
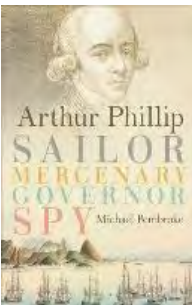








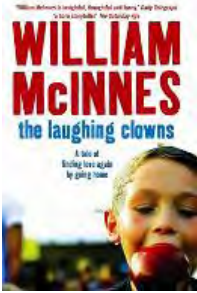

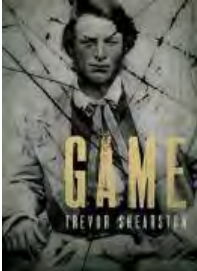

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Title	Author	Bind	RRP	Price	Description
ABBEY'S CHOICE					
Killing Fairfax: Packer, Murdoch and the Ultimate Revenge	Pamela Williams	Hb	\$39.99	\$34.99	An incisive, hard-hitting and utterly compelling expose of media, powerful mates and multimillion-dollar deals, this is the inside story of the decline of hallowed media company Fairfax, publisher of The Sydney Morning Herald, The Age and The Australian Financial Review. Covering a decade and a half of lost opportunity and mismanagement, this story culminates in Fairfax's catastrophic loss of the classified advertising market to the internet, as the famous 'rivers of gold' run dry. The savage twist in the tale is that the new companies dominating the online advertising market were not just hungry internet start-ups - but one by one, each of the new leaders in the field came under the direct influence of two traditional media tycoons, James Packer and Lachlan Murdoch, both intent on expanding their own online businesses. With exclusive and unprecedented access to both Murdoch and Packer, as well as an extraordinary line-up of Australian business leaders and influential powerbrokers, this is a powerful insiders' story of the deals, the power plays and the machinations behind the influential media organisation's decline.
					
Profits of Doom: How Vulture Capitalism is Swallowing the World	Antony Loewenstein	Pb	\$32.99	\$28.99	Vulture capitalism has seen the corporation become more powerful than the state. And yet its work is often done by stealth, supported by political and media elites. The result is privatised wars and outsourced detention centres. Mining companies pillage precious land in developing countries. Struggling nations are invaded by NGOs and the corporate dollar. Best-selling journalist Antony Loewenstein travels to Afghanistan, Pakistan, Haiti, Papua New Guinea and across Australia to witness the reality of this largely hidden world of privatised detention centres, the cost of cheap clothing manufacturing and militarized private security. Who is involved and why? Can it be stopped? What are the alternatives in a globalised world? Profits of Doom challenges the fundamentals of our unsustainable way of life and the money-making imperatives driving it.
					
Arthur Phillip: Sailor, Mercenary, Governor, Spy	Michael Pembroke	Hb	\$45.00	\$39.95	Little did anyone know that Arthur Phillip, the first governor of Australia, was actually a master spy in the employ of the English government. In Arthur Phillip, Michael Pembroke details his life story and how he became an international spy in an expansive tale that journeys across the world from England to France, crossing Spain to Brazil and onto Australia. As a boy, Arthur became a member of the Royal Navy and soon climbed up the rankings to become an officer involved in great sea battles. He left the navy and fought for the Portuguese king against the Spanish, and the accolades he received from this became a turning point in his career - along the way he was employed by the English government as a spy and travelled far and wide on secret missions. By the 1780s, Arthur Phillip moved in powerful circles that saw him appointed to lead the remarkable social experiment of the Enlightenment that was the First Fleet. This is the unique story of a fascinating historical figure.
					
Trust Me: Australians and Their Politicians	Jackie Dickenson	Tp	\$34.99	\$29.99	It's not news that Australians don't really trust their politicians and the relationship between politicians and the people who elect them is certainly not warm and cuddly. But as this lively book shows, the 'crisis of trust' has a long history. The path from mutton chop-whiskered colonial politicians to 'Honest Johnnie' and 'Juliar' is a rich and colourful one. From the 1850s to the 2013 election, Jackie Dickenson traces the ways in which this animosity has changed or hasn't. While we're always being told that cynicism about politics is on the rise, she argues that having blind trust isn't a desirable alternative either. And does the rise of personality politics make it all the media's fault? She asks tough questions, revisits scandals, explores times of trauma and difficulty for the nation, and concludes that Australian voters don't have it too bad.
					
AUSTRALIAN FICTION					
What the Ground Can't Hold	Shady Cosgrove	Tp	\$29.99	\$27.00	Two Americans are presumed dead and nine people are trapped in a cabin after an avalanche falls in the remote Andes... Told from five points of view, What the Ground Can't Hold follows Emma, an Australian faced with an impossible decision that could see her parents jailed; Jack, a teenager obsessed with Jack Kerouac, anti-globalism and sex; Carmen, a tango dancer whose estranged father is dying of cancer; Pedro, the cabin manager, who's in hiding from his ex-wife; and Wolfe, an American on a deadly family quest. With food supplies dwindling, these unlikely companions are forced to extremes and discover they are bound by more than their surroundings - each has a secret that links them to Argentina's Dirty War. What the Ground Can't Hold is a mesmerising debut about the ways the past closes in on the present, and shatters the foundations upon which we build our lives.
					

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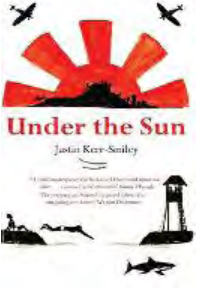
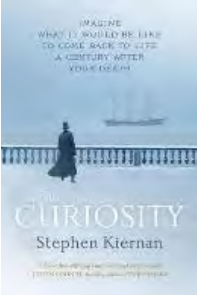


<p>No Barrier</p>	<p>Eleanor Dark</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99 \$13.50</p> 	<p>The story of the Mannion family continues after the Bligh rebellion. As the young Mannions grow to maturity, so too the settlement at Sydney Cove develops into a town of substance. And later, the longings of young Miles Mannion are echoed in the efforts of the settlers to spread to the west. The discovery of a route over the Blue Mountains west of Sydney means there will be no further barrier.</p>
<p>The Storm of Time</p>	<p>Eleanor Dark</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99 \$13.50</p> 	<p>Sydney Cove, 1799, and three years since Governor Phillip departed. Against a background of continuing convict settlement, hunger, rebellion and the terrifying force of a barely understood land, the saga of Ellen Prentice and the Mannion family continues. Stephen Mannion marries the lovely Conor Moore and brings her back for Ellen to serve. Johnny Prentice goes bush - and re-emerges for one last confrontation with his old master.</p>
<p>Questions of Travel</p>	<p>Michelle de Kretser</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>A mesmerising literary novel, Questions of Travel charts two very different lives. Laura travels the world before returning to Sydney, where she works for a publisher of travel guides. Ravi dreams of being a tourist guide until he is driven from Sri Lanka by devastating events. Around these two superbly drawn characters, a double narrative assembles an enthralling array of people, places and stories - from Theo, whose life plays out in the long shadow of the past, to Hana, an Ethiopian woman determined to reinvent herself in Australia. Award-winning author Michelle de Kretser illuminates travel, work and modern dreams in this brilliant evocation of the way we live now. Wonderfully written, Questions of Travel is an extraordinary work of imagination - a transformative, very funny and intensely moving novel.</p>
<p>Clean Straw for Nothing/ A Cartload of Clay</p>	<p>George Johnston</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99 \$13.50</p> 	<p>Set against the backdrop of a Greek island, Clean Straw for Nothing follows the story of successful war correspondent and retired journalist David Meredith as he abandons his career for a life in exile with his beautiful wife Cressida. Johnston focuses on the developing relationship between David and Cressida, exploring the complex and reflective character of David as he questions the nature of success, sexual tensions, expatriation and ill-health. The questions are almost entirely unanswerable and the freedom David craves nearly impossible. In the final episode of the trilogy, David Meredith travels back to Australia, rediscovering his deep affection for his native land after having been so long in Greece. Coming to terms with his new home's deep faults and failings, as well as virtues, it is here that he reviews his life, his pursuit of success and his unfortunate failures. Still without a conclusion to his philosophical concerns, David comes to accept that the meaning of life is the journey we take and is not a price to be given at the end.</p>
<p>The Vale Girl</p>	<p>Nelika McDonald</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Fourteen-year-old Sarah Vale has gone missing in the small town of Banville. She's the daughter of the town whore so no one seems particularly concerned. No one cares except Tommy Johns, who loves Sarah Vale with all the unadulterated, tentative passion of a teenage boy. He galvanises the town's policeman Sergeant Henson and, together, they turn the town inside out, searching for the lost girl. A delicate and layered exploration of secrets and lies, forgotten children and absent parents, and the long shadows of the past.</p>

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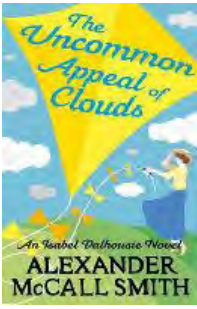
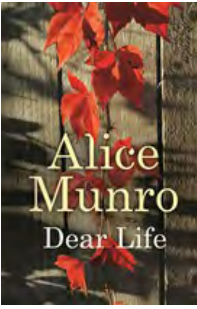
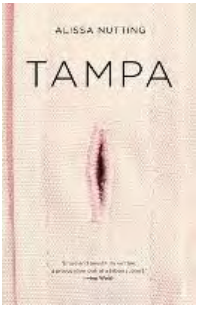
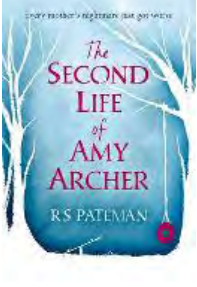
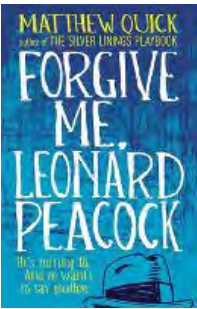
<p>The Laughing Clowns</p>	<p>William McInnes</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>Peter Kennedy is a very large man who is remarkably happy with his life. Yet something's not quite right, and it started with a dream that smelt of luncheon meat. Peter is successful at what he does, even though he's not sure what that is anymore. When Titan Development contracts him to go to Queensland to assess a prime piece of real estate - the Pickersgill Peninsula Showgrounds - he jumps at the chance. It will give him time out from having to be with the family he loves. And it will take him back to the home where he grew up; to his parents, who are members of the Show society, his twin sister Pearl, a bingo caller and foster mother, and his brother Gary, the TV weatherman. Over these few days, he will come to realise that sometimes when you go back to where you came from you find out how much you actually have, and how much you could lose. All he has to do is make his mind up, and listen to the advice that's given by, of all people - the King of Hot Dogs. But will he?</p>
<p>Haxby's Circus</p>	<p>Katharine Pritchard</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99 \$13.50</p> 	<p>Run away to the circus with this book by award-winning Australian novelist Katharine Susannah Pritchard. Welcome to Haxby's Circus, the lightest, brightest little show on earth. From Bendigo to Narrabri, the Haxby family and their troupe pitch the big top, hang the lights and call out their menagerie. Gina Haxby, the bareback rider, has a dreadful accident. What's to be if she can never ride again? What is her place now, amongst her brothers, sisters and fellow showmen? The adage is: you run away with the circus to find yourself, but what if it's all you've ever known? Gina must be the master of her own fate. In a plume of feathers, a swish of satin and at the sound of the drum and tin whistle, the dinkum circus must go on.</p>
<p>Game</p>	<p>Trevor Shearston</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>It is 1865. For three years Ben Hall and the men riding with him have been lords of every road in mid-western New South Wales from Bathurst to Goulburn, Lambing Flat to Forbes. But with the Harbourers' Act made law, coach escorts armed now with the new Colt revolving rifle, and mailbags more often containing cheques than banknotes, being game is no longer enough. The road of negotiated surrender is closed. Jack Gilbert has shot dead a police sergeant at Jugiong. Constable Nelson, father of eight, lies buried at Collector, killed by John Dunn. Neither time did Ben pull the fatal trigger, but he too will hang if ever the three are taken. Harry Hall is seven. Ben has not seen the boy since his wife Bidy left to live with another man, taking Harry with her. The need to see his son, to be in some way a father again, has grown urgent. But how much time is left before the need to give the game away and disappear becomes the greater urgency? A spare, epic work of haunting beauty that breathes life back into legend and confirms Shearston as one of Australia's finest writers.</p>
<p>The Turning [film tie-in]</p>	<p>Tim Winton</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>In the 1980s Tim Winton made his mark with tough, spare stories about youth and promise, of early parenthood and the challenges of loyalty. Twenty years later, he returned to the form with 'The Turning', 17 overlapping stories of second thoughts and mid-life regret set in the brooding small-town world of coastal Western Australia. Here are turnings of all kinds - changes of heart, nasty surprises, slow awakenings, sudden detours - where people struggle against the terrible weight of the past and challenge the lives they've made for themselves. Much acclaimed, this tough, tender and elegiac collection is the biggest selling collection of stories from Australia in modern times.</p>
<p>The Swan Book</p>	<p>Alexis Wright</p>	<p>Tp \$29.95 \$26.95</p> 	<p>The Swan Book is set in the future, with Aboriginals still living under the Intervention in the north, in an environment fundamentally altered by climate change. It follows the life of a mute teenager called Oblivia, the victim of gang-rape by petrol-sniffing youths, from the displaced community where she lives in a hulk, in a swamp filled with rusting boats, and thousands of black swans driven from other parts of the country, to her marriage to Warren Finch, the first Aboriginal president of Australia, and her elevation to the position of First Lady, confined to a tower in a flooded and lawless southern city. The Swan Book has all the qualities which made Wright's previous novel, Carpentaria, a prize-winning best-seller. It offers an intimate awareness of the realities facing Aboriginal people; the wild energy and humour in her writing finds hope in the bleakest situations; and the remarkable combination of storytelling elements, drawn from myth and legend and fairy tale.</p>

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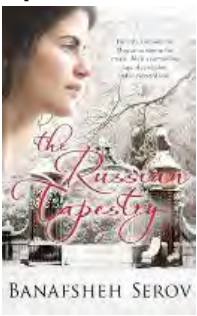
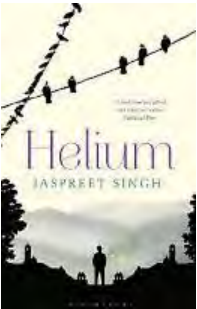
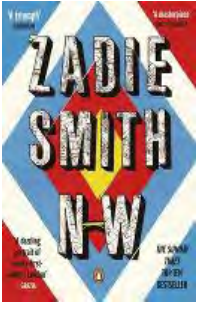

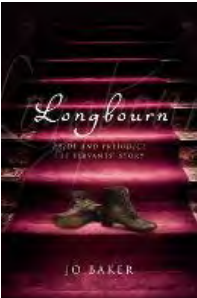
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<p>Nothing Holds Back the Night</p>	<p>Delphine de Vigan</p>	<p> Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Only a teenager when Delphine was born, Lucile raised two daughters largely alone. She was a former child model from a Bohemian family, younger and more glamorous than the other mothers: always in lipstick, wayward and wonderful. But as Delphine grew up, Lucile's occasional sadness gave way to overwhelming despair and delusion. She became convinced she was telepathic, in control of the Paris metro system; she gave away all her money; she was hospitalized, medicated, and released in a kind of trance. Young Delphine was left to wonder: What changed her, or what shaped her all along? In this brilliant investigation into her own family history, Delphine de Vigan attempts to write her mother, seeking out something essential as she interviews aging relatives, listens to recordings, and reads Lucile's own writings. It is a history of luminous beauty and rambunctious joy, of dark secrets and silences.</p>
<p>Under the Sun</p>	<p>Justin Kerr-Smiley</p>	<p> Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>Under the Sun is set in the closing stages of World War Two in the South Pacific. Flight Lieutenant Edward Strickland is a young RAF Spitfire pilot flying sorties over the Carolines and their outlying atolls. On a dawn patrol he is shot down attacking a submarine and ends up on a remote island occupied by a small Japanese garrison, that has remained undetected throughout the war. The garrison's commander Captain Tadashi Hayama brutally interrogates his captive and a battle of wills develops between the two men. The scene is set for a contest where there will only be one victor. But events take an unexpected turn and the island becomes, for a while, a kind of Eden. The war is a distant memory that has no relevance to the rhythms and echoes of island life. Yet beyond its shores danger lurks and Japan's capitulation after the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, leads to a climactic end that shatters the idyll forever.</p>
<p>The Curiosity</p>	<p>Stephen Kiernan</p>	<p> Tp \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>The Curiosity is a haunting love story in which a man frozen for 100 years wakes up in today's America to be hounded by tabloids, condemned by religious conservatives, and hunted by a presidential candidate while he strives to come to terms with his unique second life, one in which he falls in love with a beautiful scientist from a century after him. Maverick scientific genius Erastus Carthage has developed a technique to bring frozen simple-celled animals back to life. But when his Arctic research vessel discovers a body encased in an iceberg, he seizes the chance to apply his pioneering process to a human being. The man Carthage's lad awakens from death is Jeremiah Rice, a Massachusetts judge, who was born in 1868 and fell overboard in 1906. Jeremiah is an instant celebrity - chased by paparazzi, vilified by the religious right, and overwhelmed by a society he sees as brilliant and diverse but also vulgar and violent. As his only ally biologist Kate Philo attempts to protect him from financial and political exploitation, the two fall in love. Meanwhile, Jeremiah's time on earth is slipping away.</p>
<p>Someday We'll Tell Each Other Everything</p>	<p>Daniela Krien</p>	<p> Pb \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>It is summer 1990, only months after the border dividing Germany has dissolved. Maria, nearly seventeen, moves in with her boyfriend on his family farm. A chance encounter with enigmatic loner Henner, a neighbouring farmer, quickly develops into a passionate relationship. But Maria soon finds that Henner can be as brutal as he is tender - his love reveals itself through both animal violence and unexpected sensitivity. Maria builds a fantasy of their future life together, but her expectations differ dramatically from those of Henner himself, until it seems their story can only end in tragedy. This is a bold and impressive debut in which love and violence, conflict and longing, are inextricably entwined.</p>
<p>Sunshine on Scotland Street: 44 Scotland Street #8</p>	<p>Alexander McCall Smith</p>	<p> Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Scotland Street witnesses the wedding of the century of Angus Lordie to Domenica Macdonald, but as the newlyweds depart on honeymoon Edinburgh is in disarray. Recovering from the trauma of being best man, Matthew is taken up by a Dane called Bo, while Cyril eludes his dog-sitter and embarks on an odyssey involving fox-holes and the official residence of a cardinal. Narcissist Bruce meets his match in the form of a sinister doppelganger; Bertie, set up by his mother for fresh embarrassment at school, yearns for freedom; and Big Lou goes viral. But the residents of Scotland Street rally, and order - and Cyril - is restored by the combined effects of understanding, kindness, and, most of all, friendship.</p>

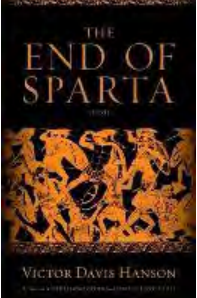
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<p>The Uncommon Appeal of Clouds: Isabel Dalhousie #9</p>	<p>Alexander McCall Smith</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>As a mother, wife, employer and editor of the Review of Applied Ethics, Isabel Dalhousie is aware that to be human is to be responsible. So when a neighbour brings her a new and potentially dangerous puzzle to solve, once again Isabel feels she has no option but to shoulder the burden. A masterpiece painting has been stolen from Duncan Munrowe, old-fashioned philanthropist, father to two discontented children, and a very wealthy man. As Isabel enters into negotiations with the shadowy figures who are in search of a ransom, a case where heroes and villains should be clearly defined turns murky: the list of those who desire the painting - or the money - lengthens, and hasty judgement must be avoided at all cost. Morals, it turns out, are like Scottish clouds: complex, changeable and tricky to get a firm grip on; they require a sharp observational eye, a philosophical mindset, and the habit of kindness. Fortunately for those around her, Isabel Dalhousie is in possession of all three.</p>
<p>Dear Life</p>	<p>Alice Munro</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>A brilliant new collection of stories from one of the most acclaimed and beloved writers of our time. With her peerless ability to give us the essence of a life in often brief but spacious and timeless stories, Alice Munro illumines the moment a life is shaped - the moment a dream, or sex, or perhaps a simple twist of fate turns a person out of his or her accustomed path and into another way of being. Suffused with Munro's clarity of vision and her unparalleled gift for storytelling, these stories (set in the world Munro has made her own: the countryside and towns around Lake Huron) about departures and beginnings, accidents, dangers, and homecomings both virtual and real, paint a vivid and lasting portrait of how strange, dangerous, and extraordinary the ordinary life can be.</p>
<p>Tampa</p>	<p>Alyssa Nutting</p>	<p>Pb \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>Celeste Price is an eighth-grade English teacher in suburban Tampa. She is attractive. She drives a red Corvette. Her husband, Ford, is rich, square-jawed and devoted to her. But Celeste has a secret. She has a singular sexual obsession - fourteen-year-old boys. It is a craving she pursues with sociopathic meticulousness and forethought. Within weeks of her first term at a new school, Celeste has lured the charmingly modest Jack Patrick into her web - car rides after dark, rendezvous at Jack's house while his single father works the late shift, and body-slaming encounters in Celeste's empty classroom between periods. It is bliss. Celeste must constantly confront the forces threatening their affair - the perpetual risk of exposure, Jack's father's own attraction to her, and the ticking clock as Jack leaves innocent boyhood behind. But the insatiable Celeste is remorseless. She deceives everyone, is close to no one and cares little for anything but her pleasure. With crackling, stampeding, rampantly sexualized prose, Tampa is a grand, satirical, serio-comic examination of desire and a scorching lit</p>
<p>The Second Life of Amy Archer</p>	<p>R S Pateman</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Ten years ago she disappeared without a trace... now she's back. On 31 December, 1999, ten-year-old Amy Archer went missing from her local playground. Her body was never found and the lives of her parents, Beth and Brian, were torn apart. On the tenth anniversary of the disappearance, Beth is alone, still struggling with the enormity of her grief and the horror of not knowing the fate of her only child. But the fear and confusion has only just begun, and Beth's world is turned upside down when a stranger knocks on her door, claiming to know what happened to Amy. Beth is introduced to a little girl who is the uncanny double of her missing daughter, who knows things that only Amy would remember; the name of her favourite toy, the place where she scratched her initials, what Beth likes for breakfast. But this can't be Amy; she hasn't aged a day... Now Beth is forced to question everything she has ever believed in, and push her faith and her sanity to the limits, if she is to find out the truth about what happened to Amy.</p>
<p>Forgive Me, Leonard Peacock</p>	<p>Matthew Quick</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>How would you spend your birthday if you knew it would be your last? Eighteen-year-old Leonard Peacock knows exactly what he'll do. He'll say goodbye. Not to his mum - who he calls Linda because it annoys her - who's moved out and left him to fend for himself. Nor to his former best friend, whose torments have driven him to consider committing the unthinkable. But to his four friends: a Humphrey-Bogart-obsessed neighbour, a teenage violin virtuoso, a pastor's daughter and a teacher. Most of the time, Leonard believes he's weird and sad but these friends have made him think that maybe he's not. He wants to thank them, and say goodbye. In this riveting and heart-breaking book, acclaimed author Matthew Quick introduces Leonard Peacock, a hero as warm and endearing as he is troubled. And he shows how just a glimmer of hope can make the world of difference.</p>

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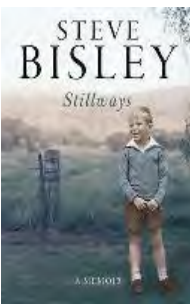


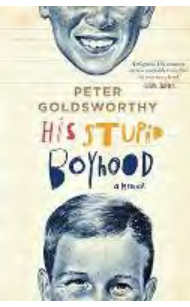
<p>The Russian Tapestry</p>	<p>Banafsheh Serov</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Marie Kulbas, the daughter of a wealthy merchant, is excited about her new life in the vibrant city of St Petersburg. But as World War I escalates she must farewell those dearest to her when her brother and her fianc leave for the German Front. Colonel Alexei Serov comes from a long line of professional soldiers. Leading his men is his birthright and his duty; his allegiance to Russia surpasses everything, including his obligations to his wife and family. His role is clear, until he meets Marie and suddenly emotions rise in him that he has never felt before. As their world starts to crumble, Marie and Alexei discover a love that they will cling to in their search for a path to safety.</p>
<p>Helium</p>	<p>Jaspreet Singh</p>	<p>Pb \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>On 1 November 1984, a day after Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's assassination, a nineteen-year-old student, Raj, travels back from a class trip with his mentor, Professor Singh. As the group disembark at Delhi station a mob surrounds the professor, throws a tyre over him, douses him in petrol and sets him alight. Years later, after moving to the United States, Raj finds himself compelled to return to India to find his professor's widow, the beautiful and enigmatic Nelly. As the two walk through the misty mountains of Shimla, painful memories emerge, and Raj realises he must face the truth about his father's role in the genocidal pogrom. But, as they soon discover, the path leads inexorably back to that day at the train station. In this lyrical and haunting exploration of one of the most shocking moments in the history of the Indian nation, Jaspreet Singh has crafted an affecting and important story of memory, collective silences and personal trauma.</p>
<p>NW</p>	<p>Zadie Smith</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>Set in northwest London, Zadie Smith's brilliant tragicomic novel follows four locals - Leah, Natalie, Fox, and Nathan - as they try to make adult lives outside of Caldwell, the council estate of their childhood. In private houses and public parks, at work and at play, these Londoners inhabit a complicated place, as beautiful as it is brutal, where the thoroughfares hide the back alleys and taking the high road can sometimes lead you to a dead end. Depicting the modern urban zone - familiar to city-dwellers everywhere - NW is a quietly devastating novel of encounters, mercurial and vital, like the city itself.</p>
<p>The Gallery of Vanished Husbands</p>	<p>Natasha Solomons</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>When Juliet Montague's husband disappears, so does she. As far as the conservative Jewish community in which she lives is concerned, she is invisible. She does her best to conform to their rules, but then on her thirtieth birthday she does something unexpected. Instead of the fridge she has scrimped for, she impulsively spends her savings on a portrait of herself. It is the first in a series of portraits that punctuate Juliet's adult life as she joins London's lively post-war art scene and proves to be an astute spotter of talent. Yet she remains an outsider in both her worlds: a mother of two, drawn to a reclusive artist who never leaves Dorset, and unable to feel free until she has found her husband - a quest that leads her to California and a surprising discovery. Absorbing, intriguing and richly evocative, this is the tale of one woman's life and an unusual emotional journey, each stage hinged on a painting. It is a bravura performance by a highly talented young author.</p>
<p>HISTORICAL FICTION</p>			
<p>Longbourn: A Novel of Pride and Prejudice Below Stairs</p>	<p>Jo Baker</p>	<p>Tp \$32.95 \$29.65</p> 	<p>If Elizabeth Bennet had the washing of her own petticoats, Sarah thought, she would be more careful not to trudge through muddy fields. It is wash-day for the housemaids at Longbourn House, and Sarah's hands are chapped and bleeding. Domestic life below stairs, ruled tenderly and forcefully by Mrs Hill the housekeeper, is about to be disturbed by the arrival of a new footman smelling of the sea, and bearing secrets. For in Georgian England, there is a world the young ladies in the drawing room will never know, a world of poverty, love, and brutal war.</p>

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<p>The Last of Days</p>	<p>Paul Doherty</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>In the final days of Henry VIII, one man is there to witness the demise of a legend...King Henry VIII, a fearsome figure of power and stature, lies upon his deathbed diminished by sickness and haunted by ghosts from his past. Only Will Somers, long-serving jester and confidant, sees all. While Henry is confined to his chamber, Will begins a journal that will document his King's last turbulent days. The country is fraught with tension. And with the King's son and heir just nine years old, there are many power-hungry councillors who will stop at nothing to better themselves. Now as the King's health fails, rebellion threatens amidst widespread rumours of plots against him. With few allies remaining, will Henry himself become the final victim of his reckless, bloody reign? Master historian Paul Doherty weaves his magic in an epic tale of murderous schemes and a blood-smattered political order.</p>
<p>The Kingmaker's Daughter: Cousins' War #4</p>	<p>Philippa Gregory</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Anne Neville and her sister Isabel are daughters of the most powerful magnate in 15th century England. Ever ruthless, always plotting, in the absence of a son and heir, Warwick sets about using his daughters as pawns in his political games. Anne grows from a delightful child brought up at the court of Edward IV and his queen, Elizabeth Woodville, intimacy and friendship with the family of Richard, Duke of Gloucester. Her life is overturned when her father turns on his former allies, escapes England and invades with an enemy army. Widowed at 14, fatherless, with her mother locked in sanctuary, and her sister a vengeful enemy, Anne faces the world alone. But fortune's wheel turns once again. Anne plots her escape from her sister's house, finds herself a husband in the handsome young Duke of Gloucester, and marries without permission, in secret. But danger still follows her. She finds that she has a mortal enemy in the most beautiful queen in England. Anne has to protect herself and her precious only son from the treacherous royal court, the deadly royal rival, and even from the driving ambition of her husband - Richard III.</p>
<p>The Last Banquet</p>	<p>Jonathan Grimwood</p>	<p>Tp \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>Jean-Marie Charles d'Aumout is many things. Orphan, soldier, diplomat, spy, lover. And chef. This is his story. We meet Jean-Marie d'Aumout as a penniless orphan eating beetles by the side of a road. His fate is changed after an unlikely encounter finds him patronage and he is sent to military academy. Despite his frugal roots, and thanks to wit and courage in great measure, he grows up to become a diplomat and spy. Rising through the ranks of eighteenth-century French society, he feasts with lords, ladies and eventually kings, at the Palace of Versailles itself. Passion, political intrigue and international adventure abound in Jean-Marie's life, yet his drive stems from a single obsession: the pursuit of the perfect taste. Three-Snake Bouillabaisse, Pickled Wolf's Heart and Flamingo Tongue are just some of the delicacies he devours on his journey toward the ultimate feast. But beyond the palace walls, revolution is in the air and the country is clamouring with hunger of a different kind.</p>
<p>The End of Sparta: A Novel</p>	<p>Victor Davis Hanson</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>In this sweeping and deeply imagined historical novel, acclaimed classicist Victor Davis Hanson re-creates the battles of one of the greatest generals of ancient Greece, Epaminondas. At the Battle of Leuktra, his Thebans crushed the fearsome army of Sparta that had enslaved its neighbors for two centuries. We follow these epic historical events through the eyes of Melon, a farmer who has left his fields to serve with Epaminondas-swept up, against his better judgment, in the fever to spread democracy even as he yearns to return to his pastoral hillside. With a scholar's depth of knowledge and a novelist's vivid imagination, Hanson re-creates the ancient world down to its intimate details-from the weight of a spear in a soldier's hand to the peculiar camaraderie of a slave and master who go into battle side by side. The End of Sparta is a stirring drama and a rich, absorbing reading experience.</p>
<p>Blood of Heaven</p>	<p>Kent Wascom</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>It is 1861, and Angel Woolsack is a Confederate about to breathe his last, as the Union forces make their inexorable approach. Rejected by his wife, his wealth no longer useful to him, he sets about recording his testament. His story is that of a preacher's son, who flees the hardscrabble life of his itinerant father and falls in with a charismatic highwayman. The novel moves from the bordellos of Natchez to the Mississippi plantations, and finally to the back rooms of New Orleans where would-be revolutionaries are plotting to break away from the young United States. The Blood of Heaven is a remarkable portrait of a young man seizing his place in a violent new world.</p>

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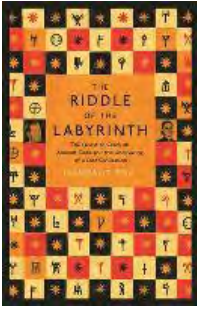


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<p>Johnny O'Keefe</p>	<p>Jeff Apter</p>	<p>Tp \$35.00 \$31.50</p> 	<p>Johnny O'Keefe was a human dynamo, a rock 'n' roll powerhouse whose influence still looms large on the Australia musical landscape. He was brilliantly talented, but possessed a self-destructive streak, and suffered as many breakdowns as he did breakthroughs. Yet he played a huge role in establishing the Australian entertainment industry as we know it today. O'Keefe may have been short in stature, but he was big on ego. He was the ultimate performer, and thrived on being on stage, giving the music, and the fans, everything he had. O'Keefe died way too young, from a heart attack, at the age of 43, leaving behind a legacy of timeless hits, including She Wears My Ring, She's My Baby and Shout. He recorded 33 Top 40 hits during his lifetime. Written with the active cooperation of the O'Keefe family and the JO'K Trust, Jeff Apter tells the colourful and evocative story of the life and times of one of Australia's best ever performers.</p>
<p>Stillways: A Memoir</p>	<p>Steve Bisley</p>	<p>Pb \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>From one of Australia's favourite actors comes a classic memoir of an Australian childhood in the sixties. Young Steve was a larrikin, happy-go-lucky, resilient kid, coming of age in a simpler time. Growing up on a farm cut from virgin scrub at the end of a lake, a farm called 'Stillways', Steve daydreamed about cars and escape. His story is about him heroworshipping his older brother with Brylcreem in his hair; going to school as a young kid with bus money knotted into a hanky and clutching his Globite schoolcase; fighting bullies at school and dreaming about girls; being amazed at the first television in town; remembering where he was when Marilyn Monroe died... But there's a darker thread running through the story: the father who'd take out his frustrations by savagely belting his young children; a struggling mother who'd do anything to protect her kids; a young boy irrevocably marked by his father's anger. Endearing, funny, honest and unflinching, this memoir will become an Australian classic.</p>
<p>Hell West and Crooked: The Memoir of a Real-Life Crocodile Dundee</p>	<p>Tom Cole</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99 \$13.50</p> 	<p>The bestselling story of a real-life Crocodile Dundee. In this remarkable memoir, Tom Cole tells the stories of his life in the outback during the 1920s and 1930s. With great humour and drama, he recounts his adventures as a drover and stockman in the toughest country in Australia and later on as a buffalo shooter and crocodile hunter in the Northern Territory before the war. First published in 1988 and having sold over 100,000 copies, Hell West and Crooked is perfect for anyone who enjoys a classic outback yarn.</p>
<p>Hustling Hinkler: The Short Tumultuous Life of a Trailblazing Australian Aviator</p>	<p>D R Dymock</p>	<p>Tp \$35.00 \$31.50</p> 	<p>Born in Bundaberg, Queensland, on 8 December 1892, Herbert John Louis Hinkler was a working-class lad, the son of a sugar-mill worker. Yet from his early years his eyes were looking skyward and he was destined to break away from the usual path followed by boys from his home town. He was captivated by stories of flight and whilst still a teenager he built his first plane. He was determined to make a life of adventure and moved to Sydney before making his way to England. There he became a test pilot for the Sopwith Company before joining the Royal Navy Air Service and proving his bravery during the war. His ambition aligned with his skill and he became world famous for his pioneering aviation achievements, feted both overseas and at home. Hinkler made the world's first solo flight across the South Atlantic in 1931 and also flew solo from England to Australia. Tragically, Bert's pioneering attempts came to an abrupt end on 7 January 1933 when he died whilst attempting another solo flight from England to Australia. His fascinating life is a boy's own adventure come true.</p>
<p>His Stupid Boyhood</p>	<p>Peter Goldsworthy</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Few Australian writers have delved as deeply as Goldsworthy into the mysterious state of being that is childhood. Now he's applied his fascination with that stage of life to his own, from his bizarre first memories to the embarrassments of adolescence. For all his working life Goldsworthy has been both doctor and writer - not for nothing is he hailed as Australia's Chekhov - and his memoir is a rare insight to a mind charmed equally by literature and science, the rational and the imagined. The small country towns he grew up in gave free rein to the young Peter's intense curiosity, and in the fifties and sixties he ran amok in hilarious fashion. A boy with a mind wide open to the universe but closed to self-knowledge, he came of age with a naive self-confidence that was ripe for the bursting. Comically self-deprecating, unrestrained in its honesty, His Stupid Boyhood is a passport to the lost country of youth, and a beautiful homage to childhood in general.</p>


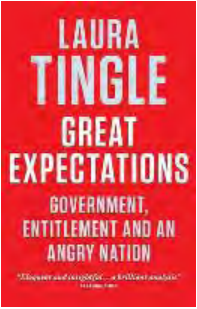
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<p>Hard Times: A Runaway's Adventures in the Americas</p>	<p>Jack Mercer</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>In the spirit of A. B. Facey's A Fortunate Life, Jack Mercer's Hard Times is the true story of the author's amazing adventures. In 1911, growing up in an Ararat pub, he faces the terror of a violent stepfather and a mother who barely acknowledges his existence. But one thing keeps him sane: a plan to run. And once he starts running a page turning story begins. From early Werrabee, Sydney, life aboard a Norwegian barque, Chile, Patagonia and Buenos Aires, to working as an elevator boy in New York and riding the trains as a tramp in Virginia, Jack Mercer's hard times and wonderful times capture our every attention.</p>
<p>Uncle Bill: The Authorised Biography of Field Marshal Viscount Slim</p>	<p>Russell Miller</p>	<p>Hb \$49.99 \$45.00</p> 	<p>Born into an impoverished family in Bristol in 1891 and brought up in the Black Country, Field Marshal Slim was commissioned as a temporary Second Lieutenant on the outbreak of the First World War. After the war he was unable to remain an officer in the class-ridden British Army without private means and transferred to the Indian Army, where he began writing short stories to supplement his income. Promotion came rapidly with the Second World War, and in March 1942 he was sent to Burma to take command of the British-Indian First Burma Corps, then in full flight from the advancing Japanese. Through the force of his leadership, Slim turned disorderly panic into a controlled military withdrawal across the border into India. Two years later, having raised and retrained the largest army ever assembled by Britain, Slim drove the enemy out of Burma and shattered the myth of Japanese invincibility. Slim returned to Britain laden with awards and honours. He became a popular Governor-General of Australia in 1953, was raised to the peerage, and died in London in 1970.</p>
<p>How to Do a Liver Transplant: Stories from my Surgical Life</p>	<p>Kellee Slater</p>	<p>Pb \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>Welcome to the adrenaline-charged world of transplant surgery. Top Australian surgeon Dr Kellee Slater invites us inside the operating theatre with her dedicated team as she performs life-or-death surgery on a newborn baby, brings a dying liver back to life with a staple gun in each hand, and undertakes the confronting task of removing donor organs. How to Do a Liver Transplant is an enthralling – and often blackly funny – glimpse over the shoulder of a gifted surgeon.</p>
<p>BIOGRAPHY</p>			
<p>Under the Wire: Marie Colvin's Final Assignment</p>	<p>Paul Conroy</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Determined to cover the Syrian regime's brutal crackdown on dissent and the devastating impact of the war on Syria's civilians, veteran photographer Paul Conroy and Marie Colvin, one of the foremost war correspondents of her generation, decided to smuggle themselves across enemy lines and into the blood and terror of Homs. But tragedy struck before the pair could finish documenting the slaughter. A rocket killed Colvin and ripped a hole in Conroy's leg. As Syrian ground forces closed in on his position, Conroy was forced to make a terrifying last-ditch attempt to escape from a regime that appeared determined to murder him. Under the Wire is the epic, untold account of Conroy and Colvin's last, tragic assignment together. A rare and touching portrait of an extraordinary woman driven by an unquenchable desire to 'bear witness', it is as much a tale of courage and survival as it is the poignant account of a friendship forged amid the carnage of war.</p>
<p>Patrick Leigh Fermor: An Adventure</p>	<p>Artemis Cooper</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>Patrick Leigh Fermor (1915-2011) was a war hero whose exploits in Crete are legendary, and above all he is widely acclaimed as the greatest travel writer of our times, notably for his books about his walk across pre-war Europe, A Time of Gifts and Between the Woods and the Water; he was a self-educated polymath, a lover of Greece and the best company in the world. Artemis Cooper has drawn on years of interviews and conversations with Paddy and his closest friends as well as having complete access to his archives. Her beautifully crafted biography portrays a man of extraordinary gifts - no one wore their learning so playfully, nor inspired such passionate friendship.</p>


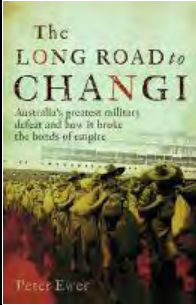
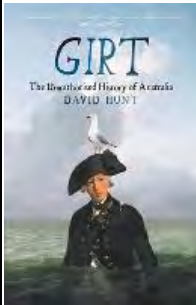

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<p>Trouble in Mind: Stories from a Neuropsychologist's Casebook</p>	<p>Jenni Ogden</p>	<p>Tp \$32.95 \$29.65</p> 	<p>For many years neuropsychologist Jenni Ogden worked in some of the world's leading hospitals, assessing and treating those with unusual, and often incredible, brain injuries and disorders. In this intimate memoir, she tells their stories of 15 patients, uncovering what each is able to teach us about the human brain. Jenni's patients include Luke, a gang member who loses his ability to speak but can still sing his favourite blues song; Jason and Howie, 16-year-olds from very different backgrounds who, after suffering sports-related concussions, face similar difficulties; and 'HM', the man with no memory, the most studied case in medical history. Janet's brain ignores the left side of her world, and she sees only half a face when she looks in the mirror; Julian, a victim of a brain tumour, can no longer locate his ears or hands; and Sophie, a mother of three, must face the looming disintegration of her world through Alzheimer's disease. Yet, despite the challenges of coping with a brain disorder, the courage, resilience, and determination shown by these patients is truly extraordinary.</p>
<p>She Landed by Moonlight: The Story of Secret Agent Pearl Witherington - the 'Real Charlotte Gray'</p>	<p>Carole Seymour-Jones</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>Pearl Witherington - an English woman brought up in Paris became the only female agent in the SOE to run her own network in France during World War II. She Landed By Moonlight is the thrilling, and deeply romantic story of this fantastically courageous woman, who was able to persuade 4000 fighters to take orders from a woman, a British one at that, while earning their adoration and respect in equal measure. This is also the passionate tale of Pearl's unwavering love for Henri, a Parisian parfumeur turned soldier. Henri's capture by the Germans and subsequent escape into the resistance, was what prompted Pearl to give up her job at the British Embassy and join the SOE. It was her one hope that by becoming a secret agent behind enemy lines she would find a way to be reunited with her lost love. Growing up in an household with a useless mother and a drunk for a father, Pearl quickly learned that she would have to live by her wits if she and her younger sister were to survive. Her childhood experience was to stand her in good stead...</p>
<p>HISTORY</p>			
<p>Riddle of the Labyrinth: The Deciphering of Linear B and the Discovery of a Lost Civilisation</p>	<p>Margalit Fox</p>	<p>Tp \$35.00 \$31.50</p> 	<p>The decoding of Linear B is one of the world's greatest stories: from the discovery of a cache of ancient tablets recording a lost prehistoric language to the dramatic solution of the riddle nearly seventy years later, it exerts a mesmerizing pull on the imagination. But, captivating as it is, this story is missing a crucial piece. Two men have dominated Linear B in popular history: Arthur Evans, the intrepid Victorian archaeologist who unearthed Linear B at Knossos and Michael Ventris, the dashing young amateur who produced a solution. But there was a third figure: Alice Kober, without whose painstaking work, recorded on pieces of paper clipped from hymn-sheets and magazines and stored in cigarette boxes in her Brooklyn loft, Linear B might still remain a mystery. Drawing on Kober's own papers - only made available recently - Margalit Fox provides the final piece of the enigma, and along the way reveals how you decipher a language when you know neither its grammar nor its alphabet as well as the stories behind other ancient languages, like the dancing-man Rongorongo of Easter Island.</p>
<p>The King in the North: The Life and Times of Oswald of Northumbria</p>	<p>Max Adams</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99 \$36.00</p> 	<p>Oswald Whiteblade lived one of the most influential and colourful lives in early English history. Before his death in battle against the pagans of Mercia cut short his reign as king of Northumbria (634-42), he remodelled his northeastern English homeland as a Christian kingdom, founded the monastery of Lindisfarne, introduced a culture of learning which influenced all Europe, and became the most powerful ruler in Britain. Max Adams's thrilling account rescues Oswald from Dark Age obscurity to reveal an unjustly forgotten English hero - a king whose return from exile to reclaim his birthright was the inspiration for J. R. R. Tolkien's Aragorn in The Lord of the Rings. This is a stunningly researched, wide-ranging, beautifully written and revelatory portrait of early medieval England in all its aspects.</p>
<p>A Brief History of the Roman Empire: Rise and Fall</p>	<p>Stephen Kershaw</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99 \$13.50</p> 	<p>In this lively and very readable history of the Roman Empire from its establishment in 27 BC to the barbarian incursions and the fall of Rome in AD 476, Kershaw draws on a range of evidence, from Juvenal's Satires to recent archaeological finds. He examines extraordinary personalities such as Caligula and Nero and seismic events such as the conquest of Britain and the establishment of a 'New Rome' at Constantinople and the split into eastern and western empires. Along the way we encounter gladiators and charioteers, senators and slaves, fascinating women, bizarre sexual practices and grotesque acts of brutality, often seen through eyes of some of the world's greatest writers. He concludes with a brief look at how Rome lives on in the contemporary world, in politics, architecture, art and literature.</p>

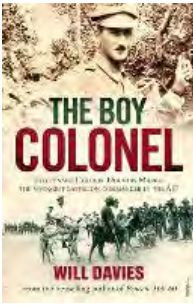
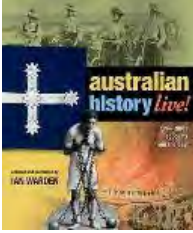
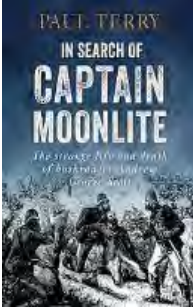


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<p>Because a White Man'll Never Do it</p>	<p>Kevin Gilbert</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99 \$13.50</p> 	<p>First published in 1973, Gilbert's controversial account of Aboriginal affairs paints a disturbing image of the impact of the colonisation of Australia by Britain and the ongoing problems faced by the Aboriginal people. The book poses a solution directly addressing what Indigenous people really want: land, compensation, discreet non-dictatorial help and, most of all, to be left alone by white Australia. Gilbert's vivid, personal and widely shared experiences of race relations in Australia formed the basis of his long and enduring struggle for Aboriginal rights up until his death in 1993. Written with the hopes to provoke a galvanisation of his People, Gilbert brings together the voices and memories of various Aborigines. Demonstrating his vision for justice and equality, Gilbert's arguments are still immensely significant and relevant to both Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Australians today.</p>
<p>50 People Who Stuffed Up Australia</p>	<p>Guy Rundle & Dexter Rightwad</p>	<p>Pb \$26.95 \$24.25</p> 	<p>Our Great Southern Land started out just that - Great. But what has happened after several centuries of white settlement and development and progress? Has greatness been chipped away at and just who is responsible? Enter Guy and Dexter, who point the finger at 50 people and (sometimes entire family dynasties) who have basically stuffed it for the rest of us. Instead of a roll call of dreary achievements, read on for 50 notable stuff-ups - from Arthur Phillip and Ned Kelly to Janette Howard and Dame Edna. Eddie McGuire and Andrew Bolt to Winston Churchill - they have all played their part in making this land, well, not so great after all.</p>
<p>Great Expectations: Government Entitlement and an Angry Nation</p>	<p>Laura Tingle</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Rather than relaxed and comfortable, Australians are disenchanted with politics and politicians. In this brilliant short book - an expanded version of her acclaimed Quarterly Essay - Laura Tingle shows that the reason for this goes to something deep in Australian culture: our great expectations of government. Since the deregulation era of the 1980s, Tingle finds, governments can do less, but we wish they could do more. From Hawke to Gillard, each prime minister has grappled with this dilemma. Keating sought to change expectations, Howard to feed a culture of entitlement, Rudd to reconceive the federation. Through all of this, and back to our origins, runs an almost childlike sense of the government as saviour and provider that has remained constant even as the world has changed. Now we are an angry nation, and the Age of Entitlement is coming to an end. What will a different politics look like? And, Tingle asks, even if a leader surfs the wave of anger all the way to power, what answer can be given to our great expectations?</p>
<p>Glory Daze: How a World-Beating Nation Got So Down on Itself</p>	<p>Jim Chalmers</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>The book asks how a nation with the developed world's best economy has a dimmer view of its performance than some of the basket case economies of southern Europe have of their own, and how a country that escaped recession and mass unemployment despite the biggest global downturn since the Great Depression got so down on itself. It is a Labor insiders' account of politics and policy in Australia during the global financial crisis, which finds in a lethal combination of right-wing hyper-partisanship and misaligned incentives in our politics the root causes of Australia's lack of confidence and its deficit of national self-esteem. It provides a unique perspective on economics and national identity, concluding that if we don't choose a future less consumed by the poisonous politics of recent years we will squander our tremendous national advantages and momentum, and compromise our ability to tackle the socio-economic challenges of the coming decades as successfully as we have navigated those just past.</p>
<p>The Australian Leadership Paradox: What it Takes to Lead in the Lucky Country</p>	<p>Geoff Aigner & Liz Skelton</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Australians bemoan the quality of our leaders. We blame those in power for not showing leadership, only to turn on them when they start tackling the hard issues they are expected to fix. No wonder, then, that even the most passionate and talented among us hesitate to take up this important role. The Australian Leadership Paradox offers a circuit breaker for this impasse, providing new insights into Australia's distinct leadership culture and a new way forward. It exposes the inherent tensions in Australians' historical relationship with authority, interrogates our culture of mateship and egalitarianism, and challenges the narrative of a nation of Aussies leading in adversity when we are actually living in 'the lucky country'. Geoff Aigner and Liz Skelton ask the deep questions on what it means to lead well. Working with hundreds of leaders from government, business and community organisations, they show how it's possible for leadership to be inspiring, sustainable and effective in bringing positive economic and social change.</p>





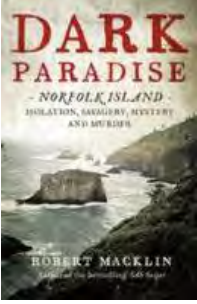
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<p>Panic</p>	<p>David Marr</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Panic (noun). A sudden uncontrollable fear or anxiety, often causing wildly unthinking behaviour. Australians see themselves as a relaxed and tolerant bunch. But scratch the surface and you'll uncover an extraordinary level of fear. Cronulla. Henson. Hanson. Wik. Haneef. The boats. Panic shows all of David Marr's characteristic insight, quick wit and brilliant prose as he cuts through the froth and fury that have kept Australia simmering over the last fifteen years. 'Turning fear into panic is a great political art: knowing how to stack the bonfire, where to find the kindling, when to slosh on a bucket of kero to set the whole thing off with a satisfying roar...These are dispatches from the republic of panic, stories of fear and fear-mongering under three prime ministers. Some chart panic on the rise and others pick through the wreckage left behind, but all grew out of my wish to honour the victims of these ugly episodes: the people damaged and a damaged country.' - David Marr</p>
<p>From the Ruins of Empire: The Revolt Against the West and the Remaking of Asia</p>	<p>Pankaj Mishra</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>The Victorian period, viewed in the West as a time of self-confident progress, was experienced by Asians as a catastrophe. As the British gunned down the last heirs to the Mughal Empire, burned down the Summer Palace in Beijing, or humiliated the bankrupt rulers of the Ottoman Empire, it was clear that for Asia to recover a vast intellectual effort would be required. Pankaj Mishra tells the story of a remarkable group of men from across the continent who recognised that an Asian renaissance needed to be fuelled in part by engagement with the enemy. Through many setbacks and wrong turns, a powerful, contradictory and ultimately unstoppable series of ideas were created that now lie behind everything from the Chinese Communist Party to Al Qaeda, from Indian nationalism to the Muslim Brotherhood. Mishra allows the reader to see the events of two centuries anew, through the eyes of the journalists, poets, radicals and charismatics who criss-crossed Europe and Asia and created the ideas which lie behind the powerful Asian nations of the twenty-first century.</p>
<p>The Long Road to Changi: Australia's Greatest Military Defeat and How it Broke the Bonds of Empire</p>	<p>Peter Ewer</p>	<p>Tp \$35.00 \$31.50</p> 	<p>In the 1930s while war raged in Europe, Australians were assured by politicians that the country was safe as long as the Union Jack fluttered over 'Fortress Singapore'. The reality was so different: Britain, over-stretched and under threat, skimped on the forces it needed to hold the base. When Japanese forces began flexing their muscles in the Pacific, a hasty defence plan was put in place. Australian troops, aircrews and sailors were dispatched to Singapore as much for purposes of propaganda as anything else. While most books centre on the horrors of the death camps, historian Peter Ewer asks how we came to be in this mess in the first place. Why was an untested Australian military contingent expected to play a leading role in halting the cream of the Japanese army? Why did British commanders and politicians send them there - then blame them for the inevitable defeat? Ewer uncovers a story of incompetent planning, powerful but flawed characters and national trauma which resonates to this day.</p>
<p>Girt: The Unauthorised History of Australia</p>	<p>David Hunt</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Girt. No word could better capture the essence of Australia. In this hilarious history, David Hunt tells the real story of Australia's past from megafauna to Macquarie, the cock-ups and curiosities, the forgotten eccentrics and Eureka moments that have made us who we are. Hunt uncovers these beautiful lies, recounting the strange and ridiculous episodes that conventional histories ignore. The result is surprising, enlightening - and side-splittingly funny. Girt explains the role of the coconut in Australia's only military coup, the Dutch obsession with nailing perfectly good kitchenware to posts, and the settlers' fear of Pemulwuy and his Amazing Technicolor Dreamingcoat. It introduces us to forgotten heroes like Mary McLoghlin, transported for the typically Irish crime of 'felony of sock'; Patyegarang, the young Eora girl who co-authored the world's most surprising dictionary; and Trim the cat, who beat a French monkey to become the first animal to circumnavigate Australia.</p>
<p>Hell on Earth: Sandakan Australias Greatest War Tragedy</p>	<p>Michele Cunningham</p>	<p>Tp \$35.00 \$31.50</p> 	<p>In mid-1942, after the fall of Singapore, almost three thousand Allied prisoners of war were taken by the Japanese from Changi to Sandakan. Of those, 2500 lost their lives. Men died at Sandakan and Kuching, and on the infamous 'death marches': they died from sickness and starvation, torture and appalling violence, or were killed by the guards as they were forced to keep moving along a seemingly never-ending track. Only six Australians survived the death marches, out of the thousand who left... Michele Cunningham's father was one of those who survived Sandakan, and then Kuching. Through the mateship and common bond of the survivors, she has had access to their stories, and here she gives an account of these courageous men those who refused to break no matter how badly they were treated; and those brave men who didn't make it. And it is the story of the depths to which the Japanese sank.</p>

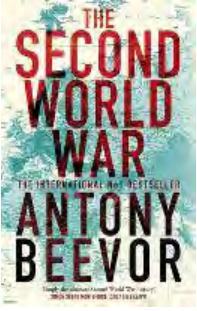
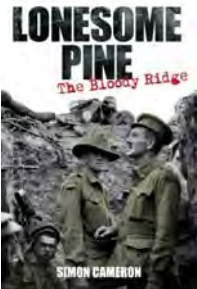

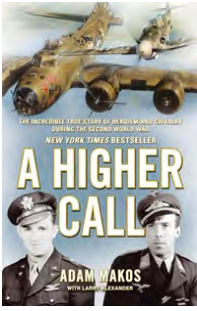
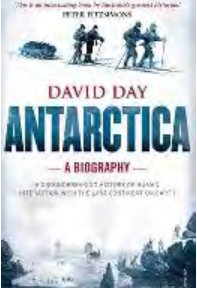
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<p>The Boy Colonel</p>	<p>Will Davies</p>	<p>Tp \$34.95 \$31.45</p> 	<p>Douglas Marks was born in 1895 and educated at Fort Street High School. He had, like so many enthusiastic and patriotic young men, basic military training when he turned up at the drill hall in Rozelle two days after the declaration of war. Before embarking in November 1914, he had received his commission as a Second Lieutenant in the AIF. Marks found himself in the worst battles that the AIF were to fight in: Pozieres and Moquet Farm, Flers, Gueudecourt, Stormy Trench and Bullecourt on the Somme. Having been wounded a number of times, he was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel, the commander of his battalion, and decorated with a Military Cross, a Distinguished Service Order, and the Serbian Order of the White Eagle. He returned to Australia and to civilian life in late 1918. In 1919 he became engaged to 'Queenie' and in January 1920, took that fateful journey to Palm Beach. Though we do not know what happened to 'Queenie', his distraught mother never came out of her house again.</p>
<p>Australian History Live: Eyewitness Accounts From the Past</p>	<p>Ian Warden</p>	<p>Tp \$39.99 \$36.00</p> 	<p>This book is a collection of virtual time-travellings back to Australia's past. Australian History Live! is a compelling look at Australian history using first person accounts as reported in the press and in journals and diaries. Included in the collection are gripping accounts of occasions both great and minor. Here you can find the heart wrenching account of a bewildered little terrier dog refusing to leave the bayoneted dead body of its master just killed at the Eureka Stockade. Read an amazing description of Bert Hinkler landing his absurdly tiny little aeroplane (he'd just flown it across the world in a world-record time) on the straight at Flemington Racecourse. Share scientist Francis Ratcliffe's experience of being caught and shaken by a very wild willy-willy.</p>
<p>In Search of Captain Moonlite: The Strange Life and Death of Bushranger Andrew George Scott</p>	<p>Paul Terry</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>When a masked and cloaked bandit robbed the bank at a small gold town in 1869 he created the legend of Captain Moonlite, the gun-toting man of God who enthralled and appalled the nation for more than a decade. Real name Andrew George Scott, he is remembered as bushranger, conman, warrior and lunatic. In an 11-year life of crime, he escaped from gaol, took to the road as a prison reformer and fought a pitched gun-battle that made him a household name. He was a man who loved, and was loved unreservedly in return - but more than a century passed before his dying wish to be buried with his soul mate was granted. Charming, articulate and intelligent, this flawed genius was also a thief, a liar and a chameleon whose true story has been lost to myth and misinformation. Yet when he led a pathetic band of misfits to their doom he stood tall at last and proved he was worthy to be their captain. In Search of Captain Moonlite looks for the man behind the legend.</p>
<p>Islands of Angry Ghosts: The Story of the Batavia, Australia's Bloodiest Mutiny</p>	<p>Hugh Edwards</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99 \$13.50</p> 	<p>A fascinating story, in print since 1966, Islands of Angry Ghosts is a story in two parts. It traces and re-creates the final months of the Batavia and her crew, pieced together through journals, letters and trial records. It also follows the discovery and salvage of Batavia's wreck by Hugh Edwards and a crew of divers. In 1629, the Dutch East India merchantman the Batavia was wrecked on reef islands off the West Australian coast while on a routine trip to Indonesia. What followed this disaster is a harrowing tale of desertion, betrayal and murder. More than 125 men, women and children were murdered by mutineers caught in a frenzy of bloodlust and greed. By the time the rescue ship finally arrived, months later, the marooned were caught in a desperate battle between soldiers trying to defend the survivors and the mutineers who were bent on leaving no witnesses. More than three hundred years later, Hugh Edwards, a West Australian reporter and diving enthusiast, started to search for the lost ship.</p>
<p>One Crowded Hour: Neil Davis - Combat Cameraman (1934-85)</p>	<p>Tim Bowden</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99 \$13.50</p> 	<p>For over twenty years, from the early 1960s, Neil Davis brought enduring images of the full horror of modern war directly from the battlefield to the world's television screens. Davis's former colleague, Tim Bowden, tells the life story of this remarkable and complex cinecameraman and journalist - a cool, utterly dedicated professional, a legendary gambler who often relied on his intuitive sixth sense to stay alive, and a man who was equally at home with presidents and street beggars. It is for Davis' eleven years' coverage of the conflict in Indo-China that he is best remembered. He was the only western cameraman to film with the South Vietnamese army and once actually managed to cross over battle lines to film with the Viet Cong. Davis also covered the war in Cambodia and Laos. And in 1975 he scooped the world's press by filming the taking of Saigon's Presidential Palace - the moment that symbolised the American defeat. Ironically in September 1985, having survived so much war, Neil Davis was killed while filming an attempted coup in the streets of Bangkok. Incredibly his still-running camera captured his own death.</p>

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<p>The Secret Rooms: A Castle Filled with Intrigue, a Plotting Duchess and a Mysterious Death</p>	<p>Catherine Bailey</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>At 6am on 21 April 1940 John the 9th Duke of Rutland, and one of Britain's wealthiest men, ended his days, virtually alone, lying on a makeshift bed in a dank cramped suite of rooms in the servants' quarters of his own home, Belvoir Castle, in Leicestershire. For weeks, as his health deteriorated, his family, his servants - even the King's doctor - pleaded with him to come out, but he refused. After his death, his son and heir, Charles, the 10th Duke of Rutland, ordered that the rooms be locked up and they remained untouched for sixty years. What lay behind this extraordinary set of circumstances? For the first time, in <i>The Secret Rooms</i>, Catherine Bailey unravels a complex and compelling tale of love, honour and betrayal, played out in the grand salons of Britain's stately homes at the turn of the twentieth century, and on the battlefields of the Western Front. At its core is a secret so dark that it consumed the life of the man who fought to his death to keep it hidden.</p>
<p>The King's Revenge: Charles II and the Greatest Manhunt in British History</p>	<p>Michael Walsh & Don Jordan</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>When Charles I was executed, his son Charles II made it his mission to search out retribution, producing the biggest manhunt Britain had ever seen, one that would span Europe and America and would last for thirty years. Men who had once been among the most powerful figures in England ended up on the scaffold, on the run, or in fear of the assassin's bullet. History has painted the regicides and their supporters as fanatical Puritans, but among them were remarkable men, including John Milton and Oliver Cromwell. Don Jordan and Michael Walsh bring these remarkable figures and this astonishing story vividly to life an engrossing, bloody tale of plots, spies, betrayal, fear and ambition.</p>
<p>Queen Victoria: A Life of Contradictions</p>	<p>Matthew Dennison</p>	<p>Hb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Queen Victoria is Britain's queen of contradictions. In her combination of deep sentimentality and bombast; cultural imperialism and imperial compassion; fear of intellectualism and excitement at technology; romanticism and prudishness, she became a spirit of the age to which she gave her name. The young Dickens fell in love with her; an ageing Disraeli flirted with her; in her mourning of Prince Albert, she sought consolation in the poetry of Tennyson and a long exchange of letters between sovereign and Laureate. Victoria embraced photography, railway travel, modern art and the use of chloroform; she resisted compulsory education for the working classes and recommended for a leading women's rights campaigner 'a good whipping'. Meanwhile, she reinvented the monarchy and in time also reinvented herself, finally embracing self-reliance during her long widowhood. Fresh, witty and accessible, this is a compelling assessment of Victoria's mercurial character and impact, written with the irony, flourish and insight that this Queen and her rule so richly deserve.</p>
<p>The Eagle Unbowed: Poland and the Poles in the Second World War</p>	<p>Halik Kochanski</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>The Second World War gripped Poland as it did no other country in Europe. Invaded by both Germany and the Soviet Union, it remained under occupation by foreign armies from the first day of the war to the last. The conflict was brutal, as Polish armies battled the enemy on four different fronts. It was on Polish soil that the architects of the Final Solution assembled their most elaborate network of extermination camps, culminating in the deliberate destruction of millions of lives, including three million Polish Jews. Halik Kochanski tells, for the first time, the story of Poland's war in its entirety, a story that captures both the diversity and the depth of the lives of those who endured its horrors. Most histories of the European war focus on the Allies' determination to liberate the continent from the fascist onslaught. Yet the good war looks quite different when viewed from Lodz or Krakow than from London or Washington, D.C. Rescuing the stories of those who died and those who vanished, those who fought and those who escaped, Kochanski deftly reconstructs the world of wartime Poland in all its complexity.</p>
<p>Dark Paradise: Norfolk Island - Isolation, Savagery, Mystery and Murder</p>	<p>Robert Macklin</p>	<p>Tp \$35.00 \$31.50</p> 	<p>Aren't remote South Pacific islands supposed to be paradise? Perhaps, from a distance, Norfolk Island looks an idyllic, peaceful, beautiful place lush with tall pines. But look closer and that facade is shattered. For all of the 220 years we have known it, Norfolk's story has been one of darkness, pain, rage and horror. Long buried bones and axes hint at the violence before Captain Cook arrived and claimed the place for England. And then the horror truly began. From its earliest days the isolation of life on this extinct volcano took its toll. Robert Macklin, author of the bestselling SAS Sniper, tells the vivid, bewitching story of how a unique lifestyle and culture evolved amongst the almost two thousand inhabitants. From a brutal penal colony, a refuge for descendants of the Bounty mutineers when they outgrew Pitcairn Island in 1856, to the murder of Janelle Patton in 2002, Norfolk Island is exposed like never before. A place full of shadows and wrongful deaths, its history is a mesmerising tale all the more powerful because it is true.</p>

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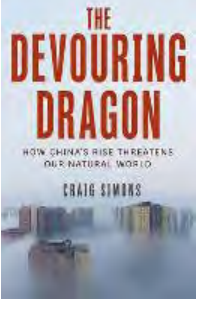

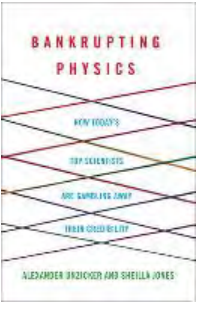
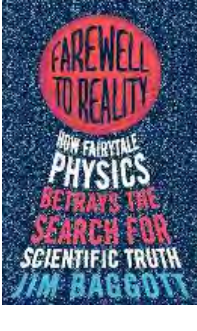
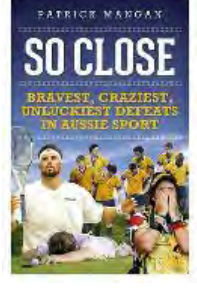
<p>The Second World War</p>	<p>Antony Beevor</p>	<p>Tp \$35.00 \$31.50</p> 	<p>The Second World War began in August 1939 on the edge of Manchuria and ended there exactly six years later with the Soviet invasion of northern China. The war in Europe appeared completely divorced from the war in the Pacific and China, and yet events on opposite sides of the world had profound effects. Using the most up-to-date scholarship and research, Beevor assembles the whole picture in a gripping narrative that extends from the North Atlantic to the South Pacific, from the snowbound steppe to the North African Desert, to the Burmese jungle, Gulag prisoners drafted into punishment battalions and to the unspeakable cruelties of the Sino-Japanese War. Moral choice forms the basis of all human drama, and no other period in history has presented greater dilemmas both for leaders and ordinary people, nor offered such examples of tragedy, the corruption of power politics, ideological hypocrisy, betrayal, perversity, self-sacrifice, unbelievable sadism and unpredictable kindness.</p>
<p>Lonesome Pine: The Bloody Ridge</p>	<p>Simon Cameron</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>One of the most famous assaults of the Gallipoli campaign took place over four bloody days in August 1915 across an area no bigger than a football field. On a small plateau in Gallipoli known as Lone Pine - named for the lonesome pine that stood there - this fierce battle was fought. In the late afternoon of 6 August 1915, the Australians orchestrated an attack aimed at breaking the Turkish stronghold on Lone Pine. The fighting on both sides during these attacks and counter-attacks involved throwing bombs over hastily erected barriers, mad dashes through the trenches, firing off a few shots at close range, hand-to-hand combat, tripping over the dead and avoiding the dying and wounded. Four days of intense fighting and close combat resulted in the loss of thousands of lives on both sides. In this short period of time, seven of Australia's nine Gallipoli VCs were earned - a powerful tribute to the courage and sacrifice of the soldiers involved. Simon Cameron's painstakingly researched account, Lonesome Pine, allows us to now gain a greater understanding of the sacrifice of so many in such a short period of time.</p>
<p>Savage Continent: Europe in the Aftermath of World War II</p>	<p>Keith Lowe</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>In Savage Continent, Keith Lowe describes a continent still racked by violence, where large sections of the population had yet to accept that the war was over. Individuals, communities and sometimes whole nations sought vengeance for the wrongs that had been done to them during the war. Germans and collaborators everywhere were rounded up, tormented and summarily executed. Concentration camps were reopened and filled with new victims who were tortured and starved. Violent anti-Semitism was reborn, sparking murders and new pogroms across Europe. Massacres were an integral part of the chaos and in some places - particularly Greece, Yugoslavia and Poland, as well as parts of Italy and France - they led to brutal civil wars. In some of the greatest acts of ethnic cleansing the world has ever seen, tens of millions were expelled from their ancestral homelands, often with the implicit blessing of the Allied authorities.</p>
<p>A Higher Call: The Incredible True Story of Heroism and Chivalry during the Second World War</p>	<p>Adam Makos & Larry Alexander</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Five days before Christmas 1943, a badly damaged American bomber struggled to fly over wartime Germany. At its controls was a twenty-one-year-old pilot. Half his crew lay wounded or dead. Suddenly a German Messerschmitt fighter pulled up on the bomber's tail - German pilot was an ace, a man able to destroy the American bomber with the squeeze of a trigger. This is the true story of the two pilots whose lives collided in the skies that day - the American -2nd Lieutenant Charlie Brown and the German -2nd Lieutenant Franz Stigler. A Higher Call follows both Charlie and Franz's harrowing missions and gives a dramatic account of the moment when they would stare across the frozen skies at one another. What happened between them, the American 8th Air Force would later classify as 'top secret'. It was an act that Franz could never mention or else face a firing squad. It was the encounter that would haunt both Charlie and Franz for forty years until, as old men, they would seek out one another and reunite.</p>
<p>Antarctica: A Biography</p>	<p>David Day</p>	<p>Tp \$34.95 \$31.45</p> 	<p>It was not until 1820 that Antarctica's frozen coast was discovered, and began to be claimed by nations that were intent on having it as their own. That rivalry intensified in the 1840s when British, American and French expeditions sailed south to chart further portions of the continent that had come to be called Antarctica. For nearly two centuries, the race to claim exclusive possession of Antarctica has gripped the imagination of the world. Science was enlisted to buttress the rival claims as nations developed new ways of asserting territorial claims over land that was too forbidding to occupy. Although the Antarctic Treaty of 1959 was meant to end the rivalry, it has continued regardless, as new nations became involved and environmentalists, scientists and resource companies began to compete for control. This book draws upon libraries and archives from around the world to provide the first, large-scale history of Antarctica.</p>

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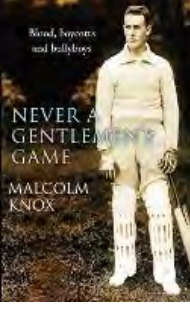


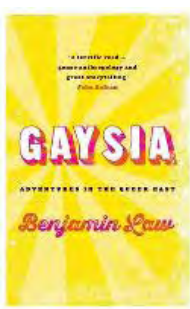

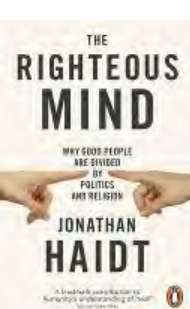
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<p>The Periodic Table: An Indispensable Pocket-sized Guide to the Elements</p>	<p>Paul Parsons & Gail Dixon</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>As one of the most recognizable images in science, the periodic table is ingrained in our culture. First drawn up in 1869 by Dmitri Mendeleev, its 118 elements make up not only everything on our planet but also everything in the entire universe. The Periodic Table looks at the fascinating story and surprising uses of each of those elements, whether solid, liquid or gas. From the little-known uses of gold in medicine to the development of the hydrogen bomb, each entry is accompanied by technical data (category, atomic number, weight, boiling point) presented in easy-to-read headers, and a colour-coding system that helps the reader to navigate through the different groups of elements. A remarkable display of thought-provoking science and beautiful photography, this guide will allow the reader to discover the world afresh.</p>
<p>Feral: Searching for Enchantment on the Frontiers of Rewilding</p>	<p>George Monbiot</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99 \$36.00</p> 	<p>How many of us sometimes feel that we are scratching at the walls of this life, seeking to find our way into a wider space beyond? That our mild, polite existence sometimes seems to crush the breath out of us? Feral is the lyrical and gripping story of George Monbiot's efforts to re-engage with nature and discover a new way of living. He shows how, by restoring and rewilding our damaged ecosystems on land and at sea, we can bring wonder back into our lives. Making use of some remarkable scientific discoveries, Feral lays out a new, positive environmentalism, in which nature is allowed to find its own way. From the seas of north Wales, where he kayaks among feeding frenzies of dolphins and seabirds, to the forests of Eastern Europe, where lynx stalk and packs of wolves roam, Monbiot shows how rewilding could repair the living planet, creating ecosystems in the UK as profuse and captivating as any around the world. Already, large wild animals are beginning to spread back across Europe, and fin whales, humpback whales and bluefin tuna are returning to the seas around Britain.</p>
<p>The Spark of Life: Electricity in the Human Body</p>	<p>Frances Ashcroft</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>What happens during a heart attack? Can someone really die of fright? What is death, anyway? How does electroshock treatment affect the brain? What is consciousness? The answers to these questions lie in the electrical signals constantly traveling through our bodies, driving our thoughts, our movements, and even the beating of our hearts. The history of how scientists discovered the role of electricity in the human body is a colorful one, filled with extraordinary personalities, fierce debates, and brilliant experiments. Moreover, present-day research on electricity and ion channels has created one of the most exciting fields in science, shedding light on conditions ranging from diabetes and allergies to cystic fibrosis, migraines, and male infertility. With inimitable wit and a clear, fresh voice, award-winning researcher Frances Ashcroft weaves together compelling real-life stories with the latest scientific findings, giving us a spectacular account of the body electric.</p>
<p>The Big Switch: Rewiring the World, from Edison to Google</p>	<p>Nicholas Carr</p>	<p>Pb \$22.95 \$20.65</p> 	<p>In this eye-opening look at the new computer revolution and its consequences, Nicholas Carr explains why computing is changing and what this means for all of us. A hundred years ago, companies stopped producing their own power and plugged into the newly built electric grid. The cheap power pumped out by electricity providers not only changed how businesses operated but also brought the modern world into existence. Today a similar revolution is under way as companies dismantle their private computer systems and tap into rich services delivered over the Internet. Computing is turning into a utility. The shift is remaking the computer industry, bringing competitors like Google to the fore and threatening traditional stalwarts like Microsoft. The effects will reach further as cheap computing changes society as profoundly as cheap electricity did. In this lucid and compelling book Carr weaves together history, economics and technology to explain the big switch.</p>
<p>Why Can't Potatoes Walk? 200 Answers to Possible and Impossible Questions About Animals and Nature</p>	<p>Lars-Ake Janson</p>	<p>Pb \$17.95 \$16.15</p> 	<p>In this sequel to the successful book How Long Can a Fly Fly?, Janson responds to nutty questions, freak happenings, and odd observations with interesting facts and explanations. Learn about snake sex, animals' brightly colored warning signals, and why a vulture was arrested in Saudi Arabia on suspicion of being an Israeli spy. Find out the facts behind the headlines about Thailand's poisonous jellyfish and the killer sharks of Sharm el-Sheikh. For over ten years, Janson has been researching the answers to questions like: What color will a chameleon turn if it lies on a chessboard? Why are flounders flat? How do sea urchins make love? How did wolves become big and bad? Why do animals migrate across Africa? Which animal has the longest tongue? Do fish spit? In addition to answering these and many other questions, Janson breaks down scientific terminology, lists animal stats, debunks myths, and answers all sorts of did-you-knows you never even thought to ask about nature and evolution.</p>

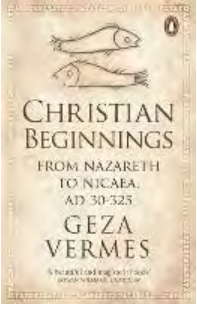
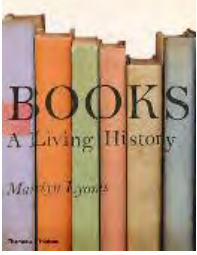
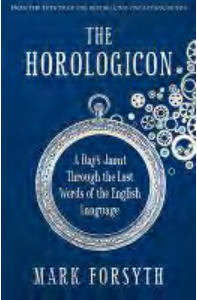

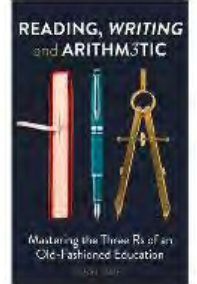
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<p>The Devouring Dragon: How China's Rise Threatens Our Natural World</p>	<p>Craig Simons</p>	<p>Tp \$29.95 \$26.95</p> 	<p>Craig Simons looks at how China, in its ascendance, has become the world's worst polluting superpower, creating a devastating environmental impact worldwide. Simons argues that China's most significant impacts over the twenty-first century will be not only on jobs, corporate profits and political alliances, but also on our natural world. The Devouring Dragon combines in-depth reporting with wide-ranging interviews, scientific research, and travel to some of the most beautiful places on earth. It amply demonstrates the urgency of the issue and also hope for the future. With the Obama administration placing China among its top three foreign policy priorities, Craig Simons argues eloquently for ways in which the United States and China can forge a new era of cooperation, support emerging environmental groups within China, and begin to ensure a sustainable future for the planet.</p>
<p>Do Dogs Dream? Nearly Everything Your Dog Wants You to Know</p>	<p>Stanley Coren</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>People have a great curiosity and many misunderstandings about how dogs think, act and perceive the world. They are also curious about the social and emotional lives of dogs. They wonder whether dogs dream, if they recognise themselves in the mirror or understand what they're seeing on television or if they are more intelligent than cats. Stanley Coren brings decades of scientific research on dogs to bear in his unprecedented foray into the inner lives of our canine companions, dispelling many common myths in the process. In a conversational format with illustrations, Coren answers approximately 75 questions often asked of him during his nearly fifty-year career as a dog researcher, combining the authority of an expert with the engaging delivery of a guest at a cocktail party.</p>
<p>Bankrupting Physics: How Today's Top Scientists are Gambling Away Their Credibility</p>	<p>Alexander Unzicker & Sheilla Jones</p>	<p>Hb \$34.95 \$31.45</p> 	<p>The recently celebrated discovery of the Higgs boson has captivated the public's imagination with the promise that it can explain the origins of everything in the universe. It's no wonder that the media refers to it grandly as the God particle. Yet behind closed doors, physicists are admitting that there is much more to this story, and even years of gunning the Large Hadron Collider and herculean number crunching may still not lead to a deep understanding of the laws of nature. In this fascinating and eye-opening account, theoretical physicist Alexander Unzicker and science writer Sheilla Jones offer a polemic. They question whether the large-scale, multinational enterprises actually lead us to the promised land of understanding the universe. The two scientists take us on a tour of contemporary physics and show how a series of highly publicized theories met a dead end. Unzicker and Jones systematically unpack the recent hot theories such as parallel universes, string theory, and inflationary cosmology, and provide an accessible explanation of each.</p>
<p>Farewell to Reality: How Fairytale Physics Betrays the Search for Scientific Truth</p>	<p>Jim Baggott</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Modern physics is heady stuff. It seems that barely a week goes by without some new astounding science story; some revelation about hidden dimensions, multiple universes, the holographic principle or incredible cosmic coincidences. But is it true? What evidence do we have for super-symmetric squarks', or superstrings vibrating in an 11-dimensional space-time? How do we know that we live in a multiverse? How can we tell that the universe is a hologram projected from information encoded on its boundary? Doesn't this sound like a fairy story? In Farewell to Reality Jim Baggott asks whether all that we currently know about the universe is based upon science or fantasy. In addition he wonders whether these high priests of fairy tale physics - such as John Barrow, Paul Davies, David Deutsch, Brian Greene, Stephen Hawking, Michio Kaku, Gordon Kane and Leonard Susskind - are the emperor's latest tailors.</p>
<p>TODAY'S WORLD</p>			
<p>So Close: Bravest, Craziest, Unluckiest Defeats in Aussie Sport</p>	<p>Patrick Mangan</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>Typically, there's only one way to win by being the best. But there are countless ways of having victory snatched from your grasp. Remember Pat Rafter's 2001 Wimbledon final against the enigmatic Goran Ivanisevic. Think of Allan Border and Jeff Thomson's titanic last-wicket partnership against England in 1982 that nearly won one of the closest-fought Tests ever. Look no further than Australian walker Jane Saville, only a few hundred metres from a gold medal at Sydney 2000 when she was tragically disqualified. And yet, as Adam Scott shows, a devastating defeat can sometimes spur a champion on to glory. From the calamitous to the hilarious, from the poignant to the absurd, sport is about so much more than gold medals, premiership trophies and urns filled with ashes. And in So Close, some of those sportspeople will finally get the recognition they deserve.</p>

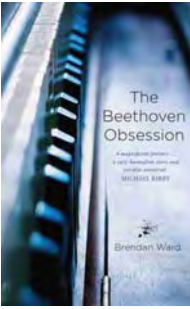




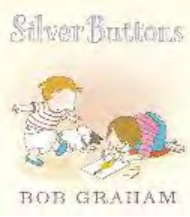
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<p>Never a Gentlemen's Game</p>	<p>Malcolm Knox</p>	<p>Hb \$29.95 \$26.95</p> 	<p>Compared to the controversies of contemporary cricket - riven as it is with match-fixing, gambling, cheating and national politics - most people think of the early days of Test cricket as a time of gentlemanly competition and camaraderie, with any disputes settled by Queensberry Rules over a glass of port. Not so. Cricket between the 1870s and 1914 was fraught with exactly the same bitter, vicious and greedy bad behaviour as the current game. It was cricket in the raw, explored in depth for the first time by the insightful eye of Malcolm Knox, with a genuine affection for the legends of the day - players like WG Grace, Fred Spofforth, Victor Trumper, Joe Darling, Monty Noble and Stanley Jackson.</p>
<p>Henri, Le Chat Noir: The Existential Mewsings of an Angst-Filled Cat</p>	<p>William Braden</p>	<p>Hb \$21.95 \$19.75</p> 	<p>This is the debut book from the winner of the best cat video on the internet award. My name is Henri. I am a black cat. I live a life of luxury, but I am filled with ennui. My filtered water tastes impure and no food can satisfy the emptiness I feel inside. It is my fate to contemplate the world around me and ponder my tormented existence. I rarely purr. I'm told I'm famous on the internet. But for what? My anguish? I have written this book but it brings me no joy. Instead, it is a mirror in which is reflected the perfect desolation of my soul. I am a writer. I am a philosopher. I am Henri, le Chat Noir. Fin.</p>
<p>Dammit Science, Where's My Hoverboard? Hilarious Visions of the Future from the Past</p>	<p>Liam Ryan</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Dammit Science, Where's My Hoverboard? is a humorous collection of quotes from famous faces over the last few centuries. Ranging from scorn for the lightbulb - 'Everyone acquainted with the subject will recognize it as a conspicuous failure' - to ideas on how life would be lived in the year 2000 - 'By the year 2000, housewives will probably have a robot maid shaped like a box with one large eye on top, several arms and hands, and long narrow pads on the side for moving about' - and offering predictions of failure for everything from the automobile - 'The Japanese don't make anything the people in the US would want' - to the iPod - 'By next Christmas the iPod will be dead, finished, gone, kaput.' - the book uses the gift of hindsight to show why one should never say 'never'.</p>
<p>Gaysia: Adventures in the Queer East</p>	<p>Benjamin Law</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Benjamin Law considers himself pretty lucky to live in Australia: he can hold his boyfriend's hand in public and lobby his politicians to recognise same-sex marriage. As the child of migrants, though, he also wonders how different life might have been had he grown up elsewhere. So off he sets to meet his fellow Gaysians. Law takes his investigative duties seriously, baring all in Balinese nudist resorts and taking Indian yoga classes designed to cure his homosexuality. The characters he meets - from Tokyo's celebrity drag queens to HIV-positive Burmese sex workers, from Malaysian ex gay Christian fundamentalists to Thai ladyboy beauty contestants - all teach him something new about being queer in Asia. At once hilarious and moving, Gaysia traces a fascinating quest by a leading Australian writer.</p>
<p>On Western Terrorism: From Hiroshima to Drone Warfare</p>	<p>Noam Chomsky & Andre Vltchek</p>	<p>Pb \$29.95 \$26.95</p> 	<p>In On Western Terrorism Noam Chomsky, world renowned dissident intellectual, discusses Western power and propaganda with filmmaker and investigative journalist Andre Vltchek. The discussion weaves together a historical narrative with the two men's personal experiences which led them to a life of activism. The discussion includes personal memories, such as the New York newsstand where Chomsky began his political education, and broadens out to look at the shifting forms of imperial control and the Western propaganda apparatus. Along the way the discussion touches on many countries of which the authors have personal experience, from Nicaragua and Cuba, to China, Chile, Turkey and many more. A blast of fresh air which blows away the cobwebs of propaganda and deception, On Western Terrorism is a powerful critique of the West's role in the world which will inspire all those who read it to think independently and critically.</p>
<p>The Righteous Mind: Why Good People are Divided by Politics and Religion</p>	<p>Jonathan Haidt</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>Jonathan Haidt, one of the world's most influential psychologists, reveals that the reason we find it so hard to get along is because our minds are designed to be moral. Not only that, we are hardwired to be moralistic, judgemental and self-righteous too. Our intrinsic morality enabled us to form communities and create civilization, and it is the key to understanding political and religious divisions. It explains why some of us are liberal, others conservative. It is often the difference between war and peace. It is also why we are the only species that will kill for an ideal. Drawing on moral psychology, ancient philosophy, modern politics, advertising and the semantics of bumper stickers, Haidt's incredibly wise and enjoyable book examines how morality evolved; why we are predisposed to believe certain things; how our surroundings can affect our morality; and how moral values are not just about justice and fairness - for some people authority, sanctity or loyalty are more important.</p>

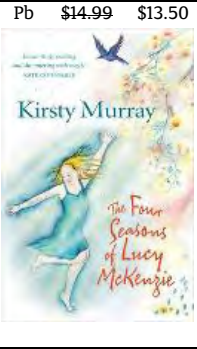
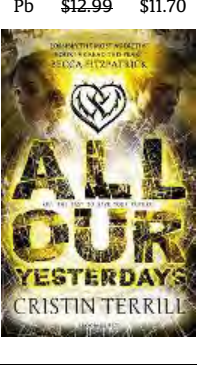

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<p>Christian Beginnings: From Nazareth to Nicaea, Ad 30-325</p>	<p>Geza Vermes</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>The creation of the Christian Church is one of the most important stories in the development of the world's history, but also one of the most enigmatic and little understood, shrouded in mystery and misunderstanding. With a brilliant forensic re-examination of all the key surviving texts of early Christianity, Vermes illuminates the origins of a faith and traces the evolution of the figure of Jesus from the man he was - a prophet fully recognisable as the successor to other Jewish holy men of the Old Testament - to what he came to represent: a mysterious, otherworldly being at the heart of a major new religion. As the teachings of Jesus spread across the eastern Mediterranean, hammered into place by Paul, John and their successors, they were transformed in the space of three centuries into a centralised, state-backed creed that was worlds away from its humble origins. This book tells the captivating story of how a man came to be hailed as the Son consubstantial with God and of how a revolutionary, anti-conformist Jewish sub-sect became the official state religion of the Roman Empire.</p>
<p>Books: A Living History</p>	<p>Martin Lyons</p>	<p>Pb \$29.95 \$26.95</p> 	<p>This ambitious volume, newly available in paperback, explores the rich history of the book, one of the most efficient, influential and enduring technologies ever invented. For more than 2,500 years, the book, in a wide range of forms, has been used to document, to educate and to entertain. The eminent authority Martyn Lyons charts its worldwide evolution through the centuries, from the cuneiform tablets of ancient Sumer through the development of moveable type and the emergence of the modern information revolution. Among the carefully selected illustrations are Maya codices, Egyptian papyrus scrolls, medieval illuminated manuscripts, masterpieces of early printing from Gutenberg and Aldus Manutius, atlases from the great age of travel and exploration, primers and children's books, dime novels and Japanese manga, and works of fiction ranging from Don Quixote to Level 26, the worlds first digi-novel, and beyond.</p>
<p>The Horologicon: A Day's Jaunt Through the Lost Words of the English Language</p>	<p>Mark Forsyth</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>The Horologicon (or book of hours) gives you the most extraordinary words in the English language, arranged according to the hour of the day when you really need them. Do you wake up feeling rough? Then you're philogrobolized. Pretending to work? That's fudgelling, which may lead to rizzling if you feel sleepy after lunch, though by dinner time you will have become a sparkling deipnosophist. From Mark Forsyth, author of the bestselling The Etymologicon, this is a book of weird words for familiar situations. From ante-jentacular to snudge by way of quafftide and wamblecropt, at last you can say, with utter accuracy, exactly what you mean.</p>
<p>What is English? And Why Should We Care?</p>	<p>Tim Machan</p>	<p>Hb \$38.95 \$35.05</p> 	<p>What is English? Can we be as certain as we usually are when we say something is not English? To find some answers Tim Machan explores the language's present and past, and looks ahead to its futures among the one and a half billion people who speak it. His search is fascinating and important, for definitions of English have influenced education and law in many countries and helped shape the identities of those who live in them. Finding an account that fits the constantly changing varieties of English is, Tim Machan finds, anything but simple. But he rises to the challenge, grappling with its elusive essence through episodes in its history. He looks at the ambitions of Caxton, the preoccupations of Johnson, and the eloquence of Churchill, tussles with the jargons of contemporary business, and pursues his object from rural America to James Cook's Australia. He examines creoles, pidgins, and dialects, and takes apart competing histories showing their assumptions and prejudices. Finally he reveals the stable category English, resting paradoxically within its constantly mutating forms and varieties.</p>
<p>Reading, Writing and Arithmetic: Mastering the Three Rs of an Old-Fashioned Education</p>	<p>Daniel Smith</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>Most of us suffer from the odd gap in our knowledge. But what if those gaps happen to be gaping chasms that threaten to cave in if not soon filled? Worry not, for the answer is at hand. Reading, Writing and Arithmetic harks back to a golden age of teaching, providing a comprehensive introduction to the three Rs: the basics of reading, writing and arithmetic. With everything from reading efficiently and mastering grammar, to grasping paper and mental arithmetic, this comprehensive tome rallies through the gamut of fascinating content, including: grammar tests; how to write and form letters properly; exercises for mastering fractions, decimals and rounding to the nearest; and, tips for tackling everyday maths conundrums, such as adding bills and working out percentages and much more besides! In a fitting tribute to the education system of yesteryear, this nostalgic book provides a solid foundation in the key areas of learning that will mean everything else just falls into place.</p>

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The Beethoven Obsession	Brendan Ward	Tp \$29.99 \$27.00 	The Beethoven Obsession tells the story of how the greatest piano music ever written acquired a unique Australian voice, played on a revolutionary grand piano that shook up the conservative music establishment. It is a fast-paced drama of frustration, envy, rivalry, struggle and success, starring a self-taught child prodigy who sold condoms and contraband to advance his studies; a fanatical inventor who took apart pianos as a child to examine their 'gizzards'; and a TV cameraman who became a music entrepreneur to translate the music he loved into an Australian first. Their unorthodox, historic odyssey created multi-award-winning, best-selling albums and changed their lives forever.
Give Me Excess of It	Richard Gill	Pb \$24.99 \$22.50 	Richard Gill is one of Australia's best-known - and best-loved - musical figures. His career has taken him from teaching music in Sydney's western suburbs to Music Director of the Victorian Opera, and along the way an involvement with almost every major opera company and orchestra in Australia. What truly distinguishes Richard is his passion for spreading not just the joy of music, but its myriad benefits. He is our greatest musical educator, and his life's work - alongside his other roles - has been advocating music in our education system, and furthering the development of those who've gone on to choose music as a vocation. This memoir traces his life from school days to the highs (and lows) of conducting and directing an opera company. It's warm, funny, highly opinionated and always sublimely full of the love of music.
Music and Monarchy: A History of Britain in Four Movements	David Starkey & Katie Greening	Pb \$35.00 \$31.50 	For the kings and queens of England, a trumpet fanfare or crash of cymbals could be as vital a weapon as a cannon. Showcasing a monarch's power, prestige and taste, music has been the lifeblood of many a royal dynasty. From sacred choral works to soaring symphonies, Music and Monarchy looks at how England's character was shaped by its music. To David Starkey and Katie Greening, works like Handel's Water Music and Tallis' Mass for Four Voices were more than entertainment - they were pieces signalling political intent, wealth and ambition. Starkey and Greening examine England's most iconic musical works to demonstrate how political power has been a part of musical composition for centuries. Many of our current musical motifs of nationhood, whether it's the Last Night of the Proms or football terraces erupting in song, have their origins in the way the crown has shaped the national soundtrack. Published to coincide with a major BBC series, Music and Monarchy is not a book about music. It is a history of England written in music, from our leading royal historian.
The Old Ways: A Journey on Foot	Robert Macfarlane	Pb \$22.99 \$20.70 	Robert Macfarlane sets off from his Cambridge home to follow the ancient tracks, holloways, drove-roads and sea paths that form part of a vast network of routes criss-crossing the British landscape and its waters, and connecting them to the continents beyond. The result is an immersive, enthralling exploration of the ghosts and voices that haunt old paths, of the stories our tracks keep and tell, of pilgrimage and ritual, and of songlines and their singers. His tracks take him from the chalk downs of England to the bird-islands of the Scottish northwest, and from the disputed territories of Palestine to the sacred landscapes of Spain and the Himalayas. He discovers that paths offer not just means of traversing space, but also of feeling, knowing and thinking. The old ways lead us unexpectedly to the new, and the voyage out is always a voyage inwards.
CHILDREN'S			
Banjo and Ruby Red	Libby Gleeson & Freya Blackwood	Hb \$24.95 \$22.45 	I've been a fan of Freya Blackwood's beautiful illustrative style since her first book, and so a new collaboration with Libby Gleeson is to be welcomed! Banjo is a black-and-white hardworking high-energy farm dog, and Ruby Red is a stand-offish and very proud chook. They have nothing in common it would seem, and tend to get on each other's wrong side, but of course, an understanding is finally reached! An endearing story to read aloud and share. ~ <i>Lindy</i>
Silver Buttons	Bob Graham	Hb \$27.95 \$25.15 	One ordinary Thursday morning, a young girl draws silver buttons on the boots of a duck. As she does so, her baby brother wobbles to his feet and takes his first step. Outside their door people pass by on their way to other places, busy with the day-to-day busy-ness of their lives. Things are bought, farewells said, babies born. Dogs scratch and birds fly past. As the illustrations draw back from that tiny moment of domesticity in a quiet suburban house, all the rest of the city is seen to be connected. With his trademark delicately portrayed illustrations in quiet tones, Bob Graham has once again given us a thoughtful and sensitive picturebook for all ages. ~ <i>Lindy</i>

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<p>The Four Seasons of Lucy McKenzie</p>	<p>Kirsty Murray</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99 \$13.50</p> 	<p>When Lucy's older sister is involved in an accident and her mother must fly to Paris to be with her, and her father cannot leave his job to care for her, Lucy is sent to the country house of her great aunt Big for summer. With no prospect of a family Christmas, no internet coverage and disliking her distant and gruff aunt, Lucy is not at all happy. But when the flowing mural in the dining room, which depicts the landscape outside in its four seasons, draws Lucy in the dark of night to look at it, she soon finds a portal into an earlier time. There she makes dear friends with a funny and brave young girl, and learns to draw upon her own strengths. A time-slip story for ages 11-14 ~ <i>Lindy</i></p>
<p>All Our Yesterdays</p>	<p>Cristin Terrill</p>	<p>Pb \$12.99 \$11.70</p> 	<p>Em is a prisoner in a tiny cell, interrogated regularly and often beaten by a cold unfeeling man. Her only comfort is hearing the voice of Finn, the boy in the cell next to hers. When she discovers a list in her handwriting in a secret place in the cell, one she has no knowledge of writing, there is an instruction she can't ignore, but doesn't want to act upon... Marina is a popular girl, rich and in love with the boy next door, James, who happens to be her closest friend and the genius son of a prominent political family. It looks like James is starting to consider Marina in a different light - if only he'd stop hanging around with his annoying friend, Finn. It doesn't take long for the reader to understand Em and Marina are the same person, separated by time, nor to understand that Em keeps travelling in time to stop something unspeakable happening. A strong punchy storyline, clever ideas and interesting characters make this an exciting and complex novel for older readers. ~ <i>Lindy</i></p>
<p>Emily Feather and the Enchanted Door</p>	<p>Holly Webb</p>	<p>Pb \$12.99 \$11.70</p> 	<p>Emily doesn't look anything like the rest of her fair family and she hasn't discovered her particular talent like the rest of them either. Nor does her house behave like anyone else's house - sometimes it feels like the walls have moved and the staircase has more steps than it did the day before. Then one day Emily discovers why... With a pinch of magic, and a dash of adventure and mystery, this will be the first in a series from the bestselling author, and is pitched at readers 8-10. ~ <i>Lindy</i></p>

