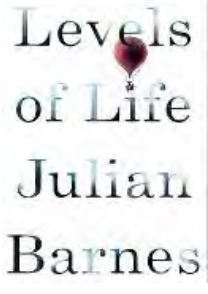
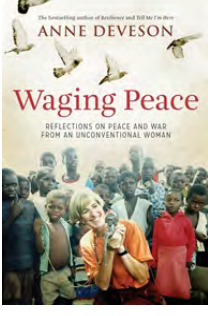

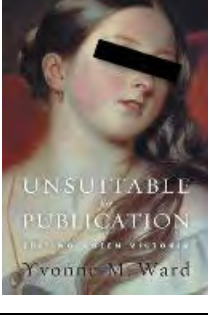




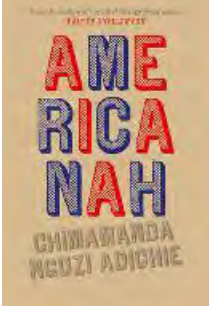
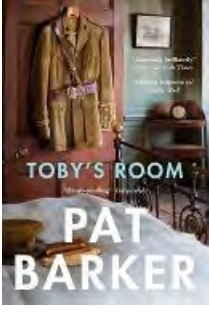
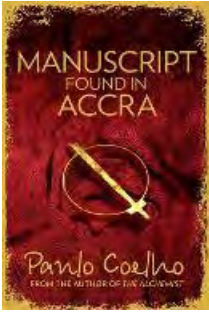
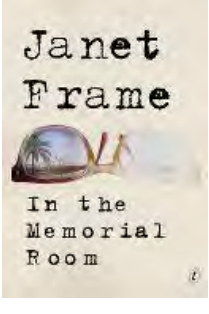

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Title	Author	Bind	RRP	Price	Description
<b>ABBEY'S CHOICE</b>					
<b>Levels of Life</b>	Julian Barnes	Hb	\$29.95	\$24.95	You put together two things that have not been put together before. And the world is changed...' Julian Barnes' new book is about ballooning, photography, love and grief; about putting two things, and two people, together, and about tearing them apart. One of the judges who awarded him the 2011 Man Booker Prize described him as 'an unparalleled magus of the heart'. This book confirms that opinion.
					
<b>Waging Peace: Reflections on Peace and War from an Unconventional Woman</b>	Anne Deveson	Tp	\$29.99	\$25.99	In her lifetime Anne Deveson has seen massive resources deployed in waging war. Funds, strategies, materials and lives with reverberating effects not only on nations and peoples but on families and successive generations of them. Now, Deveson watches as Australia's recent military ventures have become terrible, anguished wars with no winners and she looks back and asks what might have been resolved if we'd put as much into making peace as we do into making war, into reconciling powers rather than promoting competition between them. Deveson's many readers will again enjoy her distinctive take on life. Colourful stories of extraordinary experiences set amid ordinary lives, together with reflections that interrogate ideas and values with ironic edge yet always with humour and hope shining through.
					
<b>Madeleine: A Life of Madeleine St John</b>	Helen Trinca	Tp	\$32.99	\$28.99	At the age of fifteen Madeleine saw herself as a painter and pianist, but Ms Medway peered down at Madeleine during her entrance interview in 1957 and announced: 'You know dear, I think you might write.' Madeleine would write. But not for some time. The Women in Black, a sparkling gem that belied the difficulties that had dogged her own life, was published when Madeleine St John was in her fifties. Her third novel, The Essence of the Thing, was shortlisted for the 1997 Booker Prize, and she continued to write until her death in 2006. Helen Trinca has captured the troubled life of Madeleine St John in this moving account of a remarkable writer. After the death of her mother when Madeleine was just twelve, she struggled to find her place in the world. Estranging herself from her family, and from Australia, she lived for a time in the US before moving to London where Robert Hughes, Germaine Greer, Bruce Beresford, Barry Humphries and Clive James were making their mark. In 1993, when The Women in Black was published, it became clear what a marvellous writer Madeleine St John was.
					
<b>Unsuitable For Publication: Editing Queen Victoria</b>	Yvonne Ward	Tp	\$29.99	\$26.99	When Queen Victoria died in 1901, two literary gentlemen took on a monumental task: selecting and editing her vast correspondence. The book they produced would influence perceptions of Victoria for generations to come - but it was not the full story. The Queen's two editors, Baron Esher and Arthur Benson, were deeply eccentric men. Both graduates of Eton, they moved in a world of gentlemen's clubs, passionate male relationships and hidden political networks. Benson, a schoolmaster and author, suffered badly from depression. Esher was a shrewd and ambitious politician, a powerful puller of royal strings - and wrote incestuous letters to his son. Together, they would decide how the Queen was remembered. Based on unprecedented access to the royal archives, Unsuitable for Publication reveals how key aspects of Victoria's life were deemed unfit for public consumption: her experience of motherhood, her struggle to combine the roles of ruler and wife, and her intimate friendships with other royal European women.
					
<b>A World of Other People</b>	Steven Carroll	Pb	\$24.99	\$21.95	Set in 1941 during the Blitz, this novel traces the love affair of Jim, an Australian pilot in Bomber Command, and Iris, a forthright Englishwoman finding her voice as a writer. The young couple, haunted by secrets and malign coincidence, struggles to build a future free of society's thin-lipped disapproval. The poet TS Eliot, with whom Iris shares firewatching duties, unwittingly seals their fate with his poem 'Little Gidding', one of the famous Four Quartets.
					

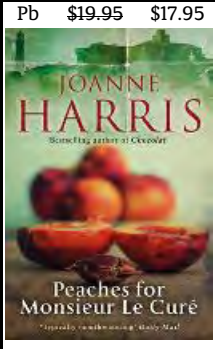
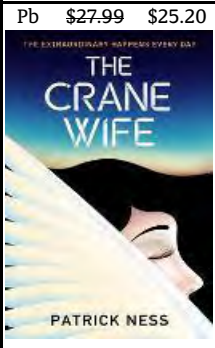
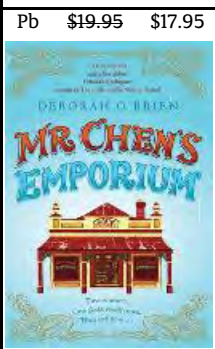

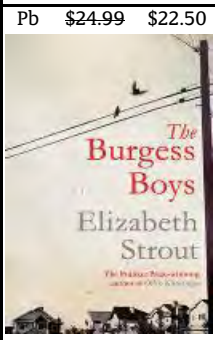
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<p><b>Z: A Novel of Zelda Fitzgerald</b></p>	<p>Therese Fowler</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$26.99</p> 	<p>Before F. Scott Fitzgerald was a literary darling, before he'd even begun to imagine The Great Gatsby or Benjamin Button, he was a young WWI army lieutenant who fell hard for a spirited Southern belle named Zelda Sayre. The life he and Zelda would lead together in New York, Long Island, Paris, Hollywood and the French Riviera made them legends, even in their own time. Set amidst the glamour of the Jazz Age and The Lost Generation's vivid world abroad, Z vividly brings Zelda and Scott's romantic, tumultuous, extraordinary journey to life. Zelda was the embodiment of the Jazz Age and the Roaring Twenties. She was vibrant, headstrong, complicated and misunderstood. Z is the irresistibly rich, romantic and tumultuous story of Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald, set in seductive settings. Filled with larger-than-life characters such as Ernest Hemingway, Sara and Gerald Murphy and Gertrude Stein, we watch the evolution of this iconic woman as she lived large and ached to find her own identity in the shadow of her celebrated husband.</p>
<p><b>AUSTRALIAN FICTION</b></p>			
<p><b>Sweet Damage</b></p>	<p>Rebecca James</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>When Tim Ellison finds a cheap room to rent in the perfect location in Sydney it looks like a huge stroke of luck. In fact the room comes with a condition, and the owner of the house, the mysterious Anna London, is unfriendly and withdrawn. When strange and terrifying things start happening in the house at night, Tim wonders if taking the room is a mistake. But then his feelings for Anna start to change, and when her past comes back with a vengeance, Tim is caught right in the middle of it. A thrilling, rollercoaster of a story - read it with the lights on!</p>
<p><b>Steeplechase</b></p>	<p>Krissy Kneen</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>I force myself to take the phone away from my ear and search for the last incoming call. I store the number under one word, 'sister'. I know I should have used her name but it is all I can think of in this moment. Sister. My sister just called me and I spoke to her. I imagine the words as if they were written in a book: Twenty-three years later my sister called. Bec Watson is recovering from surgery when Emily calls, so naturally she thinks she is hallucinating. Emily, famous worldwide for her paintings, and also for her schizophrenia, lives in Beijing. But that's not why she hasn't spoken to Bec for so many years. And now she wants Bec to come to China for the opening of her new show. Which would mean revisiting the sinister games and shared delusions of their strange, locked-in childhood. It would mean a risk of hurt; even damage. Or worse.</p>
<p><b>The Husband's Secret</b></p>	<p>Liane Moriarty</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>The Husband's Secret is a funny, heartbreaking novel of marriage, grief, love and secrets. When her husband announces he's in love with her best friend, painfully shy Tess picks up her young son and returns to her mother's house. There she begins an unexpected affair with an old flame. Rachel is a woman in her sixties consumed by grief and anger at the loss of her daughter twenty years earlier. When her son announces he is taking her beloved grandson overseas, Rachel begins a descent into deeper bitterness and pain.</p>
<p><b>The Hanging Garden</b></p>	<p>Patrick White</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Two children are brought to a wild garden on the shores of Sydney Harbour to shelter from the Second World War. The boy's mother has died in the Blitz. The girl is the daughter of a Sydney woman and a Communist executed in a Greek prison. In wartime Australia, these two children form an extraordinary bond as they negotiate the dangers of life as strangers abandoned on the far side of the world. With the tenderness and rigour of an old, wise novelist, Patrick White explores the world of these children, the city of his childhood and the experience of war. The Hanging Garden ends as the news reaches Sydney of victory in Europe, and the children face their inevitable separation. White put the novel aside at this point and how he planned to finish the work remains a mystery. But at his death in 1990 he left behind a masterpiece in the making, which is published here for the first time.</p>
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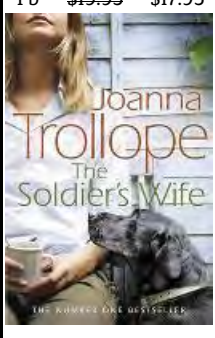
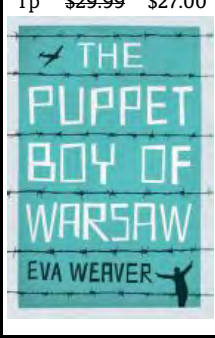
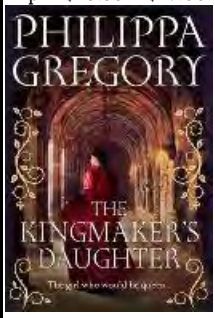
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<b>Americanah</b>	Chimamanda Ngozi Adiche	Tp \$29.99 \$27.00 	As teenagers in a Lagos secondary school, Ifemelu and Obinze fall in love. Their Nigeria is under military dictatorship, and people are fleeing the country if they can. Ifemelu-beautiful, self-assured-departs for America to study. She suffers defeats and triumphs, finds and loses relationships and friendships, all the while feeling the weight of something she never thought of back home: race. Obinze-the quiet, thoughtful son of a professor-had hoped to join her, but post-9/11 America will not let him in, and he plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London. Fifteen years later, Obinze is a wealthy man in a newly democratic Nigeria, while Ifemelu has achieved success as a writer of an eye-opening blog about race in America. But when Ifemelu returns to Nigeria, and she and Obinze reignite their shared passion-for their homeland and for each other-they will face the toughest decisions of their lives.
<b>Toby's Room</b>	Pat Barker	Pb \$19.99 \$18.00 	Toby and Elinor, brother and sister, friends and confidants, are sharers of a dark secret, carried from the summer of 1912 into the battlefields of France and wartime London in 1917. When Toby is reported 'Missing, Believed Killed', another secret casts a lengthening shadow over Elinor's world: how exactly did Toby die - and why? Elinor's fellow student Kit Neville was there in the fox-hole when Toby met his fate, but has secrets of his own to keep. Enlisting the help of former lover Paul Tarrant, Elinor determines to uncover the truth. Only then can she finally close the door to Toby's room.
<b>Manuscript Found in Accra</b>	Paulo Coelho	Pb \$22.99 \$20.70 	Which values remain after everything has been destroyed? 1099. While Jerusalem prepares for the invasion of the Crusaders, a Greek, known as Copta, summons the inhabitants of the city to a meeting. A crowd formed by Christians, Jews and Muslims reaches the square thinking that they will attend a lecture on how to prepare for the fight, but that is not what Copta has to tell them. Everything indicates the defeat is imminent, but the Greek just wants to instigate people to seek wisdom in their everyday life, forged from the challenges and difficulties. Manuscript Found in Accra is an invitation to reflect on our principles and our humanity.
<b>In the Memorial Room</b>	Janet Frame	Hb \$27.99 \$25.20 	Harry Gill, a moderately successful writer of historical fiction, has been awarded the annual Watercress-Armstrong Fellowship - a 'living memorial' to the poet, Margaret Rose Hurdell. He arrives in the small French village of Menton, where Hurdell once lived and worked, to write. But the Memorial Room is not suitable - it has no electricity or water. Hurdell never wrote here, though it is expected of Harry. Janet Frame's previously unpublished novel draws on her own experiences in Menton, France as a Katherine Mansfield Fellow. It is a wonderful social satire, a send-up of the cult of the dead author, and - in the best tradition of Frame - a fascinating exploration of the complexity and the beauty of language.
<b>Last Friends</b>	Jane Gardam	Tp \$29.99 \$27.00 	Old Filth and The Man in the Wooden Hat told with bristling tenderness and black humour the stories of that Titan of the Hong Kong law courts, Old Filth QC, and his clever, misunderstood wife Betty. Last Friends, the final volume of this trilogy, picks up with Terence Veneering, Filth's great rival in work and - though it was never spoken of - in love. Veneering's were not the usual beginnings of an establishment silk: the son of a Russian acrobat marooned in northeast England and a devoted local girl, he escapes the war to emerge in the Far East as a man of panache, success and fame. But, always, at the stuffy English Bar he is treated with suspicion: where did this blond, louche, brilliant Slav come from? Veneering, Filth and their friends tell a tale of love, friendship, grace, the bittersweet experiences of a now-forgotten Empire and the disappointments and consolations of age.

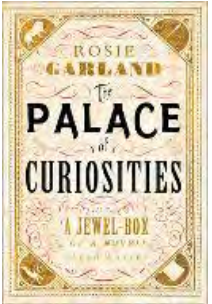

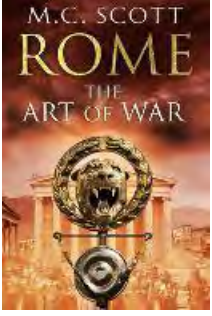


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<p><b>Peaches for Monsieur Le Cure</b></p>	<p>Joanne Harris</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>It isn't often you receive a letter from the dead. When Vianne Rocher receives a letter from beyond the grave, she allows the wind to blow her back to the village in south-west France where, eight years ago, she opened up a chocolate shop. But Lansquenet is different now: women veiled in black, the scent of spices and peppermint tea, and, on the bank of the river Tannes, facing the church: a minaret. Nor is it only the incomers from North Africa that have brought change. Father Reynaud, Vianne's erstwhile adversary, is disgraced and under threat. Could it be that Vianne is the only one who can save him now?</p>
<p><b>The Crane Wife</b></p>	<p>Patrick Ness</p>	<p>Pb \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>One night George Duncan is woken by a noise in his garden. Impossibly, a great white crane has tumbled to earth shot through its wing by a giant arrow. Unexpectedly moved, he helps the crane, and from the moment he watches it fly off, George's life is transformed. The next day he meets and falls in love with the enigmatic Kumiko. It is a passion that burns hot as a volcano. But this passion comes at a terrible price. Wise, magical, romantic and funny, The Crane Wife is hugely entertaining. A celebration of the disruptive and redemptive power of love and a hymn to the creative imagination, it is a completely enchanting novel.</p>
<p><b>Mr Chen's Emporium</b></p>	<p>Deborah O'Brien</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>In 1872, seventeen-year-old Amy Duncan arrives in the Gold Rush town of Millbrooke, having spent the coach journey day-dreaming about glittering pavilions and gilded steeples. What she finds is a dusty main street lined with ramshackle buildings. That is until she walks through the doors of Mr Chen's Emporium, a veritable Aladdin's cave, and her life changes forever. Though banned from the store by her dour clergyman father, Amy is entranced by its handsome owner, Charles Chen... In present-day Millbrooke, recently widowed artist, Angie Wallace, has rented the Old Manse where Amy once lived. When her landlord produces an antique trunk containing Amy's intriguingly diverse keepsakes - both Oriental and European - Angie resolves to learn more about this mysterious girl from the past. And it's not long before the lives of two very different women, born a century apart, become connected in the most poignant and timeless ways.</p>
<p><b>All That Is</b></p>	<p>James Salter</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>From his experiences as a naval officer in battles off Okinawa during World War II, Philip Bowman returns to America and finds a position as a book editor. He soon inhabits a world where marriages fail as affairs ignite, alcohol reigns, writers struggle, and publishers hustle. It is a world in which to immerse himself, a world of intimate connections and surprising triumphs. But the deal that Philip cannot seem to close is love: one marriage goes bad; another fails to happen; and, finally, he meets a woman who enthral, then betrays him, setting him on a course he could never have imagined for himself. Written with Salter's signature economy of prose, All That Is fiercely, fluidly explores a life unfolding in a world on the brink of change: a dazzling, sometimes devastating labyrinth of love and ambition, of the small shocks and grand pleasures of being alive.</p>
<p><b>The Burgess Boys</b></p>	<p>Elizabeth Strout</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>Haunted by the freak accident that killed their father when they were children, Jim and Bob Burgess escaped from their Maine hometown of Shirley Falls for New York City as soon as they possibly could. Jim, a sleek, successful corporate lawyer, has belittled his bighearted brother their whole lives, and Bob, a legal aid attorney who idolises Jim, has always taken it in his stride. But their long-standing dynamic is upended when their sister, Susan - the sibling who stayed behind - urgently calls them home. Her lonely teenage son, Zach, has landed himself into a world of trouble, and Susan desperately needs their help. And so the Burgess brothers return to the landscape of their childhood, where the long-buried tensions that have shaped and shadowed their relationship begin to surface in unexpected ways that will change them forever.</p>





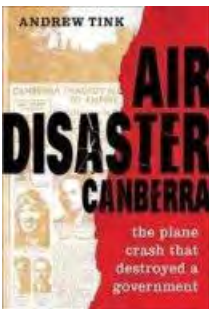
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<p><b>The Soldier's Wife</b></p>	<p>Joanna Trollope</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Dan Riley is a major in the British Army. After a tour of duty in Afghanistan, he is coming home to the wife and young daughters he adores. The outside world sees these reunions as a taste of heaven after months of hell. But are they? How does a man who's trained to fight adjust to family and domestic life? And how does the family cope if he can't? How much can Dan's wife, Alexa, sacrifice her own needs to support his commitment to a way of life that demands everything, not just of him, but of her and the children as well? What happens when love and vocation collide head on? Joanna Trollope returns with a new, deeply moving novel about a soldier's return to family life and the emotional cost of war, duty, and honor. With her trademark intelligence and kind, clear-eyed insight, she shows us a family striving to balance duty and ambition with intimacy and understanding as she illuminates an experience shared by millions of people.</p>
<p><b>The Puppet Boy of Warsaw</b></p>	<p>Eva Weaver</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>This is the story of Mika, a Jewish boy who inherits a coat from his grandfather and discovers a puppet in one of its many secret pockets. He becomes a puppeteer in the Warsaw ghetto, but when his talent is discovered, Mika is forced to entertain the occupying German troops instead of his countrymen. It is also the story of Max, a German soldier stationed in Warsaw, whose experiences in Poland and later in Siberia's Gulag show a different side to the Second World War. As one of Mika's puppets is passed to the soldier, a war-torn legacy is handed from one generation to another. Gripping and heartbreaking in equal measure, The Puppet Boy of Warsaw is a story of courage and redemption, and marks the arrival of an important new talent.</p>
<p><b>The Prisoner of Heaven</b></p>	<p>Carlos Ruiz Zafon</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>The Prisoner of Heaven begins just before Christmas in Barcelona in 1957, one year after Daniel and Bea have married. They now have a son, Julian, and are living with Daniel's father at Sempere &amp; Sons. Fermin still works with them and is busy preparing for his wedding to Bernarda in the New Year. However, something appears to be bothering him. Daniel is alone in the shop one morning when a mysterious figure with a pronounced limp enters. He spots one of their most precious volumes that is kept locked in a glass cabinet, a beautiful and unique illustrated edition of The Count of Monte Cristo. Despite the fact that the stranger seems to care little for books, he wants to buy this expensive edition. Then, to Daniel's surprise, the man inscribes the book with the words 'To Fermin Romero de Torres, who came back from the dead and who holds the key to the future'. This visit leads back to a story of imprisonment, betrayal and the return of a deadly rival.</p>
<p><b>HISTORICAL FICTION</b></p>			
<p><b>Midnight in St Petersburg</b></p>	<p>Vanora Bennett</p>	<p>Tp \$32.95 \$29.65</p> 	<p>St Petersburg, 1911: Inna Feldman has fled the pogroms of her native Kiev to take refuge with distant relatives in Russia's capital city. Welcomed into the flamboyant Leman family, she is apprenticed into their violin-making workshop. With her looks and talents, she feels instantly at home in their bohemian circle of friends. But revolution is in the air and, as society begins to fracture, she is forced to choose between her heart and her head. She loves her brooding cousin, Yasha, but he is wild, destructive and bent on revolution; Horace Wallich, the Englishman who works for Faberge, is older and promises security and respectability. As the revolution descends into anarchy and blood-letting, a commission to repair a priceless Stradivarius violin offers Inna a means of escape. But will man will she choose to take with her? And is it already too late?</p>
<p><b>The Kingmaker's Daughter</b></p>	<p>Philippa Gregory</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>The gripping and ultimately tragic story of Anne Neville and her sister Isabel, the daughters of the Earl of Warwick, the most powerful magnate in England through the Cousins' Wars. In the absence of a son and heir, he ruthlessly uses the two girls as pawns but they, in their own right, are thoughtful and powerful actors. Against the backdrop of the court of Edward IV and his beautiful queen, Elizabeth Woodville, Anne turns from a delightful child growing up in intimacy and friendship with the family of Richard Duke of York to become ever more fearful and desperate as her father's enemies turn against her, the net closes in and there is, in the end, simply nowhere she can turn, no one she can trust with her life.</p>

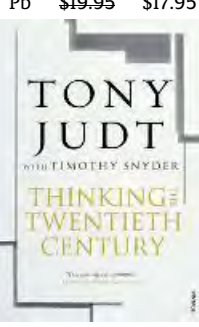



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<p><b>The Palace of Curiosities</b></p>	<p>Rosie Garland</p>	<p>Pb \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>Set in Victorian London, this novel follows the fortunes of Eve, the Lion-Faced Girl and Abel, the Flayed Man. Before Eve is born, her mother goes to the circus. She buys a penny twist of coloured sugar and settles down to watch the heart-stopping main attraction: a lion, billed as a monster from the savage heart of Africa, forged in the heat of a merciless sun. Mama swears she hears the lion sigh, just before it leaps...and when Eve is born, the story goes, she didn't cry - she meowed and licked her paws. When Abel is pulled from the stinking Thames, the mudlarks are sure he is long dead. As they search his pockets to divvy up the treasure, his eyes crack open and he coughs up a stream of black water. But how has he survived a week in that thick stew of human waste? Cast out by Victorian society, Eve and Abel find succour from an unlikely source. They will become The Lion Faced Girl and The Flayed Man, star performers in Professor Josiah Arroner's Palace of Curiosities. And there begins a journey that will entwine their fates forever.</p>
<p><b>Queen's Gambit</b></p>	<p>Elizabeth Fremantle</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>The court of Henry VIII is rife with intrigue, rivalries and romance - and none are better placed to understand this than the women at its heart. Katherine Parr, widowed for the second time aged thirty-one, is obliged to return to court but, suspicious of the aging king and those who surround him, she does so with reluctance. Nevertheless, when she finds herself caught up in a passionate affair with the dashing and seductive Thomas Seymour, she believes she might finally be able to marry for love. But her presence at court has attracted the attentions of another... Captivated by her honesty and intelligence, Henry Tudor has his own plans for Katherine and no one is in the position to refuse a proposal from the king. So with her charismatic lover dispatched to the continent, Katherine must accept the hand of the ailing egotistical monarch and become Henry's sixth wife - and yet she has still not quite given up on love.</p>
<p><b>The Art of War: Rome #4</b></p>	<p>M C Scott</p>	<p>Tp \$32.95 \$29.65</p> 	<p>Rome: AD69, The Year of the Four Emperors. Three Emperors have ruled in Rome this year and a fourth, Vespasian, has been named in the East. As the legions march toward civil war, Sebastos Pantera, the spy whose name means leopard, returns to Rome intent on bribery, blackmail and persuasion: whatever it takes to bring the commanders and their men to Vespasian's side. But in Rome, as he uses every skill he has ever learned of subterfuge, codes and camouflage, it becomes clear that one of those closest to him is a traitor, who will let Rome fall to destroy him. Together the two spies spin a web of deceit with Rome as the prize and death the only escape.</p>
<p><b>AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHY</b></p>			
<p><b>Free the Bears: How an Ordinary Perth Grandmother Became an Extraordinary Animal Activist</b></p>	<p>Mary Hutton &amp; Julie Miller</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>In 1993, Perth grandmother Mary Hutton started a petition at her local shopping mall after seeing a news story about the extraction of bile from a caged and traumatised Asiatic Black Bear. Upon learning that thousands of bears were being held in these horrifying conditions throughout Asia, Mary was compelled to act, and by 1995, Free the Bears was officially formed. Since then hundreds of adorable sun, moon and sloth bears have been rescued from an existence of pain and suffering by Free the Bears. They are now safe in sanctuaries in South-East Asia and India, thanks to Mary's tireless work at spreading the message of the plight of these defenceless creatures. This book is the incredible story of how the decision to make a difference can have an extraordinary impact around the world.</p>
<p><b>Welcome to Your New Life</b></p>	<p>Anna Goldsworthy</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>When Anna Goldsworthy, pianist and perfectionist, falls pregnant with her first child, her excitement is tempered by the daunting journey ahead. In Welcome to Your New Life, she shares the dizzying wonder and crippling anxiety that come with creating new life. Should she indulge her craving for sausage after sixteen years of not eating meat? Will her birth plan involve Enya or hypnosis, or neither? And just how worried should she be about her baby falling into a composting toilet? This captivating memoir combines warmth and humour to reveal the love that binds families together. Welcome to Your New Life evokes the shock of plunging into a life-changing adventure and the kicking required to return to the surface.</p>

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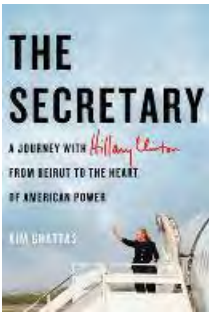
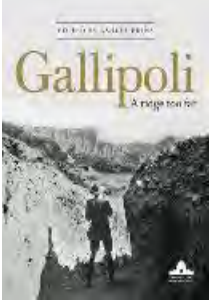
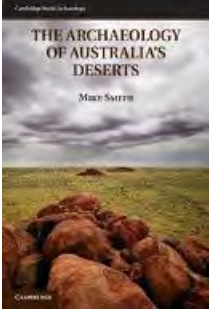
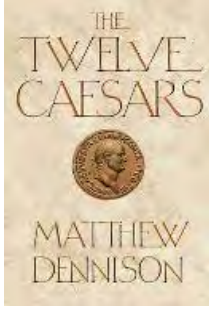
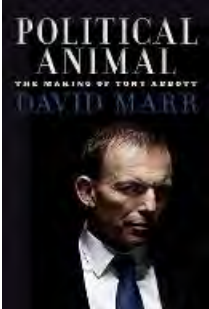
<p><b>A Flower Between the Cracks</b></p>	<p>Helen Sage</p>	<p>Hb \$29.95 \$26.95</p> 	<p>It's every parent's nightmare. One ordinary evening, Helen's 22-year-old daughter Jayne is involved in a catastrophic car accident. Lying in a coma, her young life in the balance, Helen composes tender letters to Jayne, trying to make sense of the tragedy. When Jayne finally wakes, she can't talk or walk. Her life, and the lives of her family, will never be the same again. A Flower Between the Cracks is an extraordinarily powerful account of a mother's love and a daughter's immeasurable courage. It is a story of hope and survival, full of surprising humour. Never has a memoir spoken of the complexity of caring for a disabled loved one with such grace and candour. This is a book for all Australians - reminding us of the profound joys to be found in each day.</p>
<p><b>BIOGRAPHY</b></p>			
<p><b>Ben Jonson: A Life</b></p>	<p>Ian Donaldson</p>	<p>Tp \$28.95 \$26.05</p> 	<p>Ben Jonson was the greatest of Shakespeare's contemporaries. His fame rested not only on the numerous plays he had written for the theatre, but on his achievements over three decades as principal masque-writer to the early Stuart court, where he had worked in creative collaboration with Inigo Jones. Jonson's life was full of drama. Serving in the Low Countries as a young man, he overcame a Spanish adversary in single combat in full view of both the armies. His early satirical play, The Isle of Dogs, landed him in prison, and brought all theatrical activity in London to a temporary standstill. He was 'almost at the gallows' for killing a fellow actor after a quarrel, and converted to Catholicism while awaiting execution. After satirizing the Scots in Eastward Ho! he was imprisoned again; and throughout his career was repeatedly interrogated about plays and poems thought to contain seditious or slanderous material. Ian Donaldson's biography draws on freshly discovered writings by and about Ben Jonson, locating his work within the social and intellectual contexts of his time.</p>
<p><b>Hanging Man: The Arrest of Ai Weiwei</b></p>	<p>Jonathan Reggio</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>In October 2010, Ai Weiwei's Sunflower Seeds appeared in the Turbine Hall in the Tate Modern. In April 2011, he was arrested and held for over two months, in terrible conditions. The most famous living Chinese artist and activist, Weiwei is a figure of extraordinary talent, courage and integrity. From the beginning of his career, he has spoken out against the world's greatest totalitarian regime, in part by creating some of the most beautiful and mysterious artworks of our age, works which have touched millions around the world. After Weiwei's release, Jonathan Reggio dodged the secret police to interview him about his imprisonment and his intentions. Based on these interviews and Reggio's own intimate connections with China, Hanging Man is an exploration of Weiwei's life, art and activism. It is a rich picture of the man and his beliefs, what he is trying to communicate with his art, and of his campaign for democracy and accountability in China. It is a book about courage and hope found in the absence of freedom and justice.</p>
<p><b>Keeping Hope Alive</b></p>	<p>Dr Hawa Abdi</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>For the last twenty years, Dr Hawa Abdi and her daughters have run a refugee camp on their family farm not far from Mogadishu which has grown to shelter 90,000 displaced Somalis: men, women, and children in urgent need of medical attention. As Islamist militia groups have been battling for control of the country creating one of the most dire human rights crises in the world, Dr. Abdi's camp is a beacon of hope for the Somalis, most of whom have no proper access to health care. She was recently held hostage by a militant groups who threatened her life and told her that because she's a woman she has no right to run the camp. She refused to leave. This is not just the story of a woman doctor in a war torn Islamic country risking her life daily to minister to thousands of desperate people, it's also an inspiring story of a divorced woman and her two daughters, bound together on a mission to rehabilitate a country.</p>
<p><b>HISTORY</b></p>			
<p><b>Air Disaster Canberra: The Plane Crash that Destroyed a Government</b></p>	<p>Andrew Tink</p>	<p>Hb \$45.00 \$40.50</p> 	<p>1940. Wartime Australia. Key members of Menzies' government die in a fiery plane crash. What went wrong and what happened next? In August 1940 Australia had been at war for almost a year when a plane a Hudson A16-97 carrying ten people, including three cabinet leaders, crashed into a ridge near Canberra. In the ghastly inferno that followed the crash, the nation lost its key war leaders. Over the next twelve months, it became clear that the passing of Geoffrey Street, Sir Henry Gullett and James Fairbairn had destabilised Robert Menzies wartime government. As a direct but delayed consequence, John Curtin became prime minister in October 1941. Controversially, this book also tells the story of whether Air Minister Fairbairn, rather than the Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) pilot Bob Hitchcock, had been at the controls. Andrew Tink tells an engrossing and dramatic tale of a little-known aspect of Australia's political history.</p>

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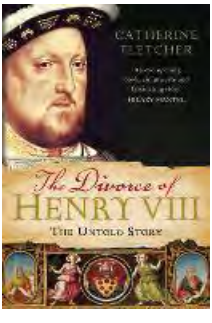

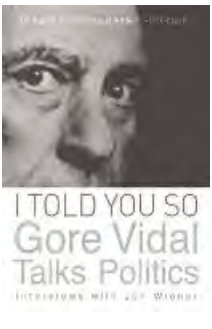
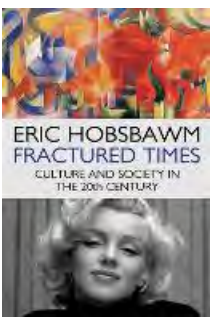
<p><b>Thinking the Twentieth Century: Intellectuals and Politics in the Twentieth Cent</b></p>	<p>Tony Judt &amp; Timothy Snyder</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Two explorers set out on a journey from which only one of them will return. Their unknown land is that often fearsome continent we call the 20th Century. Their route is through their own minds and memories. Both travellers are professional historians still tormented by their own unanswered questions. They needed to talk to one another, and the time was short. This is a book about the past, but it is also an argument for the kind of future we should strive for. Thinking the Twentieth Century is about the life of the mind - and the mindful life.</p>
<p><b>In the Shadow of Gallipoli: The Hidden History of Australia in WWI</b></p>	<p>Robert Bollard</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Fighting Anzacs have metamorphosed from flesh and blood into mythic icons. The war they fought in is distant and the resistance to it within Australia has been forgotten. In the Shadow of Gallipoli corrects this historical amnesia by looking at what was happening on the Australian home front during WWI. It shows that the war was a disaster, and many Australians knew it. Discontent and dissent grew into major revolt. Bollard considers the wartime strike wave, including the Great Strike of 1917, alongside the impact of international political events including the Easter Rising in Ireland and the Russian Revolution. The first year of peace was tumultuous as strikes and riots involving returned Anzacs shook Australia throughout 1919. This book uncovers the history that has been obscured by the shadow of Anzac. This is history from below at its best.</p>
<p><b>Lancaster Men: The Aussie Heroes of Bomber Command</b></p>	<p>Peter Rees</p>	<p>Pb \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>Over 10,000 Australians served with Bomber Command, a highly trained band of elite flyers who undertook some of the most dangerous operations of World War II. They flew mission after mission over France and Germany knowing that the odds were against them. Stretched to breaking point, nearly 3500 died in the air. Their bravery in extreme circumstances has barely been recognised. Peter Rees traces the extraordinary achievements of these young aviators. He tells their hair-raising stories of battle action and life on the ground. And he recounts how, when they returned to Australia, they were greeted as 'Jap dodgers' and accused of 'hiding in England while we were doing it tough'.</p>
<p><b>The Children of Henry VIII</b></p>	<p>John Guy</p>	<p>Hb \$32.95 \$29.65</p> 	<p>Nothing drove Henry VIII, England's wealthiest and most powerful king, more than producing a legitimate male heir and so perpetuating his dynasty. To that end, he married six wives, became the subject of the most notorious divorce case of the sixteenth century, and broke with the pope, all in an age of international competition and warfare, social unrest and growing religious intolerance and discord. Henry fathered four living children, each by a different mother. Henry Fitzroy, Duke of Richmond could never forget his illegitimacy. Edward died while still in his teens, plotting to exclude his half-sisters from the throne. Mary's world was shattered by her mother's divorce and her own unhappy marriage. Elizabeth was the most successful, but she lived with the knowledge that her father had ordered her mother's execution, was often in fear of her own life, and could never marry the one man she truly loved. Henry's children idolized their father, even if they differed radically over how to perpetuate his legacy. To tell their stories, John Guy returns to the archives, drawing on a vast array of contemporary records, personal letters, and first-hand acco</p>
<p><b>The Norman Conquest</b></p>	<p>Marc Morris</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>This riveting book explains why the Norman Conquest was the single most important event in English history. Assessing the original evidence at every turn, Marc Morris explains why England was at once so powerful and yet so vulnerable to William the Conqueror's attack. Why the Normans, in some respects less sophisticated, possessed the military cutting edge. How William's hopes of a united Anglo-Norman realm unravelled, dashed by English rebellions, Viking invasions and the insatiable demands of his fellow conquerors. This is a tale of powerful drama, repression and seismic social change: the Battle of Hastings itself and the violent 'Harrying of the North'; the sudden introduction of castles and the wholesale rebuilding of every major church; the total destruction of an ancient ruling class. Language, law, architecture, even attitudes towards life itself were altered forever by the coming of the Normans.</p>




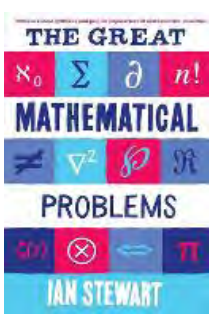
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<p><b>The Secretary: A Journey with Hilary Clinton from Beirut to the Heart of American Power</b></p>	<p>Kim Ghattas</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>In November 2008, Hillary Clinton agreed to work for her former rival. As President Barack Obama's secretary of state, she set out to repair America's image around the world - and her own. For the following four years, BBC foreign correspondent Kim Ghattas had unparalleled access to Clinton and her entourage, and she weaves a fast-paced, gripping account of life on the road with Clinton in <i>The Secretary</i>. With the perspective of one who is both an insider and an outsider, Ghattas draws on extensive interviews with Clinton, administration officials, and players in Washington as well as overseas, to paint an intimate and candid portrait of one of the most powerful global politicians. Filled with fresh insights, <i>The Secretary</i> provides a captivating analysis of Clinton's brand of diplomacy and the Obama administration's efforts to redefine American power in the twenty-first century. Viewed through Ghattas's vantage point as a half-Dutch, half-Lebanese citizen who grew up in the crossfire of the Lebanese civil war, <i>The Secretary</i> is also the author's own journey as she seeks to answer the questions that haunted her childhood.</p>
<p><b>Gallipoli: A Ridge Too Far</b></p>	<p>Michael Burleigh</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>In early August 1915, after months of stalemate in the trenches on Gallipoli, British and Dominion troops launched a series of assaults in an all-out attempt to break the deadlock and achieve a decisive victory. The 'August offensive' resulted in heartbreaking failure and costly losses on both sides. Many of the sites of the bloody struggle became famous names: Lone Pine, the Nek, Chunuk Bair, Hill 60, Suvla Bay. Debate has continued to the present day over the strategy and planning, the real or illusory opportunities for success, and the causes of failure in what became the last throw of the dice for the Allies. Some argue that these costly attacks were a lost opportunity; others maintain that the outcomes were simply inevitable.</p>
<p><b>The Archaeology of Australia's Deserts</b></p>	<p>Mike Smith</p>	<p>Tp \$37.95 \$34.15</p> 	<p>This is the first book-length study of the archaeology of Australia's deserts, one of the world's major habitats and the largest block of drylands in the southern hemisphere. Over the last few decades, a wealth of new environmental and archaeological data about this fascinating region has become available. Drawing on a wide range of sources, <i>The Archaeology of Australia's Deserts</i> explores the late Pleistocene settlement of Australia's deserts, the formation of distinctive desert societies, and the origins and development of the hunter-gatherer societies documented in the classic nineteenth-century ethnographies of Spencer and Gillen. Written by one of Australia's leading desert archaeologists, the book interweaves a lively history of research with archaeological data in a masterly survey of the field and a profoundly interdisciplinary study that forces archaeology into conversations with history and anthropology, economy and ecology, and geography and Earth sciences.</p>
<p><b>The Twelve Caesars</b></p>	<p>Matthew Dennison</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>In <i>The Twelve Caesars</i>, Matthew Dennison offers a beautifully crafted sequence of colourful biographies of each emperor, triumphantly evoking the luxury, licence, brutality and sophistication of imperial Rome at its zenith. But as well as vividly recreating the lives, loves and vices of this motley group of despots, psychopaths and perverts, he paints a portrait of an era of political and social revolution, of the bloody overthrow of a proud, 500-year-old political system and its replacement by a dictatorship which, against all the odds, succeeded more convincingly than oligarchic democracy in governing a vast international landmass.</p>
<p><b>Political Animal</b></p>	<p>David Marr</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Australians want to know: what kind of man is Tony Abbott, and how would he perform as prime minister? In this dramatic portrait, David Marr shows that as a young Catholic warrior at university, Abbott was already a brutally effective politician. He later led the way in defeating the republic and, as the self-proclaimed 'political love child' of John Howard, rose rapidly in the Liberal Party. Marr shows that Abbott thrives on chaos and conflict. Part fighter and part charmer, he is deeply religious and deeply political. What happens, then, when his values clash with his need to win? This is the great puzzle of his career, but the closer he is to taking power, the more guarded he has become. <i>Political Animal's</i> release as a Quarterly Essay in 2012, with its revelations of 'the punch,' triggered intense scrutiny of Abbott's character, which culminated in Gillard's memorable speech accusing him of misogyny and, soon after, Abbott's worst ever public approval rating. This significantly expanded and updated short book gives the clearest picture yet of the man Abbott is and the prime minister he would be.</p>

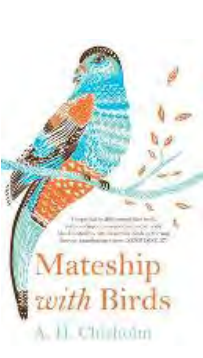
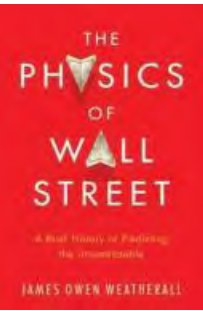

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<p><b>Churchill's First War: Young Winston and the Fight Against the Taliban</b></p>	<p>Con Coughlin</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$32.99</del> \$29.70</p> 	<p>Just over a century ago British troops were fighting a vicious frontier war against Pashtun tribesmen on the North West Frontier -- the great-great-grandfathers of the Taliban and tribal insurgents in modern-day Afghanistan. Winston Churchill, then a young cavalry lieutenant, wrote a vivid account of what he saw during his first major campaign. The Story of the Malakand Field Force, published in 1898, was Churchill's first book and, a hundred years later, is required reading for military commanders on the ground, both British and American. In Churchill's First War, acclaimed author and foreign correspondent Con Coughlin tells the story of that campaign, a story of high adventure and imperial success, which contains many lessons and warnings for today. Combining historical narrative, interviews with contemporary key players and the journalist's eye for great colour and analysis Churchill's First War is not only a dramatic piece of military history but affords us a rare insight into both the nineteenth-century 'Great Game' and the twenty-first-century conflict that has raged longer than the Second World War and taken more lives than the Falklands.</p>
<p><b>The Divorce of Henry VIII: The Untold Story</b></p>	<p>Catherine Fletcher</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>It's 1527 and Henry, desperate to marry Anne Boleyn and ensure the Tudor line does the unthinkable and asks Pope Clement VII to grant him a divorce. Enter a wily Italian diplomat named Gregorio Casali, hired to represent Henry's interests in the Vatican. Through six years of cajoling, threats and bribery, Casali lives by his wits, playing off one powerful patron against another, negotiating with ambassadors from Spain, France and beyond, each crowding the Vatican to press their interests in the Tudor break up. Before it is done, Henry will decide to divorce not just Catherine, but the Church itself. Set against the backdrop of war-torn Renaissance Italy, The Divorce of Henry VIII combines a gripping family saga with a highly charged political battle between the Tudors and the Vatican to reveal the extraordinary true story behind history's most infamous divorce. (This is originally published with the title Our Man in Rome ).</p>
<p><b>The Prince, the Princess and the Perfect Murder</b></p>	<p>Andrew Rose</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>The royal family's darkest secret and the establishment cover-up. Never told before, this is the story of Edward, the Prince of Wales and future king of England, the true love of his life, and the murder in London of an Arab playboy. It takes place in maisons de rendezvous, luxurious chateaux in the French countryside providing hospitality for the British upper classes, the richest food, the finest wines and the most beautiful women, the violent and dangerous Paris demi-monde - where many of the women came from - and the Savoy hotel in London, where the murder was committed. This major royal scandal, superbly covered up by the Royal family, the government and the judiciary has remained secret ever since. The Prince, the Princess and the Perfect Murder is the product of several years' research, accessing unpublished documents held in the Royal Archives and private collections in England and France.</p>
<p><b>I Told You So: Gore Vidal Talks Politics - Interviews with Jon Wiener</b></p>	<p>Vidal, Gore &amp; Wiener</p>	<p>Pb \$17.99 \$16.20</p> 	<p>Gore Vidal, one of America's foremost essayists, screenwriters, and novelists, died July 31, 2012. He was, in addition, a terrific conversationalist. Dick Cavett once described him as the best talker since Oscar Wilde. And Vidal was never more eloquent, or caustic, than when let loose on his favorite topic, the history and politics of the United States. This book is made up from four interviews conducted with his long-time interlocutor, the writer and radio host Jon Wiener, in which Vidal grapples with matters evidently close to his heart: the history of the American Empire, the rise of the National Security State, and his own life in politics, both as a commentator and candidate. The interviews cover a twenty-year span, from 1988 to 2008, when Vidal was at the height of his powers. His extraordinary facility for developing an argument, tracing connections between past and present, and drawing on an encyclopedic knowledge of America's place in the world, are all on full display. And, of course, it being Gore Vidal, an ample sprinkling of gloriously acerbic one-liners is also provided.</p>
<p><b>Fractured Times: Culture and Society in the Twentieth Century</b></p>	<p>Eric Hobsbawm</p>	<p>Hb \$50.00 \$45.00</p> 	<p>Born almost a hundred years ago in Vienna, Eric Hobsbawm is uniquely placed to observe an era of titanic social and artistic change. As the century progressed the forces of Communism and Dadaism, Ibiza and cyberspace, would do battle with the bourgeois high culture fin-de-siecle Vienna represented - the opera, the Burgtheater, the museums of art and science, City Hall. In Fractured Times Hobsbawm unpicks a century of cultural fragmentation and dissolution with characteristic verve and vigour. Hobsbawm examines the conditions that created the great cultural flowering of the belle epoque and held the seeds of its disintegration, from paternalistic capitalism to globalisation and the arrival of a mass consumer society. Passionate but never sentimental, Hobsbawm ranges freely across his subject: he records the passing of the golden age of the 'free intellectual' and examines the lives of great, forgotten men; he analyses the relation between art and totalitarianism and dissects cultural phenomena as diverse as surrealism, women's emancipation and the American cowboy myth.</p>

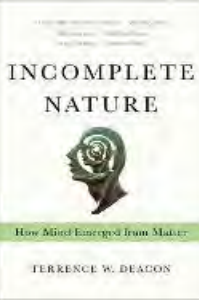
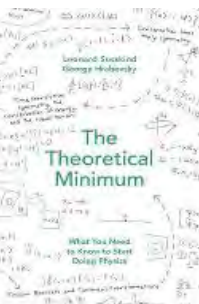
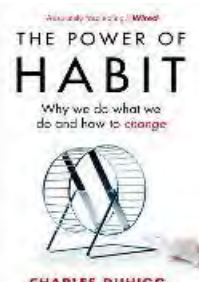


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<p><b>Small Wars, Far Away Places: The Genesis of the Modern World 1945-65</b></p>	<p>Michael Burleigh</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$32.99</del> \$29.70</p> 	<p>The collapse of Western colonial empires after the Second World War led to any number of vicious struggles for power whose bloody consequences haunt us still. Acclaimed historian Michael Burleigh's brilliant analytic skills and clear eye for common themes underpins this powerful account of those struggles. He takes us on a historical journey from Palestine to Pakistan, from Cuba to Indo-China and reframes mid-20th century history by forcing us to look away from the Cold War to the hot wars that continue to afflict us. The result is a dazzling work of history, which examines the death of colonialism with passion, insight and genuine understanding of what it feels like to be caught in the middle of realpolitik.</p>
<p><b>The Measure of Civilisation: The Story of Why the West Rules for Now</b></p>	<p>Ian Morris</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$39.99</del> \$36.00</p> 	<p>Here, Ian Morris argues that to understand the development of East and West, we need to look beyond 'long-term lock-in' theories (that suggest it was inevitable) and 'short-term accident' theories. Instead, we need to measure social development - a group's ability to master its environment to get things done - and use the results to look at the patterns of history. Why the West Rules - For Now briefly describes the methods used to calculate Eastern and Western social development scores since the ice age. In The Measure of Civilisation, Morris expands upon these methods, discussing possible objections to this approach, and providing fascinating accounts of his gathering of evidence for his calculations. It is a magnificent account of where our understanding of the development of East and West comes from, and an unusual insight into a master thinker at work.</p>
<p><b>Mrs Robinson's Disgrace: The Private Diary of a Victorian Lady</b></p>	<p>Kate Summerscale</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.99</del> \$18.00</p> 	<p>On a winter's evening in 1850, Isabella Robinson set out for a party in Edinburgh's New Town. The rich widow Lady Drysdale was a vivacious hostess, the centre of an energetic intellectual scene. In the high, airy drawing rooms Isabella was at once enchanted by Lady Drysdale's handsome son-in-law, Edward Lane. He was 'fascinating', she told her diary, before chastising herself for being so susceptible to a man's charms...In a compelling story of romance, fidelity, fantasy and the bounds of privacy, Kate Summerscale brings vividly to life a frustrated Victorian wife's longing for passion and learning, companionship and love, in a society clinging to rigid ideas about marriage and female sexuality.</p>
<p><b>Life and Death in Pompeii and Herculaneum</b></p>	<p>Paul Roberts</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$49.95</del> \$44.95</p> 	<p>This captivating book explores the lives of the ordinary people of Pompeii and Herculaneum the two cities on the Bay of Naples that were buried by the catastrophic volcanic eruption of Mount Vesuvius in AD 79. The plaster-cast bodies of the victims are the most vivid shocking reminders of the horrific event that made Pompeii famous, but who were these men, women and children so cruelly frozen in time? Exploring striking new discoveries and over 200 sensational artefacts, the author brings the inhabitants of Pompeii and Herculaneum back to life from the ashes and ruins of their own homes.</p>
<p><b>SCIENCE</b></p>			
<p><b>The Great Mathematical Problems</b></p>	<p>Ian Stewart</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$32.99</del> \$29.70</p> 	<p>Ian Stewart reveals the really big questions that take us to the limits of mathematics. There are some mathematical problems whose significance goes beyond the ordinary - like Fermat's Last Theorem or Goldbach's Conjecture - they are the enigmas which define mathematics. The Great Mathematical Problems explains why these problems exist, why they matter, what drives mathematicians to incredible lengths to solve them and where they stand in the context of mathematics and science as a whole. It contains solved problems - like the Poincare Conjecture, cracked by the eccentric genius Grigori Perelman, who refused academic honours and a million-dollar prize for his work, and ones which, like the Riemann Hypothesis, remain baffling after centuries. Stewart is the guide to this mysterious and exciting world, showing how modern mathematicians constantly rise to the challenges set by their predecessors, as the great mathematical problems of the past succumb to the new techniques and ideas of the present.</p>

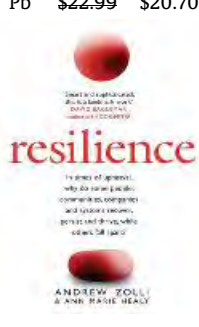

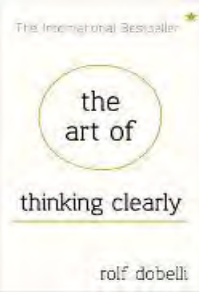


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<p><b>Mateship With Birds</b> [fascimile edition]</p>	<p>A H Chisholm</p>	<p>Hb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>More than ninety years on, A.H. Chisholm's classic <i>Mateship with Birds</i> is still fresh and inspirational. His account of the secret lives of birds reflects his patient and detailed observations, and his deep enjoyment of the Australian bush and all its inhabitants. Chisholm's charming and often humorous prose reveals a man who loves words as well as birds. His style of writing and the historical photographs accompanying his text provide a gentle record of a period that already feels like 'the old days'. But Chisholm wrote with an urgent message to the future. He could clearly see the threat that 'the moving finger of Civilisation' posed to birdlife, and his account of the tragic demise of the Paradise Parrot ends with this passionate exhortation: 'What are the bird-lovers of Australia going to do about this matter of vanishing Parrots? Surely it is a subject worthy of the closest attention of all good Australians.' In the reissuing of this book, with a new foreword by Sean Dooley, we honour these words, and offer his delight in 'the loveliest and the best of Nature's children' to a new generation.</p>
<p><b>Anatomies: The Human Body, Its Parts and the Stories They Tell</b></p>	<p>Hugh Aldersey-Williams</p>	<p>Pb \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>It is the most fraught and fascinating, talked-about and taboo, unique yet universal aspect of our lives. Until we fall ill, most of us take this extraordinarily complicated collection of flesh, bones and fluids entirely for granted. But from ancient body art to plastic surgery, from early anatomists to conceptual artists, grave-robbers to bionic athletes, our changing attitudes to the human body - how it works, what it should look like, how to live with it, what it means - tell us more about ourselves than almost any other subject in human history. Blending history, science, art, literature and the everyday, one of our finest science writers investigates this most marvellous and mysterious of creations. The result is a treasure trove of surprising facts, remarkable stories and startling information that encompasses everything from the first finger-printing to the physiology of angels, from synaesthesia to the clown-egg register, from the death-mask of Isaac Newton to the afterlife of Einstein's brain.</p>
<p><b>The Physics of Wall Street: A Brief History of Predicting the Unpredictable</b></p>	<p>James Weatherall</p>	<p>Tp \$29.95 \$26.95</p> 	<p>After the economic meltdown of 2008, Warren Buffett famously warned, 'Beware of geeks bearing formulas.' But as James Weatherall demonstrates, not all geeks are created equal. Taking us from fin-de-siècle Paris to Rat Pack-era Las Vegas, from wartime government labs to Yippie communes on the Pacific coast, Weatherall shows how a special breed of physicists successfully brought their science to bear on some of the thorniest problems in economics. While the crisis was partly a failure of mathematical modelling, it was even more, a failure of some financial institutions to think like physicists. Models - whether in science or finance - have limitations; they break down under certain conditions. And in 2008, sophisticated models fell into the hands of people who didn't understand their purpose, and didn't care. It was a catastrophic misuse of science. The solution, however, is not to give up on models; it's to make them better. Weatherall reveals the people and ideas on the cusp of a new era in finance.</p>
<p><b>Spectrums: Our Mind-boggling Universe from Infinitesimal to Infinity</b></p>	<p>David Blatner</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>In <i>Spectrums</i>, David Blatner blends narrative and illustration to illuminate the variety of spectrums that affect our lives every day: numbers, size, light, sound, heat, and time. There is actually very little in this universe that we can feel, touch, see, hear, or possibly even comprehend. It's not an easy task to stretch the mind to encompass both billions of years and billions of seconds; the distance to Jupiter and the size of a proton; the tiny waves of visible light and gargantuan but invisible gamma rays; or the freezing point of Helium and the heat generated by the blast of an atom bomb. Exploring these far-reaching spectrums gives us fascinating perspective on our small but not insignificant place in the universe. With easy-to-read, engaging, and insightful observations, illustrated by a wealth of photographs and diagrams, Blatner helps us to understand intuitively six spectrums we encounter constantly, making our daily lives richer and more meaningful through greater appreciation of the bizarre and beautiful world in which we live.</p>
<p><b>This Will Make You Smarter</b></p>	<p>John Brockman [ed]</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Over 150 of the world's leading scientists and thinkers offer their choice of the ideas, strategies and arguments that will help all of us understand our world, and its future, better. Includes contributions from: Richard Dawkins, Stephen Pinker, Daniel Dennett, Clay Shirky, Daniel Goleman, Sam Harris, Lee Smolin, Matt Ridley, Mark Henderson, David Rowan, Sir Martin Rees, Craig Venter, Brian Eno, Jaron Lanier and David Brooks... among others. With his organisation Edge.org, the literary agent and all-purpose intellectual impresario John Brockman has brought together the most influential thinkers of our age. Every year he sets them a question, this year that question was: What Scientific Concept Would Improve Everybody's Cognitive Toolkit? Their answers are collected in this book and explore philosophy, psychology, economics, and other disciplines - and all share one aim: to provide the most reliable ways of gaining knowledge about anything, whether it be human behaviour, corporate behaviour, the fate of the planet, or the future of the universe.</p>


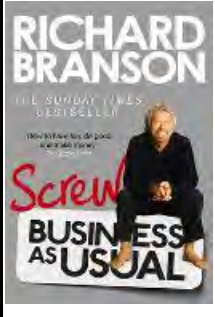
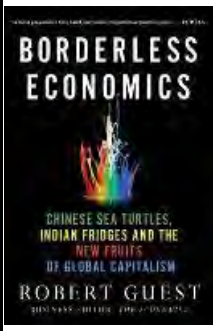
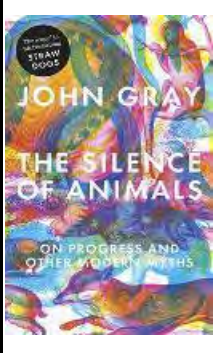
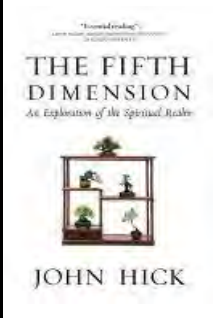
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<p><b>Incomplete Nature: How Mind Emerged from Matter</b></p>	<p>Terence Deacon</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$24.95</del> \$22.45</p> 	<p>As scientists study the minutiae of subatomic particles, neural connections, and molecular compounds, their attempts at a theory of everything harbor a glaring omission: they still cannot explain us, the thoughts and perceptions that truly make us what we are. A masterwork that brings together science and philosophy, Incomplete Nature offers a revolutionary, captivating account of how life and consciousness emerged, revealing how our desires, feelings, and intentions can be understood in terms of the physical world.</p>
<p><b>Theoretical Minimum: What You Need to Know to Start Doing Physics</b></p>	<p>Leonard Susskind &amp; George Hrabovsky</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$35.00</del> \$31.50</p> 	<p>In this unconventional and stimulating primer, world-class physicist Leonard Susskind and citizen-scientist George Hrabovsky combine forces to provide a brilliant first course in modern physics. Unlike most popular physics books - which give readers a taste of what physicists know but not what they actually do - Susskind and Hrabovsky teach the skills you need to do physics yourself. Combining crystal-clear explanations of the laws of the universe with basic exercises, the authors cover the minimum - the theoretical minimum of the title - that readers need to master in order to study more advanced topics. In a lucid, engaging style, they introduce all the key concepts, from classical mechanics to general relativity to quantum theory. Instead of shying away from the equations and maths that are essential to any understanding of physics, The Theoretical Minimum provides a toolkit that you won't find in any other popular science book.</p>
<p><b>TODAY'S WORLD</b></p>			
<p><b>The Power of Habit: Why We Do What We Do, and How to Change</b></p>	<p>Charles Duhigg</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.95</del> \$17.95</p> 	<p>With penetrating intelligence and an ability to distill vast amounts of information into engrossing narratives, Duhigg brings to life a whole new understanding of human nature and its potential for transformation. Along the way we learn why some people and companies struggle to change, despite years of trying, while others seem to remake themselves overnight. We visit laboratories where neuroscientists explore how habits work and where, exactly, they reside in our brains. We discover how the right habits were crucial to the success of Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps, Starbucks CEO Howard Schultz, and civil-rights hero Martin Luther King, Jr. We go inside Procter &amp; Gamble, Target superstores, Rick Warren's Saddleback Church, NFL locker rooms, and the nation's largest hospitals and see how implementing so-called keystone habits can earn billions and mean the difference between failure and success, life and death.</p>
<p><b>Give and Take: A Revolutionary Approach to Success</b></p>	<p>Adam Grant</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$32.99</del> \$29.70</p> 	<p>In his landmark book, Adam Grant illuminates how successful networking, negotiating, and leadership skills share an increasingly important factor the Giver reciprocity style, when exchanging value with others. Give and Take changes our fundamental understanding of why we succeed and offers a new paradigm for our relationships with colleagues, clients, and competitors. It demolishes the me-first worldview and shows that the best way to get to the top is to focus not on your solo journey but on bringing others with you. Engaging, intriguing, and filled with surprising success stories from history to Hollywood, Give and Take presents an approach to work, team building, productivity, and profitability that is nothing short of revolutionary. Using his own cutting-edge research as a professor at Wharton Business School, Grant shows how helping others can lead to greater personal success; how smart givers avoid becoming doormats and why this kind of success has the power to transform not just individuals and groups, but entire organizations and communities.</p>
<p><b>Lost at Sea: The Jon Ronson Mysteries</b></p>	<p>Jon Ronson</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.99</del> \$18.00</p> 	<p>Ronson investigates the strange things we're willing to believe in, from lifelike robots programmed with our loved ones' personalities to indigo children to hypersuccessful spiritual healers to the Insane Clown Posse's juggalo fans. He looks at ordinary lives that take on extraordinary perspectives, for instance a pop singer whose life's greatest passion is the coming alien invasion, and the scientist designated to greet those aliens when they arrive. Amateur nuclear physicists, assisted-suicide practitioners, the town of North Pole, Alaska's Christmas-induced high school mass-murder plot: Ronson explores all these tales with a sense of higher purpose and universality, and suddenly, mid-read, they are stories not about the fringe of society or about people far removed from our own experience, but about all of us.</p>

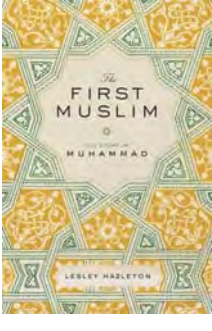
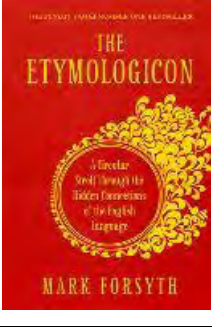
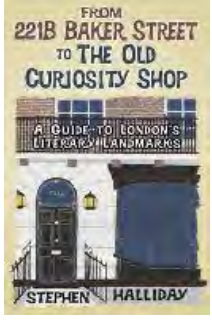

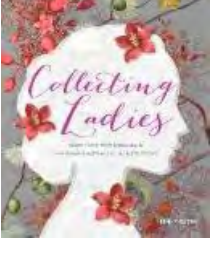
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<p><b>Resilience: Why Things Bounce Back</b></p>	<p>Andrew Zolli &amp; Ann Marie Healy</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>All systems break down. Some bounce back, others do not. This is a book about how the world works. It covers business, economic, geographic and social systems in a thrillingly readable narrative. A wealth of absorbing examples are covered, from the link between US oil prices and the recent 'tortilla riots' in Mexico to what was really happening when the US government decided not to bail out Lehman Bros. Resilience introduces completely new ideas, such as 'flipping' which is when a systems has been pulled out of shape so often it changes forever. The thinking here has crucial implications for how to understand the world in which we live.</p>
<p><b>Tequila Mockingbird: Cocktails with a Literary Twist</b></p>	<p>Tim Ferferle</p>	<p>Hb \$18.99 \$17.10</p> 	<p>A clever tribute to literature, Tequila Mockingbird is the cocktail book for the literary obsessed. Combining beloved classic novels with witty humor and delicious drink recipes, some of the charming recipes include Vermouth the Bell Tolls, Gin Eyre, Are You There God? It's Me, Margarita, Bridget Jones's Daiquiri, and more. Accompanying the 65 cocktail recipes are a list of tools and techniques, a spirits glossary, and a handful of drinking games and bar bites, making this cocktail book both fun and functional. With a special cover designed to look like a classic novel, whimsical illustrations, and a two-color design throughout, Tequila Mockingbird is a one-of-a-kind cocktail book.</p>
<p><b>The Art of Thinking Clearly</b></p>	<p>Rolf Dobelli</p>	<p>Hb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>Have you ever invested time in something that just wasn't worth it? Over-paid in an Ebay auction? Continued doing something you knew was bad for you? Sold stocks too late, or too early? Taken credit for success, but blamed failure on external circumstances? Backed the wrong horse? These are examples of cognitive biases, simple errors we all make in our day-to-day thinking. But by knowing what they are and how to spot them, we can avoid them and make better choices - whether dealing with a personal problem or a business negotiation; trying to save money or make money; working out what we do or don't want in life, and how best to get it. This book reveals, in 100 short chapters, the most common errors of judgement, and how to avoid them. Simple, clear and always surprising, this indispensable book will change the way you think and transform your decision-making - at work, at home, every day.</p>
<p><b>The Honest Life: Living Naturally and True to You</b></p>	<p>Jessica Alba</p>	<p>Pb \$26.99 \$24.30</p> 	<p>As a new mum, Jessica Alba wanted to create the healthiest environment for her family. But she was frustrated by the lack of trustworthy information on how to live a healthier and cleaner life. In 2012, with serial entrepreneur Brian Lee and environmental advocate Christopher Gavigan, she launched The Honest Company, a brand where parents can find reliable information and products that are safe, stylish, and affordable. The Honest Life shares the insights and strategies she gathered along the way. The Honest Life recounts Alba's personal journey of discovery and reveals her tips for making healthy living fun, real, and stylish, while offering a candid look inside her home and daily life. She shares strategies for maintaining a clean diet and embraces nontoxic choices at home and provides eco-friendly decor tips to fit any budget. Her solutions are easy, chic, and down-to-earth: they're honest. And discovering everyday ways to live naturally and authentically - true to you - could be honestly life-changing.</p>
<p><b>Tiny Beautiful Things: Advice on Life and Love from Someone Who's Been There</b></p>	<p>Cheryl Strayed</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Life can be hard: your lover cheats on you, you lose a family member, you can't pay the bills. But it can be pretty great, too: you've had the hottest sex of your life, you get that plum job, you muster the courage to write your novel. Everyday across the world, people go through the full and glorious gamut of life - but sometimes, a little advice is needed. For several years, thousands turned to Cheryl Strayed, a then-anonymous internet Agony Aunt. But unlike most Agony Aunts, this one's advice was spun from genuine compassion and informed by a wealth of personal experience - experience that was sometimes tragic and sometimes tender, often hilarious and often heartbreaking. Having successfully battled her own demons while hiking the Pacific Crest Trail, Cheryl Strayed sat down to answer the letters of the frightened, the anxious, the confused; and with each gem-like correspondence - of which the best are collected in this volume - she proved to be the perfect guide for those who had got a little lost in life.</p>

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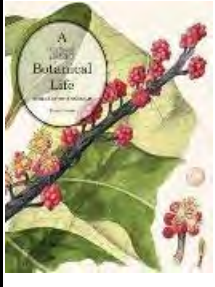
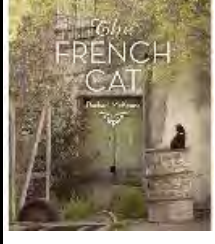

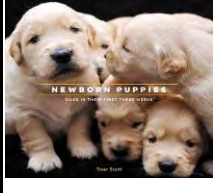
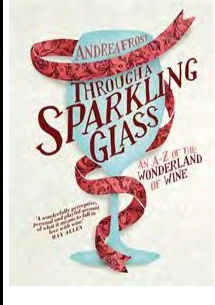
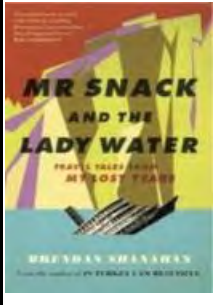
<p><b>100 Plants that Almost Changed the World</b></p>	<p>Chris Beardshaw</p>	<p>Hb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>From cars made of carrot to tea-smuggling spies; Popeye's spinach to the hallucinogenic effects of lettuce, renowned garden expert Chris Beardshaw takes us on a journey through history's most fascinating plants, flowers, vegetables and herbs: the ones that changed the world, the ones that almost did, and the ones that certainly didn't! Ranging from Roman times to present day and even covering future plant-inventions, 100 Plants that Almost Changed the World is a fascinating compendium of stories about the plants and vegetables we see, nurture and consume every day. If you have ever wondered why carrots are supposed to help you see in the dark or why we hang fairy lights and decorations on our Christmas trees then this is the book for you - a fun and quirky new volume that offers unique exploration of our planet's most fascinating plants.</p>
<p><b>Screw Business as Usual</b></p>	<p>Richard Branson</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Can we bring more meaning to our lives and help change the world at the same time? Richard Branson, at his brilliant and motivating best, reveals how with his exciting new vision for the future. It is time to turn capitalism upside down - to shift our values, to switch from a profit focus to caring for people, communities and the planet. With inspiration for everyone, Screw Business As Usual shows how easy it is for both businesses and individuals to embark on a whole new way of doing things, solving major problems and turning our work into something we both love and are proud of.</p>
<p><b>Borderless Economics: Chinese Sea Turtles, Indian Fridges and the New Fruits of Global Capitalism</b></p>	<p>Robert Guest</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>A century ago, migrants often crossed an ocean and never saw their homelands again. Today, they call - or Skype - home the moment their flight has landed, and that's just the beginning. Thanks to cheap travel and easy communication, immigrants everywhere stay in intimate contact with their native countries, creating powerful cross-border networks. In Borderless Economics, Robert Guest, The Economist's global business editor, travels through dozens of countries and 44 American states, observing how these networks create wealth, spread ideas, and foster innovation. Covering phenomena such as how young Chinese studying in the West are infecting China with democratic ideals, to why the so-called brain drain - the flow of educated migrants from poor countries to rich ones - actually reduces global poverty, this is a fascinating look at how migration makes the world wealthier and happier.</p>
<p><b>The Silence of Animals: On Progress and Other Modern Myths</b></p>	<p>John Gray</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99 \$36.00</p> 	<p>This is the powerful, beautiful and chilling sequel to the bestselling Straw Dogs John Gray draws on an extraordinary array of memoirs, poems, fiction and philosophy to make us re-imagine our place in the world. Writers as varied as Ballard, Borges, Freud and Conrad are mesmerised by forms of human extremity - experiences on the outer edge of the possible, or which tip into fantasy and myth. What happens to us when we starve, when we fight, when we are imprisoned? And how do our imaginations leap into worlds way beyond our real experience? The Silence of Animals is consistently fascinating, filled with unforgettable images and a delight in the conundrum of our existence - an existence which we decorate with countless myths and ideas, where we twist and turn to avoid acknowledging that we too are animals, separated from the others perhaps only by our self-conceit. In the Babel we have created for ourselves, it is the silence of animals that both reproaches and bewitches us.</p>
<p><b>The Fifth Dimension: An Exploration of the Spiritual Realm</b></p>	<p>John Hick</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>Drawing on mystical and religious traditions ancient and modern, and spiritual thinkers as diverse as Julian of Norwich and Mahatma Gandhi, The Fifth Dimension is John Hick's eloquent argument for a more complete reality, in which a fifth, spiritual dimension plays a central role. Taking into account recent global crises - including the 9/11 attacks and war in Iraq - Hick addresses a variety of timeless issues, from the validity of religious experience to the science versus religion debate. Erudite, provocative and deeply moving, Hick's persuasive narrative will prompt all curious readers to re-examine their own spiritual horizons.</p>

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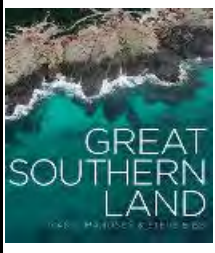

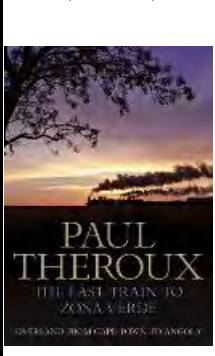

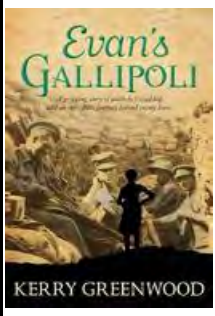
<p><b>First Muslim: The Story of Muhammad</b></p>	<p>Lesley Hazleton</p>	<p>Hb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Muhammad's was a life of almost unparalleled historical importance; yet for all the iconic power of his name, the intensely dramatic story of the prophet of Islam is not well known. In <i>The First Muslim</i>, Lesley Hazleton brings him vibrantly to life. Drawing on early eyewitness sources and on history, politics, religion, and psychology, she renders him as a man in full, in all his complexity and vitality. Hazleton's account follows the arc of Muhammad's rise from powerlessness to power, from anonymity to renown, from insignificance to lasting significance. How did a child shunted to the margins end up revolutionizing his world? How did a merchant come to challenge the established order with a new vision of social justice? How did the pariah hounded out of Mecca turn exile into a new and victorious beginning? How did the outsider become the ultimate insider? Impeccably researched and thrillingly readable, Hazleton's narrative creates vivid insight into a man navigating between idealism and pragmatism, faith and politics, nonviolence and violence, rejection and acclaim.</p>
<p><b>The Etymologicon: A Circular Stroll Through the Hidden Connections of the English Language</b></p>	<p>Mark Forsyth</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>What is the actual connection between disgruntled and grunted? What links church organs to organised crime, California to the Caliphate, or brackets to codpieces? The <i>Etymologicon</i> springs from Mark Forsyth's <i>Inky Fool</i> blog on the strange connections between words. It's an occasionally ribald, frequently witty and unerringly erudite guided tour of the secret labyrinth that lurks beneath the English language, taking in monks and monkeys, film buffs and buffaloes, and explaining precisely what the Rolling Stones have to do with gardening.</p>
<p><b>From 221B Baker Street to The Old Curiosity Shop: A Guide to London's Literary Landmarks</b></p>	<p>Stephen Halliday</p>	<p>Hb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>London is unrivalled as a source of inspiration for writers from Geoffrey Chaucer to Zadie Smith. This book explores the capital both from the viewpoint of the many writers who have used it as a stage for their plots and their characters; and of the readers whose imagination is fired by the knowledge that they are standing outside the home of David Copperfield on the Strand or Count Dracula's residence in Piccadilly. All of London's fictional clubs, pubs, restaurants, houses and streets that have been made famous in the works of the likes of Sir Arthur Conan Doyle, Ian Fleming, Bram Stoker and Evelyn Waugh are featured in this exhaustively researched volume. Listed geographically and alphabetically, each entry provides a description of the location, its place in literature and its inspiration.</p>
<p><b>Beethoven: The Man Revealed</b></p>	<p>John Suchet</p>	<p>Hb \$49.99 \$45.00</p> 	<p>Ludwig van Beethoven's life - its dramas, conflicts, loves and losses, his deafness coupled with continuous health problems, his epic struggle with his sister-in-law for sole custody of her son, his nephew - is played out in his music. Now John Suchet has portrayed the real man behind the music in this compelling biography of a musical genius. He reveals a difficult and complex character, struggling to continue his profession as musician despite increasing deafness, alienating friends with unprovoked outbursts of anger one moment, overwhelming them with excessive kindness and generosity the next, living in a city in almost constant disarray because of war with France. This is not the god-like immortal portrayed in statues and paintings in heroic pose garlanded with laurel leaves. Beethoven may have been one of the greatest artists who ever lived, but he was still a man who had to live among fellow mortals, eat and drink, fall in love, pay his rent. This is the real Beethoven, and Suchet brings him effortlessly to life.</p>
<p><b>Collecting Ladies: Ferdinand von Mueller and Women Botanical Artists</b></p>	<p>Penny Olsen</p>	<p>Pb \$39.99 \$36.00</p> 	<p>Around 1870, Ferdinand von Mueller, the greatest Australian botanist of the nineteenth century, began to advertise in several newspapers across Australia for lady plant collectors. This was at a time when women typically had little recourse to science, or contact with men outside their circle of friends, making Muellers network of ladies quite extraordinary. <i>Collecting Ladies</i> profiles 14 of Muellers coterie of women collectors. Included are Fanny Charsley, Louisa Atkinson, Annie Walker and Ellis Rowan for whom Mueller made time to assist in pursuit of their own passions. He identified the plants they painted and provided letters of introduction to publishers and scientists. Together, these ladies produced some of the most beautiful books and botanical art to come out of Australia in the nineteenth century, covering all the Australian colonies.</p>



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<p><b>A Botanical Life:</b> <b>Robert David Fitzgerald</b></p>	<p>Penny Olsen</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$34.99</del> \$31.50</p> 	<p>Robert David Fitzgerald (1830-1892) was a successful colonial surveyor who had arrived in Australia in 1856 as a young Irish immigrant of 25. He was employed by the Lands Department in New South Wales and, although he was an exemplary public servant, he was also one of the last of the Victorian-era gentlemen scientists: an avid naturalist, ornithologist and skilled taxidermist. In 1864, while searching for birds to add to his collection, he was inspired by the discovery of a clump of Rock Lilies to collect a number of other orchid specimens in the area. Over the following years, Fitzgerald devoted his leisure time to botanical illustration and documented the orchids of Australia, publishing his discoveries in his internationally acclaimed work, Australian Orchids. In so doing, he corresponded and engaged with some of the great thinkers of his time, including Ferdinand von Mueller, George Bentham and Charles Darwin. A Botanical Life presents a short biography, followed by a portfolio section of more than 100 stunning full-colour images of flowers painted by Robert David Fitzgerald.</p>
<p><b>The French Cat</b></p>	<p>Rachael McKenna</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$14.95</del> \$13.45</p> 	<p>The French Cat combines evocative photography of some of the world's most beautiful countryside with an endearing celebration of our favourite animal friends. After relocating with her family to the South of France, acclaimed photographer and self-confessed animal-lover Rachel McKenna turned her insatiable lens to capturing the scenes around her: the breathtaking vistas, the character-filled buildings and the animal inhabitants of her new home.</p>
<p><b>The French Dog</b></p>	<p>Rachael McKenna</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$14.95</del> \$13.45</p> 	<p>The French Dog combines evocative photography of some of the world's most beautiful countryside with an endearing celebration of our favourite animal friends. After relocating with her family to the South of France, acclaimed photographer and self-confessed animal-lover Rachel McKenna turned her insatiable lens to capturing the scenes around her: the breathtaking vistas, the character-filled buildings and the animal inhabitants of her new home.</p>
<p><b>Newborn Puppies: Dogs in Their First Three Weeks</b></p>	<p>Traer Scott</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$24.95</del> \$22.45</p> 	<p>Dog lovers who haven't raised puppies from birth have missed out on one of the most remarkable and adorable times in a dog's life. From one to twenty-one days old, puppies undergo great changes, from needing their mothers' complete care to opening their eyes and ears to the outside world, growing, stretching their legs, and learning to become the dogs that they are. Author/photographer (and new mother) Traer Scott's love of dogs shines through these intimate images of a range of breeds and types, from champion pups to shelter strays, all of them irresistible. Including an introduction on puppies' development and the importance of their welfare, this delightful book reveals young dogs as they embark on the adventures of growing up.</p>
<p><b>Through a Sparkling Glass: An A-Z of the Wonderland of Wine</b></p>	<p>Andrea Frost</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$29.95</del> \$26.95</p> 	<p>A delight to dip into, Through a Sparkling Glass will inform you in the most entertaining way and introduce you to pleasures found in your wine glass. The book taps into the emerging 'emotional palate' category of wine writers such as Alice Fiering and Terry Thiese. This has been successfully replicated in food writing and literature. A perfect book for those who love wine, food and the finer things in life. Those who want to enhance their knowledge of wine but want an entertaining way to attain that information. The book will be a well-designed gift package making it the perfect gift for intelligent men or women who enjoy wine as part of a sophisticated mix of culinary delights rather than as an academic or technical pursuit. This book lifts wine writing out of the niche market full of technical information and into the domain of human engagement and real life where wine is enjoyed and broadly experienced.</p>
<p><b>Mr Snack and the Lady Water: Travel Tales from My Lost Years</b></p>	<p>Brendan Shanahan</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$24.99</del> \$22.50</p> 	<p>A collection of dark and unexpected writing from the author's last ten years of travel. In the title essay, Shanahan embarks on what was supposed to be a luxury cruise down the Yangtze River, only to find himself on a three-day endurance test aboard a leaking tug in the company of an intrusive roommate u the mysterious 'Mr Snack' u a pair of neurotic American spinsters and a thousand baseball hat-wearing tourists. In Friends in DC, Shanahan contemplates the transitory nature of friendships formed on the road as he rejects the affections of a sinister black albino and a Norwegian fisherman. In Mr and Mrs Kumar Make a Plan, Shanahan is sucked into the strange world of Varanasi's Mr and Mrs Kumar as he becomes the unwitting mediator of their strained relationship with their children. Reminiscent of the work of David Sedaris and Bill Byron, these and other stories paint the picture of a bizarre world and surprising adventures.</p>

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<p><b>Great Southern Land</b></p>	<p>Steve Bibb &amp; Ivan O'Mahoney</p>	<p>Hb \$60.00 \$54.00</p> 	<p>This book is an epic journey across Australia, from the top of the Snowy Mountains to the tropical wilds of the Gulf of Carpentaria; the irrigated farms of the Murray Darling Basin to the ancient forests of Tasmania. It is the pictorial record of our remarkable story - revealing otherwise hidden patterns, networks and systems that keep our population of 23 million people moving, fed, alive and thriving in a huge, remote, dry continent. Written by series producers and writers Ivan O'Mahoney and Steve Bibb, with an introduction by presenter Professor Steve Simpson, Great Southern Land features more than 300 incredible photographs of Australia from above.</p>
<p><b>Excuse My French: Mastering the Lingo, Not Just the Language</b></p>	<p>Rachel Best</p>	<p>Pb \$17.99 \$16.20</p> 	<p>Excuse my French! arose out of a culture clash between a Frenchman and an English woman. Life together in a bi-lingual relationship for Rachel and Jean-Christophe created many miscomprehensions, amusing mistranslations and often sheer bewilderment. This book offers a way out of the conversational confusion and comprises of 700 expressions in English and in French, divided into 13 chapters, which cover all the essential topics in life - including food and drink, money, business work and sex. Excuse my French! teaches the essential idioms and metaphors of the 'other' language in a fresh, light-hearted way that won't feel like you're back in a classroom. Packed with quizzes, glossaries and interesting detail on the historical contexts for how phrases were coined, and illustrated with line drawings, it will improve language skills and promote the Entente Cordiale between tourists, students and business associates, as well as encourage relationships to blossom between les Gaulois et les Rosbifs all over the world!</p>
<p><b>The Last Train to Zona Verde: Overland from Cape Town to Angola</b></p>	<p>Paul Theroux</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Happy again, back in the kingdom of light,' writes Paul Theroux as he sets out on a new journey though the continent he knows and loves best. Having travelled down the right-hand side of Africa in Dark Star Safari, he sets out this time from Cape Town, heading northwards in a new direction, up the left-hand side, through South Africa and Namibia, to Botswana, then on into Angola, heading for the Congo, in search of the end of the line. Journeying alone through the greenest continent in what he feels will be his last African journey, Theroux encounters a world increasingly removed from both the itineraries of tourists and the hopes of post-colonial independence movements. Leaving the Cape Town townships, traversing the Namibian bush, passing the browsing cattle of the great sunbaked heartland of the savannah, Theroux crosses the Red Line into a different Africa: the improvised, slapped-together Africa of tumbled fences and cooking fires, of mud and thatch, of heat and poverty, and of roadblocks, mobs and anarchy.</p>
<p><b>Sinning Across Spain: A Walker's Journey from Granada to Galicia</b></p>	<p>Ailsa Piper</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>I WILL WALK OFF YOUR SINS. With these words Ailsa Piper's journey begins. Less than a month later she finds herself hiking through olive groves and under translucent pink blossoms, making her way from the legendary city of Granada, towards the cliffs at Finisterre in the far north-west of Spain. On her back she carries an unusual cargo: a load of sins. In the tradition of medieval believers who paid others to carry their sins to holy places, and so buy forgiveness, Ailsa's friends and colleagues donated sins in order to fund her quest. She's received anger and envy, pride and lust, among many. Through glorious villages and inspiring landscapes, miracles find her. Matrons stuff gifts of homemade sausages into her pack. Angels in both name and nature ease her path. Sins find her too. Those in her pack and many others tempt her throughout her journey. And she falls in love: with kindness, with strangers, and with Spain. Sinning Across Spain celebrates the mysteries of faith, the possibilities for connection, and the simple act of setting down one foot after the other.</p>
<p><b>CHILDREN'S</b></p>			
<p><b>Evan's Gallipoli</b></p>	<p>Kerry Greenwood</p>	<p>Pb \$15.99 \$14.40</p> 	<p>Evan has been accompanying his father on his country business trips since he was young. Mr Warrender is rich enough not to have to travel, but since his wife died, he prefers to escape their fine home, peddling both his natural remedies and his faith. When he reads about the unfolding events in Gallipoli, he hatches a desire to go there and assist, taking Evan with him. Once there, Evan has to find great reserves of strength to deal with what is happening, and even more so when his father decided to parley with the Turks. Caught behind enemy lines, Evan must disguise and shepherd his increasingly erratic father back to safety on a route through Turkey and Greece, keeping more than one secret safe... Full of fine historical detail, and believable characterisations, this is pitched at teen readers, but will be enjoyed by the legion of Greenwood fans of all ages. ~ Lindy</p>

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<p><b>Song for a Scarlet Runner</b></p>	<p>Julie Hunt</p>	<p>Pb \$15.99 \$14.40</p> 	<p>Peat has lived apart from the isolated village she was born into, exiled to the furthest reaches of the territory to tend to dairy cows. When she inadvertently points a stranger towards the township, and he brings the plague, she is driven away from the only home she has known. Forced into the terrible swamps of the borders, she is caught by a marsh-aunty, and becomes her apprentice. Peat also makes the acquaintance of a sleek, or scarlet runner, a strange creature of variable friendliness. She learns the trade of storytelling, and accompanies her mistress to the city at the centre of the world, where it becomes apparent that the marsh-aunty has not revealed all the stories that need to be told... A classic adventure story set in a strange world, an enjoyable and well-constructed standalone novel. Ages 10-14. ~ Lindy</p>
<p><b>Siege</b></p>	<p>Sarah Mussi</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99 \$13.50</p> 	<p>I can't remember the last time I read such a heart-stopping novel! The pace is relentless and the story takes place over the course of one day. Leah is 16, the one who looks after her fractured family, and it's one ordinary Friday at school - or would be if it hadn't started with things going awry before she even arrived. Because she was late, she has detention. Because she is in the detention room, and not at general assembly, she doesn't witness a group of ninth graders arrive and start shooting. Because of this, she has a chance to escape. But this is a school in the near future, where the government has instituted a lock-down procedure for schools to prevent the reoccurrence of riots that had society in an uproar, so Leah can't leave the building. What follows is a tense day, where she has to outwit the armed students, try to convince the police that help is required, and go against the need for personal survival in order to help others. Worse still is the dreadful realisation her younger brother might be involved, and how can she protect him then? Ages 14+ ~ Lindy</p>
<p><b>Silver Brumby Kingdom</b></p>	<p>Elyne Mitchell</p>	<p>Pb \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>Following the omnibus edition that gathered up the first four Silver Brumby titles, that was released before Christmas to the immense delight and enjoyment of readers everywhere, comes this second omnibus. It contains Moon Filly, Silver Brumby Whirlwind, Son of the Whirlwind, and Silver Brumby, Silver Dingo. The stories follow Thowra's descendants, but Thowra is still a dominant influence and character in these additional books. Full of adventure and wild spirit, set in the beautiful and sometimes dangerous alpine regions, this edition will be a wonderful addition to the bookshelves of readers who remember reading them years ago, or the young readers coming to the stories for the first time. ~ Lindy</p>
<p><b>Dawn Wind</b></p>	<p>Rosemary Sutcliff</p>	<p>Pb \$14.95 \$13.45</p> 	<p>Owain finds he is the only survivor on the battlefield of Aque Sulis, where the sixth century Saxons have won a great victory over the Romano-British settlers of the area. He makes his way into the border country near Wales, where he meets an orphan girl, Regina, in the ruins of Viroconium. Initially distrustful of each other, they form a friendship which helps them both survive. Owain becomes a thrall to a Saxon lord, and it is many years before he has control of his own life; but in that time he sees how the invading Saxons and the invaded Celtic peoples need to work and live together if either peoples are to survive. Rosemary Sutcliff had the knack of making history live, and it is a pleasure to see this back in print, along with the original bold illustrations by Charles Keeping. ~ Lindy</p>

