnut Tree Farm

Roger DEAKIN

224pp Hb \$59.95

For the last six years of his life, Deakin kept notebooks in which he wrote his daily thoughts, impressions, feelings and observations. Discursive, personal and often impassioned, they reveal the way he saw the world, whether it be observing the teeming ecosystem that was Walnut Tree Farm, thinking about the wider environment, walking in his fields or quietly contemplating his past and present life. This book collects the very best of these writings, capturing his extraordinary, restless curiosity into the natural and human worlds, his love of literature and music, his knack for making unusual and apposite connections, and of course his distinct and subversive charm and humour. Together they cohere to present a passionate, engaged and - in spite of the worst pressures of contemporary life - optimistic view of our changing world. *Due Dec*



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## Crème de la Phlegm: Unforgettable Australian Reviews

by Angela Bennie Hb ~~\$34.95~~ \$16.95

This landmark collection of the famous and the infamous Australian reviews ranges across literature, theatre, the visual arts and film. Bennie looks to the wholeheartedly negative review over the last 50 years and the motives of reviewers who proclaim a critical flop. Beginning with A D Hope's seminal 'fanging' of Patrick White in 1956, she casts light on the quest for a national identity, the modernist and postmodernist debates, as well as the seismic fallout around the 'history wars' in the 1990s. "David Williamson has never been an intellectual, but with Dead White Males he's so far out of his depth that one briefly considers calling the Westpac helicopter..." - Guy Rundle, 1995.



## Edith Wharton by Hermione Lee Pb ~~\$34.95~~ \$14.95

This masterly biography of Edith Wharton paints a portrait of a fiercely modern author writing of sex, love, money and war, a woman of strong convictions and conflicting ambitions and desires. Delving into every aspect of her extraordinary life story, the book shows in fascinating detail how she worked and what lies at the heart of her magnificent and elegant works. Shortlisted for *National Book Critics Circle Awards* and *James Tait Black Memorial Book Prizes* in 2008.

## Empire of Capital by Ellen Meiksins Wood Pb ~~\$29~~ \$12.95

Surely even the most seasoned White House hawk would prefer to exercise global hegemony by purely economic means, without the costly colonial entanglements. Yet, as Wood shows, the economic empire of capital has also created a new and unlimited militarism. By contrasting the new imperialism to historical forms such as the Roman Empire, and by tracing the development of capitalist imperialism back to the English domination of Ireland, Wood shows how today's capitalist empire has come to spawn a new military doctrine of war without end.



## In the Danger Zone by Stefan Gates Hb ~~\$55~~ \$14.95

Award-winning food writer Stefan Gates has travelled the world to investigate how people cook, eat and survive in extreme conditions. He drank radioactive wine with babushkas in Chernobyl, ate fat-tailed sheep with Taliban warlords in Afghanistan, yak's penis with Chinese Communists, civet cat with the Karen rebels deep in the Burmese jungle, and rotting walrus with the Inuit of the Canadian Arctic. In this book, based on his experiences making a TV series, he takes us on an extraordinary personal journey as he tries to understand a world in crisis, meeting people caught up in war, poverty and environmental disasters.



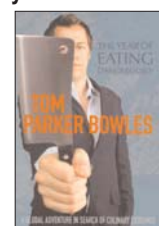
## The Ambassadors: From Ancient Greece to Renaissance Europe, the Men Who Introduced the World to Itself by Jonathan Wright Hb ~~\$45~~ \$17.95

At one time, ambassadors were adventurers who dared an uncertain fate in unknown lands, bringing gifts to powerful and unpredictable leaders. Wright traces the journeys of these emissaries, taking us from the linguistically challenged Greek Megasthenes, through Mohammed's ambassadors to Egypt, to the envoys of Byzantium - who had the unenviable task of convincing Attila the Hun to stop attacking them. What Europe still thinks of Asia and what Asia still thinks of Africa were in no small part kindled in these long-ago first encounters.

## The Year of Eating Dangerously: A Global Adventure in Search of Culinary Extremes

by Tom Parker-Bowles Hb ~~\$55.95~~ \$12.95

Bored by the increasingly homogenised fare doled up by the supermarkets and charisma-drained establishments in the UK, Parker-Bowles sets out to discover the most exotic food from around the world - the edible products of landscape and history, moulded by peoples and cultures entirely different from our own, and now in danger of disappearing entirely. From the dangers of West-country elvers and the French song birds that are the ultimate in endangered gastronomy, to the Masai warriors and their bloody feasts, this book is a fantastically written, extremely funny and often provocative read that will make your mouth water... most of the time anyway.



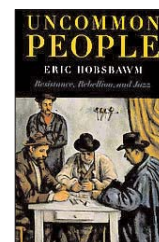
## Trafalgar: The Men, the Battle, the Storm by Tim Clayton & Phil Craig Pb ~~\$29.95~~ \$12.95

200 years ago, Napoleon dominated Europe and threatened Britain with invasion. Against him stood the Royal Navy and the already legendary Admiral Nelson. In October 1805, a massive naval battle off the coast of Spain decided mastery of the seas. Then, over the following days and nights, the battleships and their exhausted crews endured a gale of awesome fury. This story is told not only through the diaries, letters and memoirs of the men who wrestled with the enemy and the elements, but also through the eyes of their wives and children.

## Uncommon People: Resistance, Rebellion and Jazz

by Eric Hobsbawm Pb ~~\$30~~ \$16.95

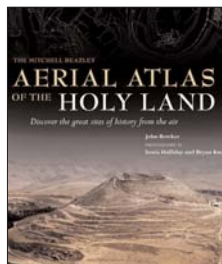
26 classic Hobsbawm essays ranging over the history of working people between the late 18th century and the present day. Essays include the formation of the British working class; the political radicalism of 19th century shoemakers; revolution and sex; meditations on the May Day holiday; socialism and the avant-garde; Mario Puzo, the Mafia and the Sicilian bandit, Salvatore Giuliano; and the cultural consequences of Christopher Columbus. Throughout these essays runs a passionate concern for the lives and struggles of ordinary men and women - uncommon people, all of them.



## Aerial Atlas of the Holy Land

John BOWKER 256pp Hb \$60

The ancient lands of Galilee, Samaria and Judea stand at a crossroads in Western and Eastern history. Sites such as Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Nazareth exert a huge pull over millions of Christian and Muslim pilgrims and countless others who dream of making such a journey themselves, fascinated by the area's unparalleled historical and religious heritage. This atlas does full justice to the beauty, mystery and grandeur of the region, offering a series of breathtaking aerial portraits and fascinating maps of 25 key sites dating from Biblical times to the Muslim Conquest, together with the landscape and sites that surround them. The result is a beautiful and useful reference work on one of history's most fascinating locations.

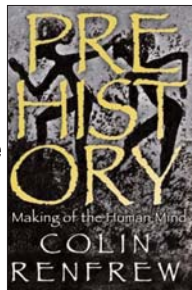


## Prehistory

### The Making of the Human Mind

Colin RENFREW 272pp Pb \$25

Prehistory covers human existence before written records, most of human existence. But it also refers to the discipline through which we scrutinise prehistoric times. Renfrew begins by looking at the discovery of a remote human past and the subsequent dramatic growth of the study of prehistory: early archaeology; geology; Darwin's ideas of evolution; cave paintings; fossil discoveries of human ancestors; museums and collections; radiocarbon dating and DNA analysis. He challenges the conventional assumption of an all-important 'human revolution' 40,000 years ago - when Homo sapiens first appeared in Europe - and suggests that the key developments were much later. His case studies range widely, from Orkney to the Balkans, from the Indus Valley to Peru, from Ireland to China, providing fresh insights on landmark monuments such as the Egyptian pyramids, the Valley of the Kings, Stonehenge and the sacrificial burial pyramids at Teotihuacan in Mexico.

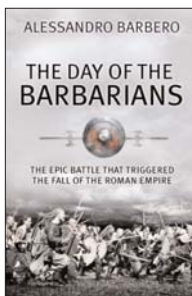


## The Day of the Barbarians

### The First Battle in the Fall of the Roman Empire

Alessandro BARBERO 192pp Pb \$24.95

9 August, AD 378, outside Adrianople in the Roman province of Thrace, the Roman Empire began to fall. Two years earlier, an unexpected flood of refugees from the tribe known as the Goths had arrived at the Empire's eastern border, seeking admittance. In the David-and-Goliath struggle that ensued, the barbarians eventually inflicted upon the Roman Army the most disastrous defeat they had suffered since Hannibal's victory over them almost 600 years earlier. Although the Empire did not actually fall for another century, this battle signalled nothing less than the end of the ancient world and the opening of the Middle Ages. Barbero vividly recreates the events leading up to the last epic battle of the ancient world, and a significant turning point in world history.

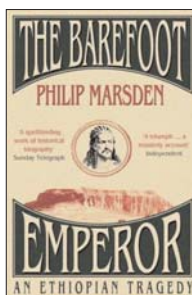


## The Barefoot Emperor

### An Ethiopian Tragedy

Philip MARSDEN 320pp Pb \$25

A fascinating narrative excursion into a bizarre episode in 19th century Ethiopian and British imperial history, featuring a remote African despot and his monstrous European-built gun. On one of Addis Ababa's main roundabouts today sits a huge, recently installed mortar. This is a replica of 'Sevastopol', a 70-ton lump of ordnance commissioned by one of the most extraordinary leaders Africa has ever produced - King of Kings of Ethiopia, the Emperor Theodore. In 1867, as his kingdom collapsed around him, Theodore retreated to his mountain-top stronghold in Magdala. It took his army six months to haul 'Sevastopol' through the gauges and passes of the highlands. 60 miles to the north, a British expeditionary force under Sir Robert Napier - consisting of more than 10,000 fighting men, at least as many followers and 20,000 pack animals, including a number of Indian elephants - had been ferried to the Red Sea Coast and had built a railway line through the desert. Their object: to rescue the British consul and 60 Europeans held prisoner by the increasingly erratic Theodore, who had taken to massacring his prisoners of war and pitching captives over the cliffs of Magdala. The resulting fate of Theodore and his mortar forms the climax to this strange extravaganza, in which an isolated medieval kingdom came dramatically face-to-face with an ascendant Europe.

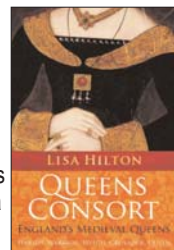


## Queens Consort

### England's Medieval Queens

Lisa HILTON 512pp Hb \$55

England's medieval queens were elemental in shaping the history of the nation. In an age where all politics were family politics, dynastic marriages placed English queens at the very centre of power - the king's bed! From Matilda of Flanders, the Conqueror's queen, to Elizabeth of York, the first Tudor consort, England's queens fashioned the nature of monarchy and influenced the direction of the state. Occupying a unique position in the mercurial, often violent world of medieval state-craft, English queens had to negotiate a role that combined tremendous influence with terrifying vulnerability. Hilton explores the lives of the 20 women who were crowned queen between 1066 and 1503, reconsidering the fictions surrounding well-known figures like Eleanor of Aquitaine and illuminating the lives of forgotten figures such as Adeliza of Louvain. War, adultery, witchcraft, child abuse, murder - and occasionally even love - formed English queenship, but so too did patronage, learning and fashion. Hilton considers the evolution of the queenly office alongside intimate portraits of the individual women, dispelling the myth that medieval brides were no more than diplomatic pawns. From Eleanor of Castile's eccentric passion for fruit, to Anne of Bohemia's contribution to the Protestant reformation, this is a provocative and dramatic narrative which redefines English history in terms of an exceptional group of women whose personal ambitions, triumphs and failures helped give birth to the modern state. *Due Dec*

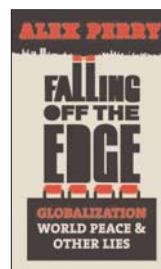


## Falling Off the Edge

### Globalization, World Peace & Other Lies

Alex PERRY 352pp Tp \$35

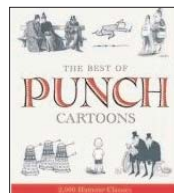
Combining analysis with frontline reporting, Perry's quest into this largely unreported world takes readers from Maoist rebels in Nepal to Indian suicide bombers and Indonesian pirates. We meet Chinese organ harvesters, Bombay billionaires, killer cops and pygmy Africans living on a remote island in the Indian Ocean. And in a riveting introduction, Perry presents us with some of the finest war reporting ever to come out of the War on Terror. The result of this extraordinary journey is as unexpected as it is dramatic. In his quest to uncover the edges of the globalisation, Perry ends up discovering its dark heart, raising profound questions about where globalisation is leading us and why. *Due Dec*



## The Best of Punch Cartoons

Helen WALASEK 608pp Hb \$79.95

For over 160 years, *Punch* cartoons amused, enlightened and annoyed its readers. Quintessentially British, the cartoons were famous the world over for their witty observation of the British character, their social commentary and their outstanding artistry. Special features showcase major artists and an array of favourite themes from the Great Exhibition of 1851 and Early Motoring to the Space Race, from Psychiatry to Lemmings.

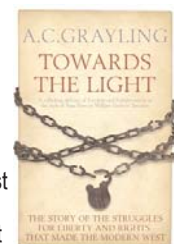


## Towards the Light

### The Story of the Struggles for Liberty and Rights that Made the Modern Western World

A C GRAYLING 336pp Pb \$26.95

Perhaps the hallmark of Western civilisation over the past 500 years is the series of liberation struggles without which the ordinary citizen in Western countries would not enjoy the rights and freedoms we now take for granted. They began with the often violent battle to allow independent thought, uncontrolled by the Church, which led in time to political freedom as monarchies were gradually replaced by more representative forms of government. These in turn made possible the abolition of slavery, rights for working men and women, universal education, the enfranchisement of women, and much more. Each of these struggles was a memorable human drama and Grayling skilfully interweaves the stories of celebrated and little-known heroes alike, from Martin Luther and John Locke to the 16th century French scholar Sebastien Castellio and the 19th century feminist Elizabeth Cady Stanton. The triumphs and sacrifices of those who dared to oppose authority ring loudly down the ages, proving how hard-won each successive victory has been. And yet, as Grayling persuasively shows in a cautionary coda, democratic governments under pressure have often thought it necessary to restrict rights in the name of freedom, further underlining how precious they are.





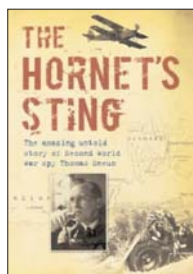
# History

## The Hornet's Sting

### The Amazing Untold Story of Second World War Spy, Thomas Sneum

Mark RYAN 384pp Tp \$35

The exploits of Tommy Sneum, the Danish-born spy who died in 2007, made him a legend in espionage circles. Based on hundreds of hours of interviews with Sneum, Ryan describes how Tommy made an incredible escape from Denmark in a battered old Hornet Moth aircraft, which he had to refuel in mid-air by climbing out on the wing! Later he escaped from Denmark again by walking across a treacherous frozen sea on which two of his companions died. Tommy carried precious intelligence about the Nazi radar installations in Denmark and their atom bomb. His reward was to be imprisoned in Brixton as a suspected double agent and threatened with execution. He cheated the hangman, but it is only with the publication of this enthralling book that Sneum can be celebrated as one of the true heroes of WWII.



## Charge!

### The Interesting Bits of Military History

Justin POLLARD 288pp Hb \$40

War brings out the very best and worst in people. Frankly, however, it's usually the latter. But for all our thousands of years of practice at this most dangerous art, there is precious little evidence that we're either outgrowing it or getting any good at it. It is an occupation filled with heroism, genius, hubris, idiocy and blind panic, all brought on at least in part by large measures of astonishingly good and bad luck. This is not a book filled with battle diagrams swarming with arrows or long descriptions of the tactical basis for the Pastry War. It is a book about the smaller tragedies and triumphs that actually go to make up the big picture: toilets that sink U-boats, unsporting attacks on Christmas Day, armies that stop for tea, bombs on renegade balloons, drunk generals, blind kings, blind-drunk generals, circular warships and all the joy and misery that such things bring with them. Plus an interesting bit about the Pastry War.

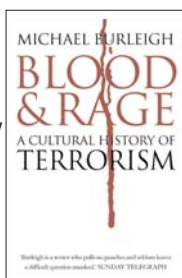


## Blood and Rage

### A Cultural History of Terrorism

Michael BURLEIGH 320pp Pb \$25

Basing his study on a wide range of sources and key players from the world of terrorism, Burleigh explains and defines the meaning of terrorism and marks its progression from its hard-to-trace beginnings to the modern day. He takes us from the origins of terrorism in the Irish Republican Brotherhood, the precursors of the IRA, to Tsarist Russia where the intelligentsia launched attacks on organs of state, and left-wing fighting against 'Fascism' and 'Nazism' in the 70s and 80s in western Germany and Italy. But such nationalist terrorism has in turn been eclipsed by international jihadist violence, largely driven by widespread resentment of the successful societies of the West. Burleigh explores the background and the milieu of people engaged in careers of political violence, and examines their various mindsets as revealed by their actions, rather than words. He makes it clear that the West has considerable resources to comprehend and combat terrorism and shows how history enables us to see how terrorism can be effectively contained and countered, if only by avoiding some of the major mistakes of the past.

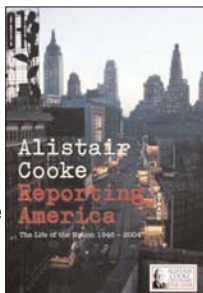


## Reporting America

### The Life of the Nation 1946-2004

Alistair COOKE 400pp Hb \$59.95

Alistair Cooke was the greatest of all 20th century reporters of life in America to the rest of the world. Published to celebrate the centenary of his birth, this book presents the cream of his writings on the events that shaped modern American history, from the end of WWII to the assassination of John F Kennedy and Bobby Kennedy (where Cooke was actually present), the moon landings and the Monica Lewinsky scandal. Almost all the material is previously unpublished in book form - transcripts of his legendary Letters from America, long-forgotten reports in *The Guardian* (he was their New York correspondent for 25 years) and other freshly discovered writings. *Due Dec*



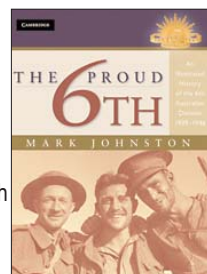
# Australian History

## The Proud 6th

### An Illustrated History of the 6th Australian Division 1939-1946

Mark JOHNSTON 288pp Hb \$49.95

Following Johnston's acclaimed illustrated histories of the 7th and 9th Australian Divisions, this is his long-awaited history of the 6th Australian Division: the first such history ever published. The 6th was a household name during WWII. It was the first division raised in the Second Australian Imperial Force, the first division to go overseas and the first to fight. Its success in that fight, in Libya in 1941, indicated that the standard established in the Great War would be continued. General Blamey and nearly every other officer who became wartime army, corps and divisional commanders were once members of the 6th Division. Through photographs and an authoritative text, this book tells their story and the story of the proud, independent and tough troops they commanded.

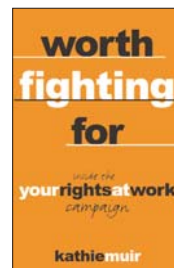


## Worth Fighting For

### Inside the 'Your Rights at Work' Campaign

Kathie MUIR 256pp Pb \$34.95

This book tells the story of the ACTU's campaign against Work Choices, the largest, most expensive and most sophisticated political campaign ever mounted in Australia, and one that had a significant impact on the 2007 federal election.

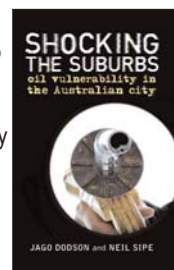


## Shocking the Suburbs

### Oil Vulnerability in the Australian City

Jago DODSON & Neil SIPE 96pp Pb \$16.95

Petrol prices have risen to historic highs, disrupting Western economies and stretching household budgets. Australia's overwhelming reliance on the private motor car for urban mobility makes our cities among the most oil-dependent in the world. To date, there has been little analysis of the potential social, economic and political impacts of rising fuel costs on our cities. This book considers current urban transport problems and identifies how new planning strategies and broader public policy can address oil vulnerability.



## Griffith Review #22

### Money, Sex, Power

Julianne SCHULTZ (Ed) 240pp Pb \$19.95

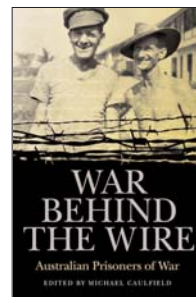
Money makes the world go around, but when it stops the consequences are profound - from Masters of the Universe who lose their magical touch, to remote communities where the unwritten laws of money, sex and power are challenged. Power can disappear with astonishing speed. A series of key essays explore the nexus between sex, money and power. Creed O'Hanlon writes for the first time about the delusions of power in a riveting essay. Marcia Langton dissects the abusive style of big bunga politics in Indigenous communities and its profound consequences. All these issues and more are explored in a mix of essays, memoirs and stories that deal with the big issues in a way that is personal, political and unpredictable, yet always engaging and readable.



## War Behind the Wire

Michael CAULFIELD 400pp Tp \$35

Australia has a long history of private sadness and quiet courage arising from her men and women being taken as prisoners of war. More than 34,000 have so far ended up in captivity - over 100 in the Boer War, more than 4,000 in WWI, just 30 during the Korean War and none in Vietnam. The biggest of them all was WWII, when 30,560 Australian men and women were taken prisoner - that's more than all the Australians killed in action during the entire six years of the war! One in every three deaths of Australian soldiers during WWII was that of a prisoner. Many of these men and women lost years of their lives, wasting away behind the wire. They endured a world where only the basics mattered - food, discipline, some small skerrick of hope - and survival. Caulfield presents stories from the Australians at War Film Archive that follows the stories of the POWs from capture to eventual liberation. The book ranges across all the wars, from the men and women trapped under the ruthless Japanese regime, to the forgotten POWs of the Germans and the Italians, captured in Greece, Crete, Libya or Syria, and those who simply fell from the skies somewhere over occupied Europe. It ventures into the experiences of those who were taken by ambush in the scrubby hills and ranges of Korea, and even encompasses the tales of civilian prisoners caught up in war by tragic accident.



## So Many Firsts

### Liberal Women from Menzies to Howard

Margaret FITZHERBERT 256pp Pb \$39.95

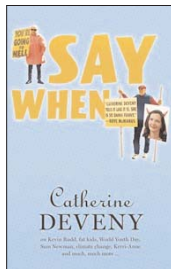
Fitzherbert's new book follows on from her first, **Liberal Women**, and examines the political lives of women in the Liberal Party from Menzies to Turnbull, their achievements and their work for the community. These pioneering women had many hurdles to overcome, including the long fight to extend child endowment, the battle to remove the legislative barriers to married women working in the public service, along with the notion that they could do more than only represent women's issues. In 1948, *The Mail* helpfully declared of Senator Annabelle Rankin: "She tackles men's problems too." In the late 1950s to the early 1960s, these Liberal women were arguing for equal work, equal opportunity and equal pay. By the close of 1975, 10 Liberal women had been elected to federal parliament. By the time Malcolm Turnbull became Opposition Leader in 2008, women achieving leadership roles in parliament was no longer remarkable. *Due Dec*



## Say When

Catherine DEVENY 224pp Pb \$24.95

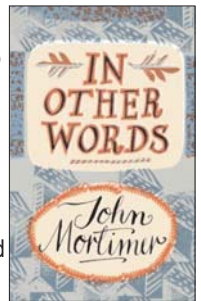
In 2008, the Pope came to Sydney, petrol prices soared and Australia proudly became the fattest nation on earth. Big Brother got the chop, Sam Newman mauled a mannequin and the Logies were as wonderfully bad as ever. Thank goodness for Catherine Deveny, always ready with a salty aside or a provocative question! Each week in *The Age*, she brings her passionate, irreverent wit to bear on the big issues of the day. This is a collection of her funniest, sharpest and most outrageous columns of the past year. *Due Dec*



## In Other Words

John MORTIMER 128pp Hb \$29.95

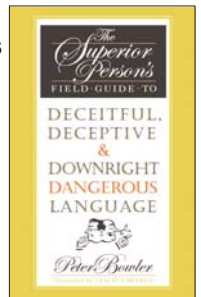
Collected and published for the first time, this is a book of verse, anecdotes and memories from Britain's best-loved raconteur based on his long-running one-man charity show, Mortimer's Miscellany. These are the stories with which John Mortimer, QC, has been entertaining the nation for years: of seedy criminals and the even seedier criminal justice system, of boyhood and his remarkable father, of passion and politics, and most of all English eccentrics from Lord Byron to the present day. Along the way, we meet a motley crew of failed murderers, remorseful drunkards, unrepentant adulterers and cantankerous judges. Interspersed among these humorous vignettes is a wonderful selection of English (and some American) poetry, which beautifully complements the stories. *Due Dec*



## The Superior Person's Field Guide to Deceitful, Deceptive and Downright Dangerous Language

Peter BOWLER 128pp Hb \$29.95

This is a call for a return to simple, straightforward words that say what they mean and mean what they say. Most of us know that 'downsizing' means that you're about to be fired, but have you ever heard its business-speak cousins 'offshoreable' or 'cash-flow episode'? With his customary wit and clear-sightedness, Bowler cuts a swath through the thickets of popular jargon, casting daylight on such linguistic deformities as 'interrogate with prejudice' (torture) and 'unforeseen geological event' (mining disaster). Impatient with euphemism, he examines ugly specimens forced into bloom in the interests of political correctness ('waitperson', 'developmentally challenged') to help the squeamish avoid direct confrontation with the simple facts of sex and disability. Here are circumlocutions that make the disagreeable seem agreeable, the unacceptable acceptable. And here is Bowler, as always trying to set the record, and the English language, straight.

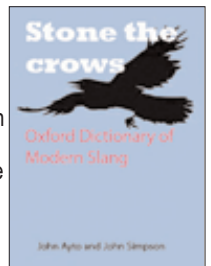


## Stone the Crows

### The Oxford Dictionary of Modern Slang

John AYTO & John SIMPSON 432pp Hb \$34.95

Drawing on the unique resources of The Oxford English Dictionary and offering coverage of over 6,000 slang words and expressions, from the Cockney 'abait' to the American term 'zowie', this is the most authoritative dictionary of slang from the 20th and 21st centuries. Packed with illustrative quotations and full details of origins and dates of first printed use, it contains expressions from around the English-speaking world, including 'dork', 'cockamamie', 'giggle-house' and 'Jimmy Woodser'. As well as the A to Z listing of terms, it contains a comprehensive thematic index, allowing users to home in on particular areas of interest, such as the body, food and drink, and human behaviour.



## Latin Matters

### A Little Knowledge is a Dangerous Thing

Simon JAMES

160pp Hb \$17

As a Latin schoolmaster, James frequently comes across challenges of "boring" (in other words difficult), "irrelevant" and "dead" - and it isn't always just the pupils. Latin is one of those tricky subjects that come under assault from all kinds of non cognoscenti who claim its anachronistic tendencies an easy target. From the spells of Harry Potter to the use of Latin in Asterix, from the Latin terms that litter law and medicine to the meaning behind your football club's motto, James has pulled together a fascinating treasure trove of language quirks to show how this ancient language remains both important and contemporary.

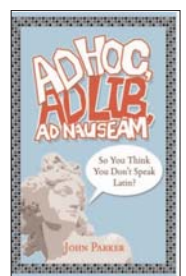
## Ad Hoc, Ad Lib, Ad Nauseam

### So You Think You Don't Speak Latin?

John PARKER

256pp Hb \$29.95

Ad libitum (ad lib). At pleasure. In a stage play, a line or comment which does not appear in the script, but which the actor speaks at his own pleasure or that of the director. If you are offered something ad libitum, you are free to accept or reject as you see fit. Written on a doctor's prescription, ad lib means "to be taken freely".



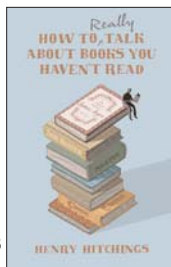
# Language & Literature

## How to Really Talk About Books

### You Haven't Read

Henry HITCHINGS 224pp Hb \$35

Ever wondered how some people seem to have an opinion on every book ever published? Today there are so many books, how can anyone be well read any more? Well, help is at hand. Let Hitchens educate you in the invaluable skill of literary bluffing in this survivor's guide to talking about books you haven't read. With tips on how to bluff with confidence using quotable insights and invaluable trivia, Hitchens covers all the great books you ought to have read, but haven't got around to yet. If you want to be able to hold your own in a debate about Stephen Hawking or Philip Roth, or perhaps you find Shakespeare or Dostoevsky intimidating, then look no further.



## Shakespeare Matters

### A Little Knowledge is a Dangerous Thing

Geoff SPITERI

160pp Hb \$17

If the mere mention of Shakespeare fills you with dread, evoking memories of arduous afternoons spent in stuffy classrooms with eccentric English teachers, it is time to reconsider. Shakespeare's plays are in fact exciting, tragic, funny and often downright rude - full of memorable plots, great insults, filthy jokes and eccentric characters. This book lets you know the essentials and provides a wealth of facts and trivia to amuse, impress and entertain. Succinct, pithy entries cover everything from Shakespeare's greatest villains to his most cutting insult (hint: it involves your mum). Shakespeare's work has been translated into more than 70 languages, including Latin, ancient Greek and even Klingon. Shakespeare's influence even extends into the outer reaches of our solar system - 24 of the 27 moons of Uranus are named after Shakespearean characters. Full of facts, figures and trivia, this is a great shortcut to understanding what Shakespeare is all about. *Due Dec*

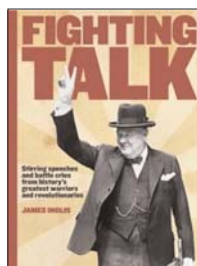
## Fighting Talk

### Stirring Speeches and Battle Cries from History's Greatest Warriors and Revolutionaries

James INGLIS

368pp Pb \$45

This captures the drama, heroism, tragedy and absurdity that unfolds in times of conflict in the theatre of war. This is much more than simply an evocative anthology of fighting words. Inglis provides a thoroughly researched and engaging discussion of the social, political and military context that the words were spoken in, examining the motives of the speakers, the style of their language and, in many cases, their manipulative verbal tricks.



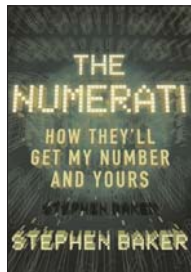


## The Numerati

### How They'll Get My Number and Yours

Stephen BAKER 256pp Tp \$34.95

Baker, a Business Week senior writer, takes us on a guided tour (no maths required) through an unprecedented new era in which mathematicians are starting to map individual human behaviour - what we do, who we are, how we work, chat, play and shop. In so doing, this will change every aspect of our lives, from the kind of medical advice we get, to the advertisements we see, to our appraisals at work, to the way politicians try to win our votes and protect us from terrorist attacks. There is the robotic librarian using a combination of algebra and geometry to analyse thousands of press articles and blog posts in English. There are the mathematicians helping to map out advertising campaigns, changing the nature of research in newsrooms and biology labs, enabling marketers to forge new one-on-one relationships with customers. Baker asks the fundamental question: if long articles full of twists and turns can be reduced to a mathematical essence, what's next? Will the power of mathematicians to make sense of personal data and to model the behaviour of individuals inevitably erode privacy? More and more of the world economy is falling into the realm of numbers. *Due Dec*



## The Earth After Us

### What Legacy Will Humans Leave in the Rocks?

Jan ZALASIEWICZ 272pp Hb \$46.95

Geologist Zalasiewicz takes the reader one hundred million years into the future, long after the human race has become extinct, to explore what remains of humanity's brief, but dramatic, sojourn on planet Earth. He tells how geologists in the far future, perhaps an alien species rediscovering Earth, might piece together the history of the planet and slowly decipher the fact of humanity's existence, activities and ultimate extinction from the traces we have left impressed in rock strata. As the alien scientists start investigating the strata, what story will they tell of us? What kind of fossils will we leave behind? What will happen to cities, cars and plastic cups? How thick a layer will the 'human stratum' be? And will it be obvious which species dominated the planet? The trail leads finally to the bones of the inhabitants of petrified cities that have laid deep underground for many millions of years. As thought-provoking as it is engaging, this book explains the geological mechanisms that shape our planet and offers a perspective on humanity and its actions that may prove to be more objective than any other. *Due Dec*

## Science is Golden

Dr Karl KRUSZELNICKI 224pp Tp \$28.00

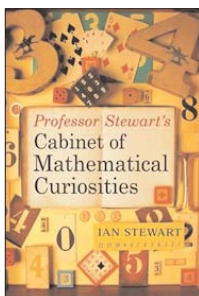
Does cranberry juice cure urinary tract infections? Is the hookah really a safer way to smoke? Will the Large Hadron Collider destroy the Earth and the Universe? Is the purpose of the peacock's tail to attract females? And in the unlikely event of a plane crash, are some seats safer than others? The human hand has 27 bones; Uranus has 27 moons; 27 is a perfect cube (being  $3 \times 3 \times 3$ ). And in his 27th book, Dr Karl takes us on another exploration of the dazzling world of science. *Due Dec*



## Professor Stewart's Cabinet of Mathematical Curiosities

Ian STEWART 256pp Pb \$29.95

School maths is not the interesting part. The real fun is elsewhere. Like a magpie, Stewart has collected the most enlightening, entertaining and vexing 'curiosities' of maths over the years. Now the private collection is displayed in his cabinet. There are some hidden gems of logic, geometry and probability - such as how to extract a cherry from a cocktail glass (harder than you think), a pop-up dodecahedron, the real reason why you can't divide anything by zero, and some tips for making money by proving the obvious. Scattered among these are keys to unlocking the mysteries of Fermat's last theorem, the Poincare Conjecture, chaos theory and the P/NP problem for which a million-dollar prize is on offer. There are beguiling secrets about familiar names, like Pythagoras or prime numbers, as well as anecdotes about great mathematicians. Pull out the drawers of the Professor's cabinet and who knows what could happen...

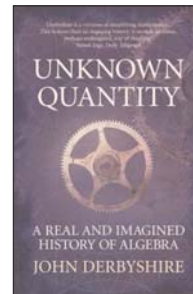


## Unknown Quantity

John DERBYSHIRE

384pp Pb \$26.95

"Here is the story of algebra." With this deceptively simple introduction, this book opens 38 centuries ago at the time of Abraham and Isaac. In stylish and accessible prose, Derbyshire shows how the invention of algebra was more than the beginning of a specific discipline of mathematics; it was also the birth of a new way of thinking that forever altered the way we see and understand our world. "This is a brilliant and sparkingly original account of algebra through the ages, by one of mathematics' great popularisers. It buzzes with rivalries, frustrations and breakthroughs... a first-rate account that even algebraphobes will struggle to fault." - *New Scientist*.



## Quantum

### Einstein, Bohr and the Great Debate About the Nature of Reality

Manjit KUMAR

480pp Hb \$49.95

Quantum theory looks at the very building blocks of our world, the particles and processes without which it could not exist. Yet for 60 years, most physicists believed that quantum theory denied the very existence of reality itself. In this tour de force of science history, Kumar shows how the golden age of physics ignited the greatest intellectual debate of the 20th century. Quantum theory is weird. In 1905, Einstein suggested that light was a particle, not a wave, defying a century of experiments. Werner Heisenberg's uncertainty principle and Erwin Schrodinger's famous dead-and-alive cat are similarly strange. As Niels Bohr said, if you weren't shocked by quantum theory, you didn't really understand it. This is an essential read for anyone fascinated by this complex, thrilling story and the band of brilliant men at its heart. *Due Dec*

## The Essential Einstein

### His Greatest Works

Albert EINSTEIN & Stephen HAWKING

480pp Pb \$28.00

Einstein changed the way physicists view the universe and transformed the way we all see the world. Just over 100 years ago, his Theory of Relativity stunned scientists, but today it is as integral to modern thought as the most important scientific discovery of the 20th century. In this unique single volume, Hawking has assembled the highlights of Einstein's groundbreaking scientific work. Collected here are Einstein's own illuminating writings on the Theory of Relativity, which present a world of paradoxes in which space is bent and time is curved. Yet Einstein was known not only for his landmark ideas in physics. Here too are his reflections on politics and religion, and his musings on the ultimate significance of his scientific findings. *Due Dec*

# ASTRONOMY 2009

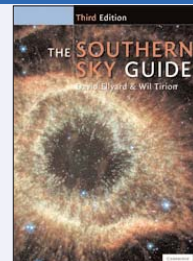
## The Southern Sky Guide

3rd Edition

David ELLYARD & Wil TIRION

104pp Pb \$29.95

Both novice and advanced skywatchers will value this comprehensive and easy-to-use guide to the brilliant and ever-changing sights of the southern sky by night. Readers are introduced to the many and varied objects in the sky and their movements and changing appearances, as well as the ancient myths and legends entwined around the groupings of stars. Featured in this book are two groups of sky charts, designed so readers can move easily between them. The 24 skyviews show the appearance of the whole night sky every two weeks (or at each hour of sidereal time). The 20 sky charts show particular areas of the night sky in detail and are accompanied by explanatory text. This new edition also features digitally re-drawn skyviews, sky charts, map of the Moon's surface and a table of planet positions up to 2017. *Due Dec*



## Astronomy 2009

### Your Guide to the Night Sky

Ken WALLACE, Glenn DAWES & Peter NORTHFIELD

152pp Pb \$24.00

This yearbook has been designed for anyone who looks at the night sky, whether they're using their eyes, binoculars or a telescope. It has something for everyone, from the basic novice to the advanced amateur astronomer, including those with a casual interest who might just want to know, "what is that bright star next to the Moon?"

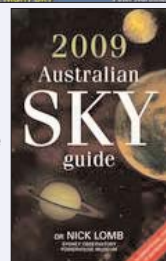


## 2009 Australian Sky Guide

Dr Nick LOMB

12pp Pb \$16.99

This is a must-have for the International Year of Astronomy and the 400-year anniversary of Galileo's first observations of the night sky with a telescope. A number of global events will take place over the year with the aim of inspiring public interest in astronomy and giving as many people as possible the opportunity to look at the sky through a telescope and get a better understanding of the universe.

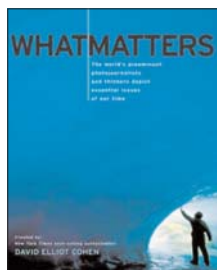


## What Matters

### The World's Pre-eminent Photojournalists and Thinkers Depict Essential Issues of Our Time

David Elliot COHEN 336pp Hb \$40

Photography has the ability to reveal truths, expose lies, advance public discourse and inspire people to demand change. Socially conscious pioneers with cameras have transformed the world - and that legacy lives on in this thought-provoking book. What are the essential issues of our time? What are the pictures that will spark public outrage and spur reform? The answer appears in 18 powerful stories by the foremost photojournalists of our age, edited by New York Times bestselling author Cohen, and featuring trenchant commentary from well-recognised experts and thinkers. The combination of compelling photographs and insightful writing will make this a highly relevant, widely discussed book, bound to appeal to anyone concerned about the crucial issues affecting our world, from global warming to third world child labour.



## The Zuru Aphorisms

Franz KAFKA 160pp Hb \$32.95

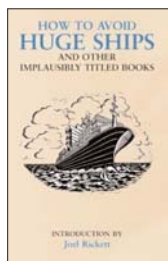
Kafka spent eight months at his sister's house in Zuru between September 1917 and April 1918, enduring the onset of tuberculosis. Illness paradoxically set him free to write, in a series of philosophical fragments, his settling of accounts with life, marriage, his family, guilt and man's condition. These 'aphorisms' have appeared with minor revisions in various posthumous works since his death in 1924. The introduction and afterword are written by Roberto Calasso who, by chance, rediscovered Kafka's two original notebooks in Oxford's Bodleian Library. The notebooks, freshly translated and laid out as Kafka intended, are a distillation of Kafka at his most powerful and enigmatic. This lost jewel provides the reader with a fresh perspective on the work of a genius. *Due Dec*

## How to Avoid Huge Ships

### And Other Implausibly Titled Books

Joel RICKETT 96pp Hb \$24.95

2008 marks the 30th anniversary of the *Diagram Prize*, the annual contest to determine the oddest book title of the year. Founded in 1978 by book packagers the Diagram Group to lighten spirits one dull afternoon at the Frankfurt Book Fair, the prize is a joyous celebration of the barmy side of publishing. Now, for the first time, 50 of the funniest *Diagram* winners and runners-up are reproduced in full colour. Here are wildly implausible titles such as **Bombproof Your Horse**, **People Who Don't Know They're Dead** and **The Big Book of Lesbian Horse Stories**, not forgetting the classic **Greek Rural Postmen and their Cancellation Numbers**, voted by the public the oddest title of the past 30 years in the hotly contested *Diagram of Diagrams*.

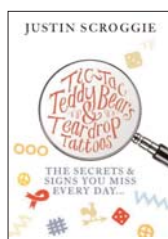


## Tic-Tac, Teddy Bears and Teardrop Tattoos

### The Secrets and Signs You Miss Every Day...

Justin SCROGGIE 256pp Hb \$35

There is a world shrouded in secrecy that exists beyond the realms of conventional understanding. A world of coded languages, unsubstantiated rumour, incomprehensible handshakes, hidden meanings and red herrings that reveals itself only to the initiated, to insiders. For the rest of us, it remains tantalisingly out of reach. This book hands us the keys to understanding even the darkest corner of those closed-off, clandestine worlds. Here you will learn how to go undetected within a Masonic lodge, why many Italians have an irrational fear of the number 17, and what a trucker means when he talks about his "running bobtail burning the hammer lane". Did you know that the red and white pole outside a barber's shop refers to the trade's gory history of bloodletting? Or that when London Underground staff ask for 'Inspector Sands', they're actually reporting a fire?

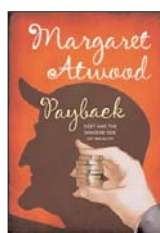


## Payback

### Debt and the Shadow Side of Wealth

Margaret ATWOOD 224pp Hb \$29.95

This is an intelligent, wide-ranging book that examines the metaphor of debt and the role it takes in our lives. 'Debt' is like air, something we take for granted and never think about until things go wrong. This is not a book about debt management or high finance, but about debt as a very old, central motif in religion and literature and also in the structuring of human societies. Atwood looks at the language of debt in the Old Testament, what was 'owed' to God and why. She then turns to investigate debt as sin in medieval and Elizabethan literature, before it develops into a plot-driving concept in 19th and 20th century novels. The debts to society and to nature are discussed in the final essay in this book as Atwood explores how debt as a metaphor affects our understanding of the environment and death.

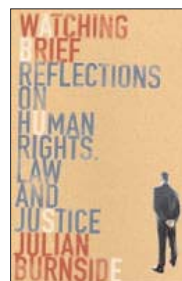


## Watching Brief

### Reflections on Human Rights, Law and Justice

Julian BURNSIDE 320pp Pb \$26.95

Illustrating the importance of protecting human rights and maintaining the rule of law, this reference is a sensitive and intelligent defence of asylum seekers and refugees' privileges. Clearly explaining the foundations of many of the key tenets of civil society, this resource reviews some of the world's most famous trials whose outcomes have turned on prejudice, complacency, chance or the tenacity and skill of advocates. Powerful and timely, this meditation on ethics also analyses the impact of significant recent cases on contemporary Australian life, determining what ultimately constitutes a decent human society.

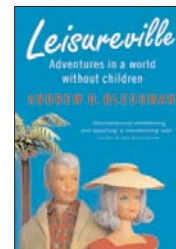


## Leisureville

### Adventures in a World Without Children

Andrew BLECHMAN 256pp Tp \$32.95

This is a first-hand look at the growing phenomenon of gated retirement communities where children are not permitted. Blechman throws himself into these segregated senior utopias with characteristic abandon, riding golf carts, playing bingo and repeatedly sampling the nightlife with a ladies' man named Mr Midnight. Blechman's journey begins when his next door neighbours suddenly pick up and move to a retirement community called 'The Villages', the largest gated retirement community in the world. Connected by miles of golf-cart paths, The Villages is a city of nearly 100,000 (and growing) and the exclusion of children is one of the foundations of the development. It is only one of a rapidly growing number of age-segregated communities in the Western world. This social trend is also on the rise in Australia, with an ageing population of Baby Boomers who are retiring younger and in generally better health than their forebears. A fascinating blend of serious history, social criticism and hilarious, engaging reportage, this is also a reminder that life really does begin at 50! *Due Dec*



## Trickster Makes This World

### How Disruptive Imagination Creates Culture

Lewis HYDE 432pp Pb \$26

Hyde brings to life the playful and disruptive side of the human imagination as it is embodied in trickster mythology. He revisits the old stories - Hermes in Greece, Coyote in North America - and holds them up against more recent creators like Picasso, Duchamp and Ginsberg. It ranks among the great works of modern cultural criticism. *Due Dec*

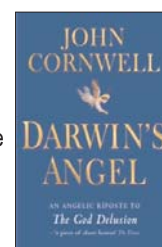


## Darwin's Angel

### An Angelic Riposte to 'The God Delusion'

John CORNWELL 160pp Pb \$21.95

Richard Dawkins' apologia for atheism has attracted huge attention, and sales, all over the world. In a telling critique cast in the classical form of a letter to Dawkins, John Cornwell takes issue with it. "Monkeys make men...Men make angels" - Charles Darwin. **The God Delusion** (Pb \$27.95) is a clarion call to the faithless, the waverers and even the firm religious believers to follow the author into radical atheism, not merely as a private conviction, but as a public profession. Wouldn't humankind be better off without religion?, he asks. This is not so much a combative repudiation of Dawkins' arguments as a playful conversation with them, posing alternative viewpoints, exposing lapses in logic and errors of fact, from the vantage point of a friendly Guardian Angel.

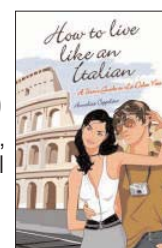


## How to Live Like an Italian

### A User's Guide to La Dolce Vita

Annalisa COPPOLARO-NOWELL 256pp Pb \$30

We are fascinated by the Italians - their style, politics, diet, sex lives and cars, not to mention their incredibly beautiful country, to which many thousands flock year after year. Coppolaro gives us the skinny on what makes Italians tick. Why are they generally healthy and slim in spite of their carb-rich food? Why do they dress up for every occasion, even a trip to the market? Why do young Italians stay at home with mamma until well into their 30s? Taking a close look at all aspects of life in Il Bel Paese, this book is essential for the curious and committed Italophile.

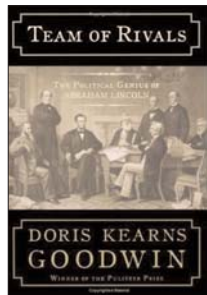




As Christmas is almost upon us, I must remind you to take the stairs to the first floor here at 131 York Street. Chris Puplick refers to it as 'foreign territory', which is about right as in our Language Book Centre you will find not only all the books, dictionaries and materials you need to learn a language, but also fiction and non-fiction in many languages - not only French, German, Italian and Spanish, but also smaller selections in Indonesian, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Japanese, Greek, Arabic, Swedish and Norwegian. There are also many kids' books in foreign languages and a very good range of foreign movies on DVD, in their original language of course. We also still have a few of the large national dolls that speak in Spanish, German or Chinese (\$79.95).

Also you will find a most marvellous Children's section where you can choose a book for a child in your life. Paperback fiction for young adults, fiction for young and younger readers, picture books for littlies, information books for school kids, classics, poetry, mythology and paperback picture books. If you prefer to look online, go to [www.abbey.com.au](http://www.abbey.com.au) and click on the Children's section at the bottom of the Categories box on the home page.

Prime Minister Rudd has been in to buy some books. No doubt Kim Beazley told him about our American History and Civil War sections. An American friend who visited in mid-year recommended that I read a big paperback, 916 pages, which was on the *New York Times* bestseller list and had won the Pulitzer Prize. This is **Team of Rivals: The Political Genius of Abraham Lincoln** (\$29.95 Pb). I was happy to do this because I am a big fan of the author, Doris Kearns Goodwin, a protégé of Lyndon Johnson, as you will know if you have read Lyndon Johnson and the American Dream. Goodwin also won the Pulitzer for **No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II**.



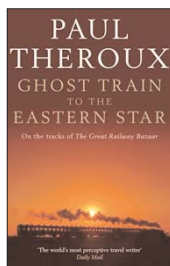
A "Team of Rivals" refers to Lincoln and the three men who were fellow nominees for the Presidency - Chase, Seward and Bates - and members of his cabinet. There is much quoting from the long and carefully constructed speeches of the time, and a detailed account of Lincoln's careful handling of internal party politics. Consider the price for this very large book - only \$29.95 for almost a thousand pages. If Australia had a population of more than 300 million, like America, we might also have the opportunity to buy such cheap books.

Aching for some fresh air? Or more specifically, the raw air of Wyoming? Try the latest collection of short stories by the master, Annie Proulx, called **Fine Just the Way It Is** (\$28 Pb 221pp). I enjoyed most of these, although not the ones with the Devil and his butler/secretary. I don't think I got the joke in these.

Have you heard that until 31 December you can buy any of Joseph Needham's volumes in the **Science & Civilisation in China** series at Abbey's at 20% off. In addition, the abridgements done by Ronan and Needham called **Shorter Science & Civilisation in China** are available in paperback at reduced prices. For example, **Volume 1**, which discusses how scientific knowledge travelled between China and Europe, is \$79.95; **Volume 2** covers mathematics, astronomy, meteorology, earth sciences and physics (\$99); **Volume 3** covers nautical science and technology (\$79.95); **Volume 4** covers mechanical engineering (\$89.95) and **Volume 5** covers civil engineering (\$69.95).

Cambridge University Press has been encouraged to offer these good prices as a result of the success of Simon Winchester's thrilling biography of Joseph Needham - **Bomb, Book and Compass** (\$32.95 Pb 316pp). I went to Stanton Library in September to hear Winchester speak and of course boasted to him afterwards that Abbey's carries the entire 25-volume set of **Science & Civilisation in China**. He was so impressed and delighted, he came to the shop to see for himself. He also told me that after the success of **The Surgeon of Crowthorne** (\$9.95 Pb) - now in the *Popular Penguins* series, about the eccentric American contributor to **The Oxford English Dictionary** - Oxford found sales of the OED increased dramatically. The same seems to be happening for Cambridge University Press. What good news. Can another publisher be lining up to suggest yet another forgotten personality for Simon Winchester to cover?

I remember when I read Paul Theroux's **The Great Railway Bazaar: By Train Through Asia** (\$22.95 Pb 384pp) more than thirty years ago. He seemed to be in a bad mood from the moment he started. I checked the start and finish of his latest book, **Ghost Train to the Eastern Star: On the Tracks of the Great Railway Bazaar** (\$35 Pb 496pp). Same again! However, he did cheer up in Asia, especially in poor decrepit Burma, where he met some lovely people who remembered him. Nonetheless he is a great travel writer - and his novels are good too. Depend upon him - he is an accomplished writer. There are 42 titles in his list of works, including **Elephanta Suite** (\$24.95 Pb 288pp), a great collection of short stories which is just out, and **Dark Star Safari: Overland from Cairo to Cape Town** (516pp \$9.95), now reissued in the *Popular Penguins* series.



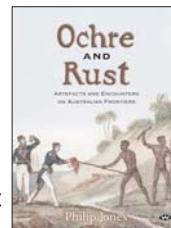
In October, David Hall, Lindy Jones and I went to Marvellous Melbourne to attend a gala dinner for the 100th Anniversary of Publishing in Australia of Oxford University Press. It was a lovely dinner, right on the water in Docklands. I preferred to go by train, so I had a good book to read. Guess what? An *Oxford World's Classic* edition of Charlotte Bronte's **Shirley** (\$14.95 Pb 572pp). It was a real pleasure to read this romantic novel which centres on a forthright young heiress. It is Bronte's only historical novel, set during the Napoleonic Wars when there was real unhappiness in Yorkshire associated with the introduction of machinery. Here is a writer who knows how to take her readers along with her. First published in three volumes, at the end of each volume you are left wondering "what will happen now?". Good introduction, as well as a chronology of Charlotte's life. With our Australian dollar going down, we will have rising book prices, so I suggest you take another look at the Classics section, where prices are very low. You can be assured of satisfaction and good value - and they probably take longer to read as well!

Everyone knows that a good book makes an inexpensive and lasting gift, so this is a good time to be reminded of some other treasures in the Classics aisle. For instance, we have a good selection of titles in the *Collector's Library* series - small hardbacks with dust jackets, gilt edging and a silk bookmark, and priced at only \$16.95. Authors include Austen, Dickens, Dostoevsky, Joyce, Kipling, Wilde and Woolf. Also on the top shelf is a selection of the big, beautiful *Nonesuch Editions of Charles Dickens* - only \$69.95 each, these are facsimile editions of the 1937 production on lovely cream paper, good typeface and typesetting. Six titles in five books - **Hard Times** and **Great Expectations** (together), **David Copperfield**, **Christmas Books**, **Bleak House** and **Nicholas Nickleby**.

Oxford has another celebratory event as well - they have put **The Australian National Dictionary** online for you to consult free. This is not your usual dictionary. It contains only words which can be considered 'Australian' and is offered on historical principles. ie. citations are given as to where and when the word was first used. This first edition is still available from Abbey's (\$210 Hb) or the **Concise Edition of the Australian National Dictionary** (\$37.95 Pb). The second edition is now in preparation. For more details, visit [www.oup.com.au/and](http://www.oup.com.au/and). At the gala dinner, I talked to Bruce Moore, Director of the Australian National Dictionary Centre at the Australian National University, who is the author of **Speaking Our Language: The Story of Australian English** (\$29.95 Pb 260pp). This will be fascinating for wordaholics (is there such a word?). Where did our version of English come from and where is it going? My opinion is that today an educated Australian accent is the clearest, cleanest accent for English in the world.

Another reminder of Oxford's anniversary gifts. Until 31 January 2009, you can buy the 20-volume **Oxford English Dictionary** for only \$1,300 (normally \$2,500) or **The OED plus the OED on CD** for only \$1,500 (normally \$2,999). These are absolutely fantastic value! The CD includes new words not in the books and also has very useful searching functions. PC only and cannot be networked.

I approved of the Prime Minister's choices for Fiction and Non-fiction. Steven Conte's book, **The Zookeeper's War** (\$28 Pb 384pp), is set during WWII in Berlin, where an Australian woman is married to the Zoo's director. Philip Jones' non-fiction award-winner, **Ochre and Rust: Artefacts and Encounters on Australian Frontiers** (\$49.95 Hb 448pp), has also been shortlisted for a number of other awards. I hope the generous prize of \$100,000 awarded to Conte will put an end to complaints that the *Miles Franklin Award* could be awarded to a title which is not about "an aspect of Australian life", as stipulated in Franklin's will.



As you know, 2008 is Abbey's fortieth anniversary and our 80-page commemorative booklet, **Forty Memories**, is now available free to you. Long-standing customers who remain on our hard-copy mailing list will already have received this. If you are an email subscriber to our newsletters, just send us an email with the heading '40 Memories', together with your name and address, to have a copy mailed to you for free. You can also download a copy from the website. Or simply pick up a copy in the shop. I hope you do. And thank you always for your support - a good bookshop needs it.

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Pb	Paperback
Tp	Trade paperback (larger format)
Lp	Large paperback (very large)
Hb	Hardback
Lh	Large hardback (very large)
Fx	Flexible Cover
Ca	Cassettes

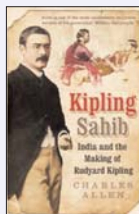
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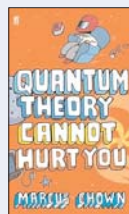
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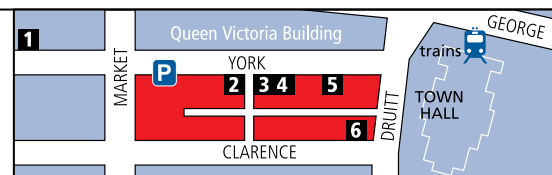
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