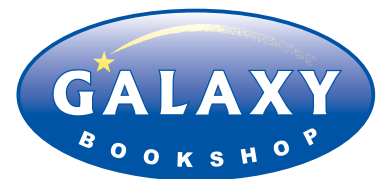
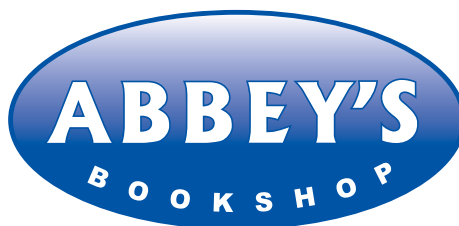


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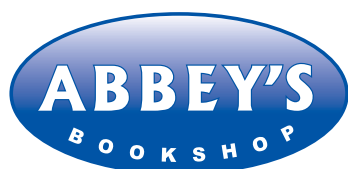
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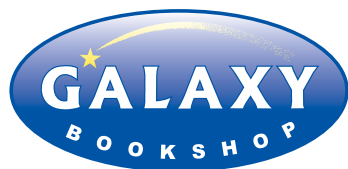
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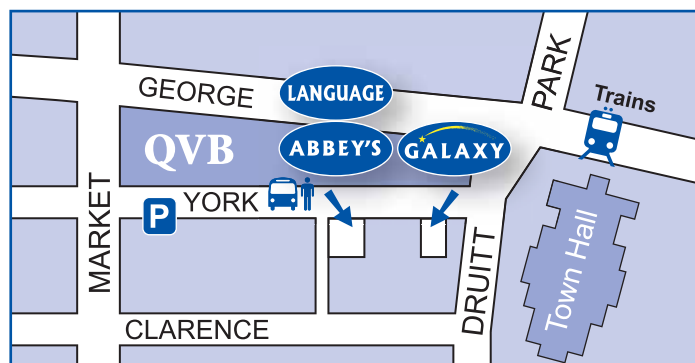
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Roberto Bolaño Pb \$24.99

Bolaño (*The Savage Detectives* Pb \$24.99) has four academics united in their love for an elusive German author. Their obsession brings them to the Mexican town of St Teresa, where hundreds of women have disappeared. Originally intended as five separate books, the decision to create one epic novel was certainly the right one. This can be a brutal read at times, but once you delve into its mysteries, it is almost impossible to come up for air. For me, this is far and away the novel of the year. *Greg*

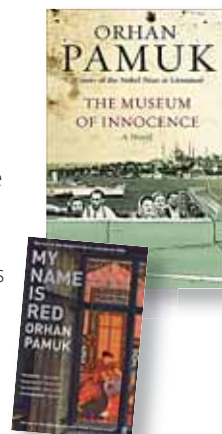


The Museum of Innocence

Orhan Pamuk Tp \$35

This novel from the *Nobel Prize*-winner is set in Istanbul from 1975 to the present. Kemal, scion of one of the city's wealthiest families, has an obsessive love for the beautiful, but poor, Fusun. Exploring the difficulty of being caught between traditional and Westernised ways, this epic and richly drawn novel is a panoramic examination of life in modern Turkey.

Buy this book and receive Pamuk's *My Name is Red* (Pb usually \$23.95) for free.



The Disappeared

Kim Echlin Pb \$29.99

When Anne is 16, she meets the love of her life – Serey, an older Cambodian studying in Montreal. It is 1979 and he can't go home. When the borders reopen, he sets off to discover what happened to his family. Then 11 years later, having never heard a word from him, Anne sees him on-screen and goes to Phnom Penh to find him. A beautiful, spare and elegant novel. *Lindy*



Gentleman Captain

J D Davies Tp \$34.95

Charles II has been newly restored to the throne, but he still has opponents. He commands Matthew Quinton, whose family has been loyal to the monarchy, to sail a ship to western Scotland to intercept a cargo of weapons destined for the king's enemies. Quinton is inexperienced, but determined to overcome the perils of the sea, as well as those onboard. Strongly plotted and written by a maritime historian, this introduces a character destined for bigger things!



The Umbrella Club

David Brooks Tp \$32.95

A friendship is forged on the WWI battlefields of France between Axel and Edward, two young Englishmen. Inspired by barrage balloons, they develop a mutual fascination that changes the course of their lives. This is a darkly compelling adventure into the depths of the human soul and to the frontiers of colonial exploration. From the author of the *Miles Franklin* shortlisted *The Fern Tattoo* (Tp \$32.95).





The Lacuna

Barbara Kingsolver
Tp \$35

Prepare to be utterly beguiled by this gloriously vivid novel! Harrison Shepherd's Mexican mother

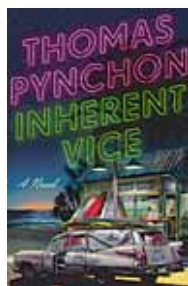
Salome finds him a liability in her search for rich protectors. Learning a talent for fading into the background, he is an acute observer of life around him. By chance, he becomes involved with Diego Rivera, Frida Kahlo and Leon Trotsky, then he flees north to the US, where he re-makes himself as a novelist – and becomes caught up in post-war anti-communism. Distinctive and dazzling! From the author of *The Poisonwood Bible* (Pb \$23.95). *Lindy*

Inherent Vice

Thomas Pynchon
Tp \$32.95

When Larry 'Doc' Sportello's ex-girlfriend turns up at his house concerned for the safety of her boyfriend, Doc can't help but get involved.

So begins his rapid descent into a world of lies and corruption. Set in the early 1970s as LA awaits the Manson trial, this is a town both paranoid and hung-over. Extremely funny and fast-paced, there is also a more sombre tone, lamenting the missed opportunities of the 60s and what that period promised, but could never fulfil. *Greg*



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Leanne Shapton
Tp \$32.99

Girl meets man. They fall in love. They break up. How can you tell this age-old story in a way no one else has? By presenting the narrative as an auction catalogue! This quirky, intriguing and highly original presentation allows the reader to construct the story through the bits and pieces left behind when a relationship fails – from the first breathless notes and emails to the expensive gifts-as-apologies at the end. Truly unusual and highly enjoyable! *Lindy*



The Search

Maureen Myant
Tp \$34.99

Czechoslovakia, 1942. Jan's father has been summarily executed by the Nazis. His mother and older sister Maria have disappeared and his younger sister Lena has been removed to a remote farm in the German countryside. With Europe in the throes of war, the 10-year-old boy embarks on a personal journey to reunite his family. An exploration of fear and loss, and of the bond between parents and children.



Legacy

Larissa Behrendt
Pb \$24.95

Simone Harlowe is young and clever, an Aboriginal lawyer straddling two lives and two cultures, while studying at Harvard. Her family life back in Sydney is defined by the complex relationship she has with her father Tony, a prominent Aboriginal rights activist. As she juggles the challenges of a modern woman's life – career, family, friends and relationships – her father confronts his own uncomfortable truths as his secret double life implodes. From the author of *Home* (Pb \$24.95).



The World Beneath

Cate Kennedy
Tp \$32.95

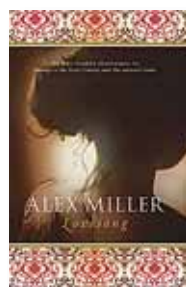
Rich and Sandy, once environmental activists, have both settled into the uncomfortable compromises of middle age. All they have in common is their 15-year-old daughter Sophie. The parent's uneasy truce is shattered when Rich and Sophie take a trek through the Tasmanian wilderness and leave the track to explore the remote terrain known as the Labyrinth.



Lovesong

Alex Miller
Hb 39.99

Seeking shelter from a rainstorm in a Parisian cafe, John meets the exotic Sabiha and his carefully-mapped life changes forever. Years later, living a quiet life in Melbourne, what happened in Paris seems like a distant, troubling dream. John confides the story behind their seemingly ordinary lives to an ageing, melancholy writer. Secret stories and a nice twist from the author of *Conditions of Faith* and *Landscape of Farewell* (both \$23.95).



Manituana

Wu Ming
Hb \$45

It is 1775 and war erupts between the British Empire and the American colonies. Rebels and loyalists to the British compete for an alliance with the Six Nations of the Iroquois. To save his threatened world, a Mohawk war chief sets off with a group of warriors on a journey that takes him to the salons of Georgian London, knowing that the road back will be paved with war. "Fast-paced and richly detailed, this throbs with violence, heroism, betrayal and sex." – *Time magazine*



Parrot and Olivier in America

Peter Carey
Hb \$49.95

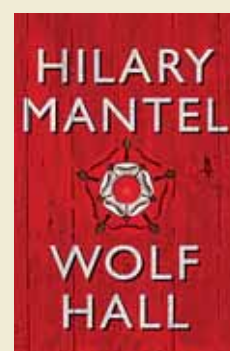
Olivier is a young aristocrat, one of an endangered species born in France just after the Revolution. Parrot, the son of an itinerant English printer, wanted to be an artist, but has ended up in middle age as a servant. When Olivier sets sail for the New World, Parrot is sent with him as spy, protector, foe and foil. A dazzlingly inventive re-imagining of de Tocqueville's famous journey, Carey's latest evokes the Old World colliding with the New.



Man Booker Award 2009

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Set in 16th century England, the cast includes familiar historical figures, such as Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell, yet it is all accomplished in a readable, modern tone. Written over five years, this is a very worthy winner.



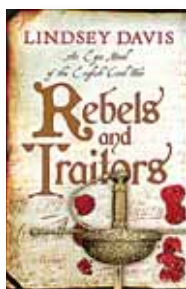
"A vast narrative sweep that gleams on every page with luminous and mesmerising detail." – *Man Booker judges*



Rebels and Traitors

Lindsey Davis
Tp \$32.95

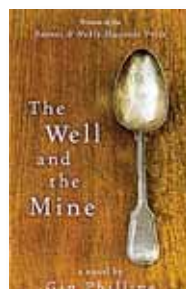
Set against the terrible struggle of the English Civil War and the dark plots of the Commonwealth, this is a story of soldiers, adventurers, aristocrats and kings, tradesmen, politicians, radicals and scavengers – and the hopes and dreams that carried them through this turbulent era. After spending time in ancient Rome with the Inspector Falco series, this novel marks the author's return to her first love, the English Civil War. A masterpiece of historical fiction!



The Well and the Mine

Gin Phillips
Pb \$29.99

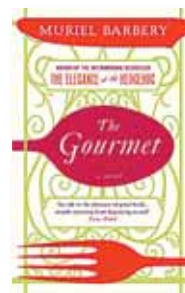
One night in 1931, nine-year-old Tessa sees a woman throwing a baby into her family's well. Carbon Hill in Alabama is a small coal-mining community and this finely wrought and quietly written novel tells of life in the Depression when people were driven to do extraordinary things. Told through the different voices of Tess, her siblings and her parents, this enthralling story is full of vivid characters, with a wonderfully drawn historical flavour of those desperate times. *Lindy*



The Gourmet

Muriel Barbery
Hb \$27.95

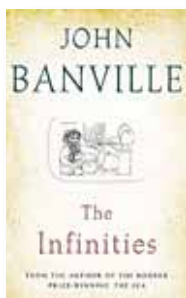
Pierre Arthens – France's greatest food critic – is on his deathbed, trying to recall one sublime memory, a taste from the past. The story alternates between his recollections of different times and meals, and the reactions and impressions of the people he leaves behind – unflattering, indifferent, conflicted, deeply upset – which add up to a well fleshed out portrait of a man whose genius was spent on ideas, rather than people. If you enjoyed Barbery's **The Elegance of the Hedgehog** (Pb \$24.95), you'll love this! *Lindy*



The Infinities

John Banville
Tp \$32.99

A warm, compelling and idiosyncratic novel from a great writer. Banville's descriptive powers are so funny and accurate that you view familiar things in a new way. The Godley family await the death of the patriarch, a renowned mathematician, in their crumbling mansion. As he lies in a coma, his dysfunctional family (so odd and interesting!) try to resolve their problems. With the arrival of the languid Roddy and the enigmatic Bunny Grace, tensions rise. As this very human drama unfolds, the Gods watch from above (as does Rex, the arthritic dog, from below). Compulsively readable. From the author of **The Untouchable** and **The Sea** (\$22.95 each). *Peter S*



The Wild Things

Dave Eggers
Hb \$35

Seven-year-old Max likes to make noise, get dirty, ride his bike without a helmet and howl like a wolf. Driven by a series of pressures, both internal and external, he leaves home, jumps in a boat and sails across the ocean to a strange island where giant beasts reign. Based on the film script he co-wrote with Spike Jonze, and encouraged and endorsed by Maurice Sendak, Eggers (**A Heartbreaking Work of Staggering Genius** Pb \$22.95, **What is the What** Pb \$26.95) has re-imagined the classic **Where the Wild Things Are** (Pb \$19.95, Hb \$34.95) as a novel, delving into the chaos of youth, while Max explores the chaos of the world around him. Let the wild rumpus start!



Summertime

J M Coetzee
Hb \$39.95

A young English biographer is working on a book about the late writer, John Coetzee. He plans to focus on the years from 1972 to 1977 when Coetzee, in his 30s, shared a run-down cottage with his widowed father in the suburbs of Cape Town. This, the biographer senses, is the period when he was finding his feet as a writer. Sometimes heartbreaking, often very funny, this new work shows us a great writer at the height of his powers. It completes the trilogy of fictionalised memoir begun with **Boyhood** and **Youth** (Pb \$24.95 each). From the author of **Disgrace** and **The Life and Times of Michael K** (\$24.95 each) and **Diary of a Bad Year** (\$23.95).



Too Much Happiness

Alice Munro
Hb \$49.95

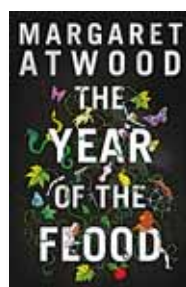
Brilliantly paced and lit with sparks of danger and underlying menace, these are dazzling, provocative stories about Svengali men and the radical women who outmanoeuvre them, about destructive marriages and curdled friendships, about mothers and sons, about moments that change or haunt a life. Winner of the 2009 *Man Booker International Prize*, Munro (**The View from Castle Rock** Pb \$24.95) takes us through complex and harrowing emotions in stories that surprise and amaze.



The Year of the Flood

Margaret Atwood
Hb \$45

Set in the not-too-distant future, this is a counterpart to **Oryx and Crake** (Pb \$24.99), which you don't have to have read to appreciate this. Adam One, leader of a green sect, has long forecast a waterless flood that will purge the earth of mankind. When it happens, who survives? Told from the perspectives of Toby, holed up in a health spa, and Ren, medically isolated in the brothel where she worked, and travelling back and forth in time, this engrossing story is both a warning and a treat to read! *Lindy*

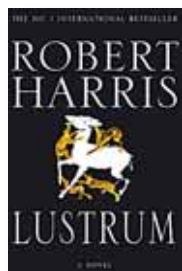


A Week in December

Sebastian Faulks
Tp \$32.95

This new novel from Faulks takes place in London over the course of a single week at the end of 2007. It brings together a cast of characters whose lives apparently run on parallel lines, but – as gradually becomes clear – are intricately related. Reading like a thriller, this is a social satire that pulls together powerful ideas about family, money, religion and the way we live now. From the author of **Birdsong**, **Charlotte Gray**, **Engleby** and the recent James Bond novel **Devil May Care** (Pb \$24.95 each).





Lustrum

Robert Harris
Tp \$32.95

Following on from **Imperium** (Pb \$21.95), the year is 63 BC and Rome is on the brink of acquiring a vast empire, with seven men struggling for power. Cicero is consul, Caesar his ruthless young rival, Pompey the republic's greatest general, Crassus its richest man, Cato a political fanatic, Catilina a psychopath and Clodius an ambitious playboy. Harris again proves himself a master of historical fiction with this brilliantly researched and utterly gripping novel.



Smoke in the Room

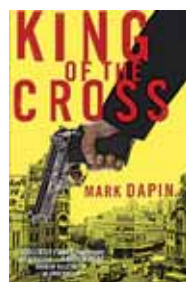
Emily Maguire
Tp \$29.99

Set in Sydney where three people are holed up in a tiny flat off Broadway, there is American Adam, weary activist Graeme and wild, misunderstood Kate. Each is searching for answers to life's biggest questions. Provocative, honest, brimming with sexual tension and crackling with intelligence. After **Taming the Beast** and **The Gospel According to Luke** (both Pb \$22.99), this secures Maguire's place as one of Australia's hottest new talents.

King of the Cross

Mark Dapin
Tp \$32.99

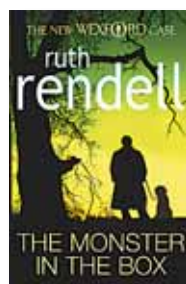
The story of Kings Cross through the life of the fictional, ageing gangster, Joseph Mendoza, and a young writer hired to record his stories. Mendoza's reminiscences of strippers, gamblers and drugs are not for the fainthearted – no cozy crimes in this transcript of misdeeds. Dapin has crafted a funny, violent and engrossing novel about the man who ran Sydney's famous melting pot of the eager public, entrepreneurial criminals and "the best police force money can buy." In Mendoza, Dapin has created a most engaging character, as entertaining a historian as you'll get this year. Great fun. *Adrian*



The Monster in the Box

Ruth Rendell
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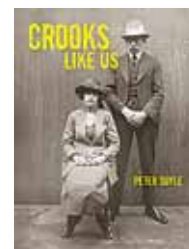
Eric Targo, a man Wexford had known for decades, returns to Kingsmarkham. When Wexford was a young police officer, two women were found strangled. No one was convicted, but every personal and professional instinct told Wexford that the killer was Targo – a psychopath who would kill again. As the Chief Inspector investigates a new case, Ruth Rendell looks back to the beginning of Wexford's career, even to the courtship of the woman who would become his wife. A tense and stunning read. From the author of **Not in the Flesh** and **Portobello** (\$21.95 each). *Peter M*



Crooks Like Us

Peter Doyle
Pb \$49.95

This fascinating compilation of mugshots is drawn from the Special Photographs collection of The Justice and Police Museum archives. Taken from 1910 to the 1960s, they show various rogues and hooligans – some petty criminals, some heavies, some unlucky souls. The information about the crooks makes for fascinating reading, but it is the images that stay with you – the faces, the fashions and the attitudes of the subjects. *Lindy*



Bury Me Deep Queenpin

Megan Abbott Pb \$22.99 each

Set in the 1930s and recalling the golden age of crime fiction, these are for fans of hardboiled, atmospheric crime noir novels. Based on a true-life crime, **Bury Me Deep** has an abandoned wife befriended by two vivacious women who sweep her into an exuberant round of parties that they host for the most powerful men in Phoenix. Before long, she is up to her pretty neck in trouble. In **Queenpin**, a down-at-heel young woman is hired to do the books of a seedy nightclub. Attracting the attention of the moll to end all molls, Gloria Denton, the narrator falls into a dangerously glamorous lifestyle, attracting all the wrong sort of attention. *Due Dec*

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"Funny, witty and ultimately touching."
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The Girl Who Kicked the Hornets' Nest

Stieg Larsson
Tp \$32.95

If, like me, you waited for this third in the *Millennium* trilogy before starting **The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo** and **The Girl Who Played with Fire** (both Pb \$24.95), then it's time to launch yourself into the thrillers of the decade! Sophisticated page-turners full of twists and turns, this series sees journalist Mikael Blomkvist help Lisbeth Salander prove her innocence on charges of murder and denounce those corrupt men responsible for abuses of power. Brilliant! *Lindy*



The Brutal Telling

Louise Penny
Tp \$29.99

A dark story of greed, betrayal and murder that grabs you from the very beginning to the chilling finale. This is fifth in the excellent series featuring Quebec's Chief Inspector Gamache, and to get the best from this novel, you really should read the four previous titles as many of the characters continue through the series: **Still Life**, **Dead Cold**, **Cruellest Month** and **Murder Stone** (all Pb \$22.99). *Peter M*



Walking in Pimlico

Ann Featherstone
Tp \$32.99

'Walking in Pimlico' is slang for 'to be handsomely dressed' and this gripping psychological mystery brilliantly reconstructs 19th-century England, from the drawing rooms of polite society to dingy lodging houses and through shabby pump-room pavilions, fairgrounds and freak shows. Follow the adventures of comedian Corney Sage as he tries to elude a killer. A great read! *Peter M*



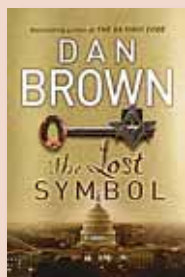
Get Real

Donald Westlake
Tp \$32.95

In the classic caper novels of the late Donald Westlake, the bad get better, the good slide a bit and Lord help anyone caught between thief John Dortmunder and the current object of his attention. However, being caught red-handed is inevitable in this novel when a TV producer convinces the thief and his gang to star in a reality TV show that captures their next score. Westlake was very prolific (*Drowned Hopes* Pb \$22.95 and many more) under a number of pseudonyms, including Richard Stark, but this was the final Dortmunder novel.



After 7 years... Dan Brown is back!

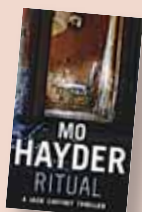


Hb ~~\$49.95~~ \$39.95

This follow-up to *The Da Vinci Code* (Pb \$19.95) takes place over a 12-hour period. Harvard symbologist Robert Langdon is summoned to deliver an

evening lecture in the US Capitol Building, but within minutes of his arrival, the night takes a bizarre turn...

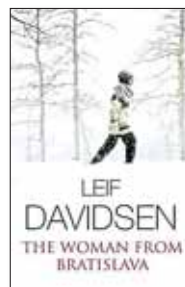
Buy this book and receive Mo Hayder's gritty and exciting thriller *Ritual* (usually \$21.95) for free.



The Woman from Bratislava

Leif DavidSEN
Pb \$22.99

In Bratislava, Teddy Pedersen, a Danish university lecturer, receives a visit from an Eastern European woman who turns out to be his half-sister. Their father was a Danish SS officer who was officially declared dead in 1952, but in fact lived on in Yugoslavia for many years. In Copenhagen, Teddy's older sister is arrested on suspicion of being a Stasi agent, and a murder leads Teddy to investigate the relationship between these two women.



Stardust

Joseph Kanon
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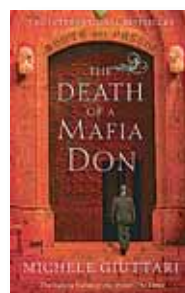
At the end of WWII, German-American Ben Collier turns up in Hollywood for his brother's funeral, a job with a studio and enough questions to fuel this finely-crafted novel about murder, the movie business and more. There are the usual suspects – German émigrés and politicians, movie stars and shabby Private Eyes – but Kanon (*The Good German* Pb \$15.95) has an ability to write about this world without cliché. Nicely playing between historical recreation and hard-boiled murder mystery, he seamlessly combines politics and entertainment to keep the pages turning in this substantial addition to the genre. *Adrian*



The Death of a Mafia Don

Michele Giuttari
Tp \$29.99

The third ingenious mystery from the former Florence police chief, following *A Florentine Death* and *A Death in Tuscany* (both Pb \$22.99). A bomb explodes in the centre of Florence, hitting the car of Chief Superintendent Michele Ferrara of the elite Squadra Mobile. Ferrara was clearly the target. He had, after all, just controversially imprisoned notorious Mafia boss Salvatore Laprua. A fascinating insight into the secret world of the Mafia and of life in Florence. *Peter M*



Forbidden Fruit

Kerry Greenwood
Pb \$22.99

Corinna Chapman hates summer. It's too hot – and it gets even hotter when she helps Daniel try to find a couple of under-age runaways. The girl is heavily pregnant and has escaped from a weird religious upbringing, and her parents aren't revealing all they know. Then there is her apprentice, Jason, falling under the spell of a militant, vegan anti-companion-animal beauty; the donkey who loves rosewater muffins; and of course all those wonderful residents of Insula. Absolutely perfect summer reading! *Lindy*



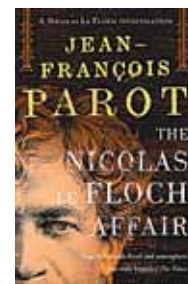
Buy this book and receive one of the four previous Corinna Chapman novels for free.



The Nicolas le Floch Affair

Jean-François Parot
Pb \$29.95

Bestsellers in France, the Nicolas le Floch investigations are finding fans abroad. Set in Paris in 1774, Commissioner le Floch has the confidence of the King, but how long can he retain it when his mistress is poisoned and there is a plot to implicate him in her death? Steeped in the turbulent history of the times, this is a well-written and absorbing mystery. Other le Floch novels are *The Chatelet Apprentice*, *The Man with the Lead Stomach* and *The Phantom of Rue Royal* (all Pb \$19.95).



The Divine Blood

Andrea Japp
Pb \$19.95

Normandy, 1304. Agnes de Souarcy has survived the medieval Inquisition, but her protectors still have powerful enemies. There is a poisoner at work in Clairets Abbey and Agnes must solve a number of related mysteries, a sacred papyrus and links between the Vatican and the King of France. A forensic scientist, Japp is one of France's grandes dames of writing. Two other de Souarcy novels have been translated: *The Season of the Beast* and *The Breath of the Rose* (both Pb \$19.95).



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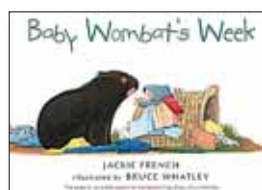
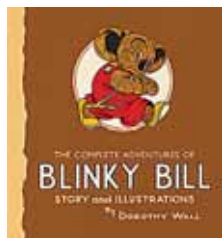
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The Complete Adventures of Blinky Bill

Dorothy Wall
Hb \$39.99

First published in 1933, Blinky Bill, with his propensity for mischief, is as loveable as any character in

Australian children's literature. This gorgeous new edition combines the three original tales with remastered illustrations, bringing a new clarity to the reproductions. The gentle pleas for conservation of the bush and its denizens that infuse the stories are still relevant today. A joy to own or share! *Lindy*



Baby Wombat's Week

Jackie French & Bruce Whatley
Hb \$24.99

Who could forget the first time they read *Diary of a Wombat* (Hb \$24.95) featuring the irrepressible Mothball? Prepare for the magic all over again with Mothball's baby! Needing more space, baby wombat sets out to find another home. With the help of a new friend, he creates more havoc than his mother ever did! Absolutely guaranteed to bring a smile to the face of any reader, this charming and delightful book will become a modern children's classic! *Lindy*

Halt's Peril

Ranger's Apprentice #9

John Flanagan
Pb \$16.95

Will, Halt and Horace are trailing the loathsome cult leader, Tennyson, who has escaped after causing chaos in Clonmel. As they follow his trail into northern Araluen, his Genovesan assassins pose the greatest danger to our intrepid heroes. When Halt begins to act very strangely, Will is placed in an unenviable position. Everything the fans expect is here: adventure, furious pace and flashes of humour. An enjoyable instalment in this addictive series. Now is a great time to start this series – all titles have been reissued in stunning new covers! *Lindy*



The Youngest Templar

Michael Spradlin
Pb \$14.99

I really enjoyed this – it has a cracking pace and well-drawn characters. It is 1191; Tristan lives in an abbey where some Knights Templar call for shelter. Offered the chance to become squire to Sir Thomas Leux, he accepts and finds himself on Crusade. After Saladin recaptures Jerusalem, Tristan is ordered by his master to take something precious to Rosslyn – the Holy Grail itself! He is joined along the way by the archer, Robard Hode, and Maryam, the female Hashshashin. Exciting fiction for ages 12+. *Lindy*



Sterling Children's Classics

Hb ~~\$16.99~~ \$12.99 each

Very nicely bound, with ribbon markers and dust jackets, these unabridged classics are illustrated with B&W drawings reminiscent of Victorian engravings. There are 28 titles to choose from: *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *Robin Hood*, *Sherlock Holmes*, *Tom Sawyer*, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, *Anne of Green Gables*, *Anne of Avonlea*, *Black Beauty*, *The Call of the Wild* and *White Fang*, *The Christmas Carol*, *Frankenstein*, *Grimm's Tales*, *Gulliver's Travels*, *Heidi*, *Journey to the Centre of the Earth*, *Jungle Book*, *Little Princess*, *Little Women*, *Oliver Twist*, *Peter Pan*, *Secret Garden*, *King Arthur*, *The Swiss Family Robinson*, *Treasure Island*, *The Wind in the Willows*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *20,000 Leagues Under the Sea*. Introduce a child you love to a book you love! *Lindy*



Shapeshifters

Tales from Ovid's Metamorphoses

Adrian Mitchell & Alan Lee
Hb \$29.95

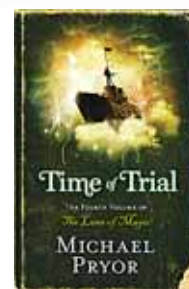
This beautifully illustrated book is a fabulous introduction to 30 of Ovid's wonderful tales of change and transformation. Here are the stories of Pygmalion, Daphne, Phaeton, Adonis, Persephone, Narcissus and Echo, Orpheus and Eurydice, amongst others, with the capricious Gods and their interfering ways playing the major part in the shifting of shapes. Written in a lively and accessible way, this is absolutely perfect for children 10+ with an interest in mythology, but also very appealing to adults! *Lindy*

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Time of Trial Laws of Magic #4

Michael Pryor
Pb \$17.95

This is one of the very best series being written today! Set in a technologically advanced 19th century, where magic is a science, Aubrey Fitzwilliam, of illustrious family, is a flawed magical genius. He finds himself embroiled in (and foiling) attempts by his nemesis to cause a massive war. Helped by his dauntless friend George and increasingly attracted to the feisty, super-intelligent Caroline (who reduces him to nonsense), this is page-turning, sophisticated, intelligent writing. *Lindy*



Special offer: To help you start this great series, we have the first 3 books for only \$12.95 each (usually \$17.95). Hurry limited stock!

Cautionary Tales for Boys and Girls

John Hay-Mackenzie
Hb \$29.95

As someone reared on *Grimm's Tales* and *Struwwelpeter*, I just love this book! Accompanied by illustrations of weird and colourful soft toys (made by the author's friend, who was fighting cancer), these 12 rhyming tales tell of little boys and girls who didn't do just what they ought to and were punished for their naughtiness, negligence or lack of manners. Nicely wicked, these are gleefully moralistic cautions for the modern age – which adults will enjoy too. *Lindy*



Our Time

David Higgins
Hb \$24.95

Celebrating the beauty and fragility of the animal kingdom, each page of this book has a simple, poignant statement inviting us into this colourful, delicate place. A map showing the animal's habitat accompanies the warm and exuberant illustrations. A wonderful introduction to a world well worth saving. *Greg*



Torchwood The Encyclopedia

Gary Russell
Hb \$45

The Torchwood Institute has been defending Great Britain from aliens for 130 years. The team continues to monitor the space-time Rift, saving the world and battling for the future of the human race. Now you can discover every fact and figure, explore every crack in time and encounter every creature that Torchwood have dealt with. Illustrated with photos and artwork from all three TV series, this A-Z provides everything you need to know about Torchwood. Due Dec



Doctor Who Files Limited Collector's Edition

Hb \$69.95

Here are all 14 *Doctor Who Files*, along with the previously unpublished Donna and Master files and additional updates. Printed in a flex-back format with gilt edges that hide secret messages, and housed in an out-of-this-world TARDIS slipcase. Due Dec



Doctor Who The Ultimate Monster Guide

Justin Richards
Hb \$45

The most comprehensive guide ever to the Doctor's enemies! Everything you

need to know about the many dastardly creatures the Doctor has fought, including behind-the-scenes secrets of how the monsters were created. Lavishly illustrated with designs, drawings, photos and other artwork, this is essential for all travellers in time and space.



The Gathering Storm The Wheel of Time #12

Robert Jordan & Brandon Sanderson Hb \$49.99 Tp \$35

The most eagerly anticipated fantasy novel of the last two decades! Incomplete when Jordan died in 2007, this was completed by Sanderson using extensive notes and audio material left by Jordan. It begins the final chapter of the compelling saga that started 20 years ago with *The Eye of the World* (Pb \$23.99).



Absolute Death

Neil Gaiman Slipcased Hb \$190

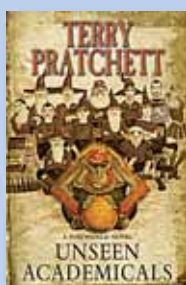
Introduced in Gaiman's *Absolute Sandman* (Volumes #1 to #4, \$180 each) comes the genuinely likable Death. One day per century, Death walks the Earth to better understand those to whom she will be the final visitor. Today is that day. As a young mortal girl, Death befriends a teenager and helps a 250-year-old homeless woman find her missing heart. What follows is a sincere musing on love, life and death. An honest and intelligent story that illuminates 'the miracle of death'.



The Philip K Dick Collection

Philip K Dick Hb Boxed Set \$185

At last, here are 13 novels – nearly 3,000 pages – from the most 'out there' science fiction writer of the 20th century, all packaged in a spiffy, high-gloss slipcase. This collection includes *Ubik*, *A Scanner Darkly*, *VALIS*, *The Divine Invasion* and of course *Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?* (the basis for the film *Blade Runner*).



Unseen Academicals

Terry Pratchett Hb \$49.95

Football has come to the ancient city of Ankh-Morpork. The wizards of Unseen University must win a match, without using magic, so they're in the mood to try anything. The Big Match draws in an urchin with a talent for kicking a tin can, a maker of jolly good pies, a dim but beautiful woman, and the mysterious Mr Nutt. As the match approaches, four lives are entangled and changed forever. Because the important thing about football... is that it's not just about football!



Sense and Sensibility and Sea Monsters

Jane Austen & Ben Winters Pb \$24.95

The Dashwood sisters are sent to live on a mysterious island full of savage creatures and dark secrets. While Elinor falls in love with Edward, Marianne is courted by both the handsome Willoughby and the hideous man-monster Colonel Brandon. Can they triumph or will they fall prey to the tentacles that are forever snapping at their heels? This is a masterful blend of Jane Austen's biting social commentary with the mythology of Jules Verne & H P Lovecraft, among others. Bound to follow the international success of Seth Grahame-Smith's *Pride and Prejudice and Zombies* (Pb \$24.95).

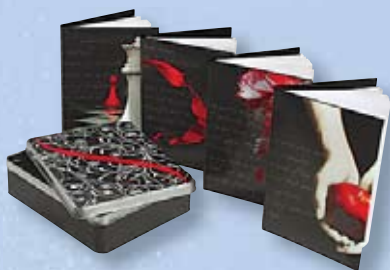


Mr Darcy, Vampire

Amanda Grange Pb \$29.95

Elizabeth Darcy is the happiest woman alive when she steps into the carriage that is to take her on her wedding tour, until she sees the look of torment on Mr Darcy's face and discovers he has a dark secret that nearly destroys their love, their marriage and even her life. Darcy and his family are vampires and cannot be outside during sunrise or sunset. Lady Catherine turned Georgiana into an undying friend for her vampiric daughter Anne, then chose Darcy as the perfect mate for Anne. Now Lizzy and Darcy must travel to the Pyrenees to find a way to break the curse. But Lady Catherine won't give up her undead without a fight...

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The Twilight Journals

Stephenie Meyer
Hb Tinned Boxed Set \$35

These four beautiful, blank journals feature cover art from each of the books in the *Twilight* saga and are just waiting to be filled with your private thoughts. Lavishly packaged in a gorgeous matching collectible tin, this is the perfect gift for all *Twilight* devotees. *Sofia*



Queene of Light Child of Darkness Veil of Shadows

Lightworld / Darkworld #1-#3

Jennifer Armintrout Pb \$15.95 each

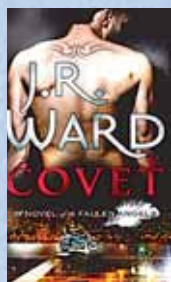
Once upon a time yet to come, creatures of myth and fairy tale gained entry to the human realm and were expelled with extreme prejudice. Banished underground, they carved out two kingdoms – the Lightworld of the Fae and their kin, and the Darkworld of demons, werewolves and their ilk. But the boundaries between these Worlds and the Upworld are about to be redrawn – in blood! At a Lightworld royal gala, Queene Ayla announces the betrothal of her daughter, Cerridwen. Furious with her mother, but ignorant of her own true origins, she flees the court, leaving herself vulnerable to those who would see the Lightworld destroyed. Amid burgeoning unrest, desperate desires become divided loyalties and terrifying mercenaries lurk in the shadowy space between rebellion and anarchy.

Covet

Fallen Angels #1

J R Ward
Pb \$19.99

Ward is the author of the sexy, action-packed *Black Dagger Brotherhood* series. *Covet* is the first in her new series, which is not just about fallen angels, but the souls of men too. There are seven deadly sins, so seven souls will be tempted, and as a whole they will decide the destiny of the world. Paranormal Romance fans will be weak at the knees for this! *Sofia*



Fallen

Kate Lauren
Tp \$29.95

17-year-old Lucinda falls in love with the gorgeous and highly intelligent Daniel at their reform school. Then she discovers that Daniel is a fallen angel: cursed, destined neither to ascend to Heaven nor descend to Hell, and tormented by love. The two realise they have spent their lifetimes finding and losing one another. They face the final challenge to keep evil forces at bay and seal redemption for all. Dangerously exciting and darkly romantic, this is a page-turning thriller and the ultimate love story. Due Dec



Hush, Hush

Becca Fitzpatrick
Tp \$24.99

Nora is drawn to Patch, who seems to know more about her than even her closest friends. She cannot decide whether she should fall into his arms or run and hide. When she seeks answers, she finds a truth that is more unsettling than anything Patch makes her feel, for she is in the middle of an ancient battle between Immortals and those who have Fallen. The wrong choice will cost her life.



Magic in the Shadows

Allie Beckstrom #3

Devon Monk
Pb \$22.99

Allison Beckstrom knows there is a price to be paid for using magic. Now she has been visibly marked by it. She cannot remember much of the last few weeks, including the man she supposedly fell in love with. But things are about to get worse. The spirit of her father – a businessman, sorcerer and recently deceased – is not about to go quietly. He wants to trade magical knowledge in exchange for real estate... inside Allie's head! Due Dec



A Touch of Dead An Anthology of Sookie Stackhouse Short Stories

Charlaine Harris
Hb \$49.99 Tp \$29.99

If you know anyone who has come down with a serious case of **True Blood** fever, this is the perfect gift for them! This is the first ever collection of all-Sookie short stories, previously only available in four other collections. If you've read the books, this is the closest thing to a Sookie fix you're going to get until she writes another one! *Sofia*



Me and My Shadow Silver Dragons #3

Katie MacAlister
Pb \$19.99

It's not easy being a dragon's mate and May's life is about to get just that little bit more complicated! Not only does her boss refuse to give her any alone time with her gorgeous, beloved Gabriel, but out of nowhere her ditzzy sister shows up. And how do you get rid of a pesky water-naïd sibling who just won't dry up? *Sofia*



Three Days to Dead Evy Stone #1

Kelly Meding
Pb \$17.95

In her previous life, Evy was a bounty-hunter specialising in creatures of the night. Now she wakes up dead at the morgue in someone else's body! She has three days to recover her memory and solve her own murder before the spell animating her wears off. Something or someone is after her, but she can't trust her own memory, so how can she find out who killed her? *Sofia*



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501st Imperial Commando



Karen Travis
Pb \$24.95 \$19.95

The Old Republic's Commando forces have found themselves on very different sides after the fall. Some defected to serve as mercenaries on Mandalore alongside rogue Jedi, making up

Kal Skirata's resistance to the Imperial, while the remainder – like the Delta and Omega squads – are now Imperial Commandos with Darth Vader's own 501st Legion, tasked with hunting down all remaining Jedi and Clone deserters. An essential gap-filler set between *Clone Wars* and *Star Wars: A New Hope* (Pb \$15.95). *CM*

The Complete Vader



Wyndham Ryder
Hb \$69.99

Since his early development in *Star Wars*, Darth Vader has become a cultural legend of our era in books, comics, games and merchandise. This is the ultimate view

of the Dark Lord of the Sith in all his incarnations. Information from all the films and books in the expanded *Star Wars* universe, including exclusives photos and interviews from the Lucas film archives. A must for all *Star Wars* fans. *CM*

Halo Encyclopedia

The Definitive Guide to the Halo Universe



Hb \$75

Everything you ever wanted to know about Master Chief and the Halo universe is now at your fingertips. Learn about the origins of the game, its place in gaming

history, the mechanics behind it and of course EVERYTHING about weapons, villains, heroes, vehicles, locations and more.



Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 The Authorized Adaptation

Tim Hamilton Tp \$27.99

The classic novel recreated as a graphic novel. Guy Montag is a fireman whose job is to burn books, which are forbidden, being the source of all discord and unhappiness. Montag is unhappy, for there is discord in his marriage. Are books hidden in his house? The Mechanical Hound is ready to track down those who defy society to preserve and read books. This story is a prophetic account of civilisation's enslavement by the media, drugs and conformity.

Eragon's Guide to Alagaesia

Christopher Paolini
Hb \$45



To ease the wait for the final instalment of the *Inheritance* trilogy, explore the extraordinary world of Alagaesia as seen through the eyes of Eragon, including maps and drawings of all the beautiful sights described in the series, plus samples of language glyphs and character pictures. Written entirely from Eragon's perspective, giving a few sneak peaks into the plot and destination of Eragon and Saphira. *Chrissi*

Makers

Cory Doctorow
Tp \$32.99

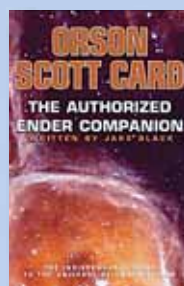


How will we work, rest, play and love 30 years from now? Technology is changing the world, but are humans changing with it? This novel fizzles with bold ideas about the future and how our lives will look as part of it. At its heart are three characters who are brought together, only to be torn apart as they try to discover how to live meaningfully in an ever-changing world where some things really are immutable. From the author of *Little Brother* (Pb \$22.99). Due Dec

Orson Scott Card

The Authorized Ender Companion

Jake Black
Hb \$54



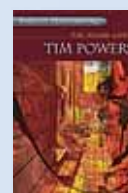
Orson Scott Card's *Ender's Game* (\$19.99) won the *Nebula Award* in 1985 and the *Hugo Award* in 1986, while his *Speaker for the Dead* (\$19.99) won the *Nebula* in 1986 and the *Hugo* in 1987 – an unprecedented achievement. This is a complete, in-depth encyclopedia of all the persons, places, things and events in the Ender Universe, including timelines, colony histories and family trees. Written under Card's supervision, this is an invaluable resource for all fans of the series.

STAFF PICKS

The Anubis Gates

Tim Powers Pb \$24.99

A classic time travel tale! A tour guide becomes stranded in Regency London, where he must contend with Egyptian Gods, evil mages and a hirsute body snatcher. *Geoff*



Cast in Silence

Chronicles of Elantra #5

Michelle Sagara Tp \$29.95

A fast-paced series that is hard to put down. One of my favourite fantasy series. *Mark*



The Hunger Games

Suzanne Collins Pb \$18.99

Rich in description, with a fantastic, action-packed plot. A brilliant take on the Battle Royale idea. *Sofia*



Norse Code

Greg van Eekhout
Pb \$16.95

A wild adventure through a modern-day ragnarok. What happens to mortals when gods fight over the universe's fate? *Matt*



The Poison Throne

Moorehawk #1

Celine Kiernan Pb \$19.99

This had me from the first page. One of the best Young Adult fantasies I've read in years! *Steph*



Return of the Crimson Guard

Ian Cameron Esslemont
Pb \$24.95

As good as Steven Erikson's stuff! A must read for Malazan fans. *Adam*



The Shadow Queen

Anne Bishop Pb \$20.99

A wonderful new frontier in the realm of the Blood with a whole new aspect explored in Terrielle. *Chrissi*



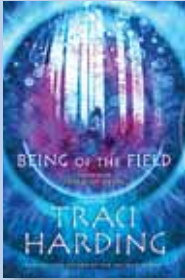
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The Battle of Devastation Reef Helfort's War #3

Graham Sharp Paul Pb \$15.95

As the near-invincible Hammer Worlds bear down on the Federated Worlds, Lieutenant Helfort must lead a daring raid against a hidden enemy anti-matter warhead factory, but does he have the skill to lead and the guts to succeed against a savage enemy and an unaccommodating chain of command? With the fate of human-controlled space hanging in the balance and everyone trying to tear him down, he may have to sell out for the greater good. *Matt*



Being of the Field Triad of Being #1

Traci Harding Tp \$32.99

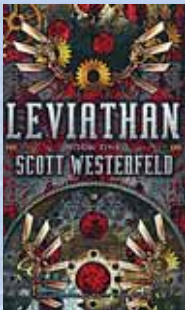
Taren has studied everything from genetics and cell communication to Astro Physics and ESP. She is convinced there are vibrations connecting this universe to every other universe. Unbeknownst to Taren, her hidden psychic talents are the reason she is hired by the AMIE project to investigate an ocean planet. But there are conflicting agendas within the organisation and she is the only one who begins to suspect that foul play may be afoot. Due Dec



Earth to Hell Journey to Wudang #1

Kylie Chan Pb \$22.99

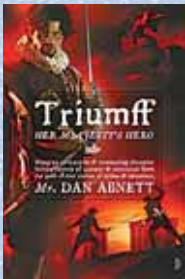
Eight years after the end of *Blue Dragon* (Pb \$22.99), Emma and Simone face a new threat. Simon Wong, with Kitty Kwok and the Hong Kong underworld, have kidnapped Emma's students. Meanwhile, the King of the Demons is allowing his children to torture Leo in the hope of drawing Emma and Simone into Hell and into his hands. Emma and Simone must defeat the demon-underworld alliance, then enter the gates of Hell to free Leo, without being captured themselves. Due Dec



Leviathan Leviathan #1

Scott Westerfeld Tp \$29.95

Prince Aleksander, would-be heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, is on the run. His own people have turned on him. All he has is a battle-torn war machine and a loyal crew of men. Deryn Sharp is a commoner, disguised as a boy in the British Air Service, but her secret is in constant danger of being discovered. As WWI brews, Alek and Deryn's paths cross in the most unexpected way, taking them on a fantastical, around-the-world adventure that will change both their lives forever.



Triumff Her Majesty's Hero

Dan Abnett Pb \$20.99

Sir Rupert Triumff. Adventurer. Fighter. Drinker. Saviour? This is a ribald historical fantasy set in a warped, clockwork-powered version of our present day. Throughout its rollicking pages, Sir Rupert drinks, dines and duels his way into a new Brass Age of Exploration and Adventure. The hotly anticipated new novel from Dan Abnett, author of the hugely popular *Warhammer* series, this has been described as *Black Adder* crossed with Neal Stephenson.



The Old Kingdom Chronicles

Garth Nix Tp \$35

In the Old Kingdom, only the Abhorsen can keep the living safe from the dead. This is the thrilling story of the family charged to lay the dead – and the forces of evil – to rest. Rich, complex and hard to put down, here is the bestselling trilogy – *Sabriel*, *Lirael* and *Abhorsen* (\$17.95 each) – by one of Australia's best fantasists, together for the first time in a single volume. Includes an exciting short story set in the same evocative world.

The Prodigal Mage

Fisherman's Children #1

Karen Miller

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The magic that holds Lur safe is failing. Only Asher has the skill to mend the weather map that governs the seasons. His son Rafel has inherited the same talents, but has been forbidden to use them. But when Asher's last desperate attempt to repair the damage leaves him on this deathbed, Rafel's powers may not be denied, for his countrymen are facing famine, devastation and a rift in the very fabric of their land.



Prophecy's Ruin

Broken Well Trilogy #1

Sam Bowring

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Kainordas and Fenvarrow, after centuries of war, now suffer an uneasy stalemate, until a prophecy foretells of a child of power who will finally break the balance. A battle ensues, tearing the child's very soul in two. This is the story of two boys as they grow to be men and struggle to discover their place in the world. Each has to ask: will he, one day, have to face himself?



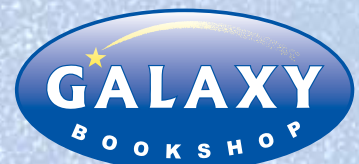
Tallow

The Curse of the Bond Riders #1

Karen Brooks

Tp \$27.95

A humble candle-maker rescues a child and raises him as his apprentice. As the child's unusual talents are revealed, the gentle art of candle-making is slowly transformed into something sinister. A vengeful aristocrat, an exotic queen and the lethal creatures known only as the Morte Whisperers hunger after the child's ancient magic and will do anything to control it. A story of intrigue, deadly magic and a love so deep it transcends life itself.





WARHAMMER

Titanicus

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Warfare in the 41st millennium is taken to new levels as the massive war machines of the Titan Legio Invicta struggle to defend a vital forge world.

Blood Pact

Dan Abnett Hb \$39.95

Gaunt's regiment is given some much needed R&R, only to have Gaunt himself drafted by Intelligence into the intrigues surrounding an enemy prisoner.

The Chronicles of Malus Darkblade

Dan Abnett & Mike Lee Tp \$27.95

The epic tale of the dark elf anti-hero and his quest to rid himself of daemon Tz'arkan. Includes *Warpword* and *Lord of Ruin*, plus two short stories featuring Malus Darkblade.

The Vampire Diaries



L J Smith
Pb \$19.95

You've seen the TV show, now read the books – *The Awakening* and *The Struggle* – both in one volume! Elena can have any boy she wants. Stefan seems to be the only one

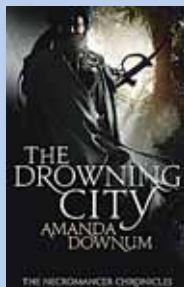
who can resist her. Damon is dangerous, driven by an urge for revenge against Stefan. Determined to have Elena, he would kill to possess her.



The Fall of Ossard Ossard #1

Colin Taber Tp \$29.99

Coming of age in a city of merchant princes, Juvela discovers she can see what others cannot. The very currents of the celestial are open to her, including the truths they hide. In a city plagued by a string of child thefts, with dark factions rising up to grab power, few are prepared to take a stand, so the city falls into chaos amidst flames, doom and ritual slaughter. However, through Juvela, hope persists. An immensely enjoyable debut that will appeal to fans of authors such as James Clemens and Sara Douglass.



The Drowning City Necromancer Chronicles #1

Amanda Downum Pb \$19.99

This debut novel is an evocative story of magic and revolution in a decaying, decadent jungle city. Isyllt, a Necromancer and spy, must undermine the occupying Assari Empire before it invades her homeland. Betrayed by her allies, hunted by the people she is meant to aid, she must choose between her mission and the lives of thousands of people. As the waters rise and dams crack, everything she has worked for may be swept away.



The Fairfield Curse Bran Hambric #1

Kaleb Nation Hb \$24.95

In a city where magic is outlawed, six-year-old Bran Hambric, remembering nothing, is found inside a locked bank vault. Only magic could have done this, but why would any mage risk breaking the law to place a child here? Eight years later, there are those who have been waiting and watching, people who know where Bran came from and why he was sent away. And they will do anything to get him back, dead or alive.



Time Travelers Never Die

Jack McDevitt Hb \$48

When physicist Michael Shelborne disappeared, his son Shel discovers that his father had built a time machine. Believing his father to be lost in time, he embarks on a rescue mission through time, an adventure that takes him from renaissance Italy to the Wild West, meeting a host of historically important people. Finally he travels to the future, irreversibly changing his life! *Geoff*



Soulless Parasol Protectorate #1

Gail Carriger Pb \$15.95

Alexia Tarrabotti has no soul. She's also a spinster whose father is both Italian and dead. Not only that, she was rudely attacked by a vampire, breaking all standards of social etiquette. With unexpected vampires appearing, and expected vampires disappearing, everyone seems to believe she is responsible. Who is the real culprit? And do they have treacle tart?



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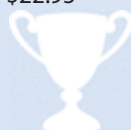
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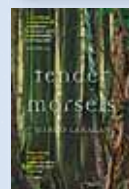
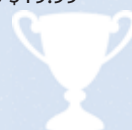
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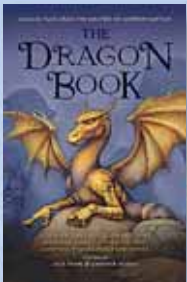
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Candle in the Storm The Shadowed Path #2

Morgan Howell Pb \$15.95

The followers of the goddess Karm are hunted down by an army led by Lord Bahl, the flesh and blood incarnation of the Devourer. Only Honus, a warrior dedicated to Karm, and Yim, a former slave with the divine power to stop Lord Bahl, stand in the way of an apocalypse. But Yim is called upon to make a sacrifice that will not only test her love for Honus, but also her faith. The much-anticipated sequel to **A Woman Worth Ten Coppers** (Pb \$17.95).



The Dragon Book

Magical Tales from the Masters of Modern Fantasy

Jack Dann & Gardner Dozois (editors) Tp \$24.95

19 wonderful stories about – you guessed it – dragons, in all their different shapes, sizes and styles. Contributors include some of the biggest names in the genre, such as Garth Nix, Tamora Pierce, Harry Turtledove and Gregory Maguire, as well as some less familiar writers, so you can get a taste of these new authors too. Perfect for all dragon lovers! *Chrissi*



Fire Graceling Prequel

Kristin Cashore Tp \$32.99

Marked out by her vivid red hair, Fire is mesmerising. People will forget their responsibilities to please her. And worse, crush nations, neglect kingdoms and abuse their power. Aware of her power and afraid of it, she lives in a corner of the world away from people and away from temptation. Until the day comes when she is needed – a day when, for her king, she has to stand against not only his enemies, but against herself... You don't need to have read **Graceling** (Pb \$22.99), but if you haven't, you'll be dying to read it next!



Time Machines Repaired While-U-Wait

K A Bedford Pb \$22.95

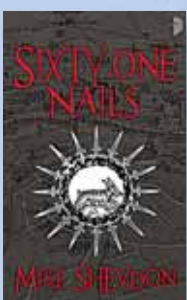
Time Machine Repairman Aloysius 'Spider' Webb has lost his love of time travel. Jaded from working with time machines, which cost him his job as police detective, he is resigned to his fate. Until he finds the body of a murdered woman in one of the machines. The corpse and the machine are spirited away by the Department of Time and Space, reigniting his detective instincts to find the truth. Winner of the 2009 *Aurealis Award*. *Geoff*



The Child Thief

Brom Hb \$49.99

14-year-old Nick would be lying dead in a Brooklyn park had Peter not saved him. Now the irresistible wild boy wants Nick to follow him into a strange and unsettling mist. Nick agrees; what more can he possibly lose? But there is always more to lose... Brom takes the beloved *Peter Pan* tale, painting a Neverland that is darker and richer, and writing a more complex story than the world J M Barrie conceived. Illustrated with Brom's sumptuous artwork.



Sixty-One Nails Court of the Feyre #1

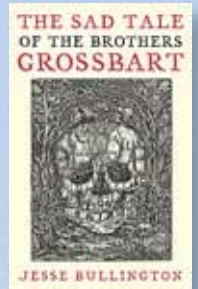
Mike Shevdon Pb \$20.99

This follows Niall Petersen from a suspected heart attack on the London Underground into the hidden world of the Feyre, an uncanny place of legend that lurks just beyond the surface of everyday life. The Untainted, the darkest of the Seven Courts, have made their play for power, and unless Niall can recreate the ritual of the Sixty-One Nails, their dark dominion will enslave all of the Feyre... and all of humankind.

The Sad Tale of the Brothers Grossbart

Jesse Bullington Pb \$22.99

In the plague-wracked darkness of Medieval Europe, a few enjoy opulence, while the majority live in poverty. To the Grossbart brothers, being of low birth means little when riches await just inside the next crypt. These grave-robbers know enough to realise that to make a living from the dead, what better destination than the tomb-cities of Egypt? But they are about to discover that legends have their truths and worse fates than death await those who would take the road of villainy.



Red Mars #1 **Green Mars #2** **Blue Mars #3**

Kim Stanley Robinson Pb \$24.99 each*

The future history of the colonisation of Mars, from the first attempts at terraforming to becoming a utopia for an overpopulated, depleted Earth. Mars has become a dream to live for, fight for, maybe even die for. A multi-award winning series.

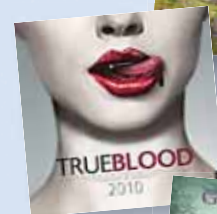
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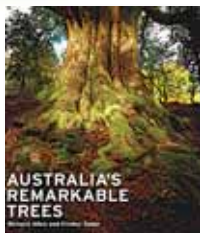


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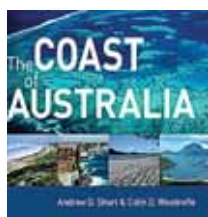


Australia's Remarkable Trees

Richard Allen & Kimbal Baker
Hb \$59.99



With 164 million hectares of forest – the sixth largest area of any country in the world – and a geography that includes snow-covered mountains, harsh deserts, lush rainforests and rich tablelands, Australia has a variety of trees matched by few countries on earth. Richly illustrated with more than 500 stunning photographs, this book is a call to arms to preserve and protect our oldest and most magnificent living things. A beautiful record of some truly great trees!

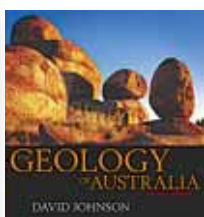


The Coast of Australia

Andrew Short & Colin Woodroffe
Pb \$69.95

The Geology of Australia

David Johnson
Pb \$79.95



The Coast of Australia covers all aspects of our spectacular and diverse coast – how it came to be the way it is and how it is likely to change in the future. Well-illustrated and very readable. The second edition of **The Geology of Australia** now includes two new chapters, one on the history of life on Earth and one providing a geological perspective on climate change. The best book on Australian geology is now even better! *Dave*



The Encyclopedia of Mammals

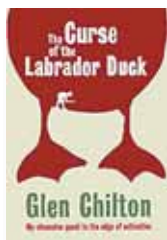
David MacDonald

The Encyclopedia of Birds

Christopher Perrins
Pb \$59.95 each



These are the definitive, one-volume guides to the mammals and birds of the world. Superbly produced with stunning images and clear, concise prose, they belong in the library of every lover of natural history. Although written for adults, much of the text is suitable for ages 10+. Due Dec *Dave*



The Curse of the Labrador Duck

Glen Chilton Hb \$35

Here is something charming and good-natured, which is very entertaining. Labrador Ducks were rare to start with, but men with guns made them extinct. Chilton, an ornithologist and behavioural ecologist, became obsessed with this very dead duck. With about 54 specimens held in museums and collections worldwide, he set off to see them all. This reminded me of Bill Bryson, with its deft touch and self-deprecating style. *Lindy*

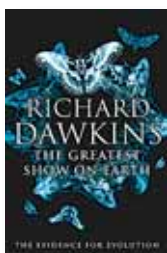


Fishes of the Open Ocean

A Natural History and Illustrated Guide

Julian Pepperell Hb \$59.95

My first impression upon opening this book was – how beautiful! Written by a world-renowned marine biologist, it is the first book to describe the fishes of the open ocean – tuna, marlin, swordfish, sharks, rays, sunfish, flying fish and many others. Full-page photographs make you feel like you're underwater, and maps and original illustrations complement the fascinating text. Outstanding! *Lindy*



The Greatest Show on Earth

Richard Dawkins Tp \$35

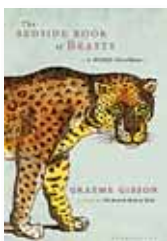
Dawkins (**The God Delusion** Pb \$27.95, **The Selfish Gene** Pb \$32.95) takes on the Creationists with a brilliant, uncompromising look at the evidence for Darwin's theory of evolution. This timely book comes as systematic opposition to evolution flourishes in America. A thrilling tribute to science, the wonders of nature and his ultimate hero, Charles Darwin.



The Nature of Technology

W Brian Arthur Hb \$49.95

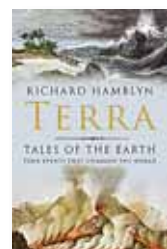
At a time when we are ever more reliant on technological solutions to the world's problems, it is extraordinary how little we actually understand the processes that lead to innovation and invention. This landmark book shows how technologies capture natural phenomena, how they combine and build on existing technologies, and how they deepen and revolutionise our understanding of the world.



The Bedside Book of Beasts A Wildlife Miscellany

Graeme Gibson Hb \$49.99

We have always been captivated by fierce animals, from lions and tigers to wolves and bears. This is a celebration of these alpha predators. Packed with vivid images, it draws on folk tales, parables and the work of well-known writers such as Rudyard Kipling, Haruki Murakami, Margaret Atwood, Ted Hughes, Bruce Chatwin, Konrad Lorenz and Gerald Durrell. Due Dec *Lindy*



Terra

Richard Hamblyn Hb \$49.99

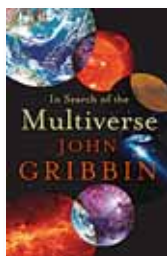
This book begins with four true stories. Each proved to be a turning point in the history of science: the Lisbon earthquake of 1755; the weather-panics in the summer of 1783; the eruption of Krakatau in 1883; and the Hilo tsunami of 1946. A blend of history and science, it explores our intricate relationship with the planet we inhabit. This will change your perception of our world.



Hope for Animals and their World

Jane Goodall Tp \$35

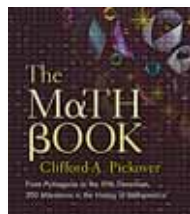
Despite all the doom and gloom, this inspirational conservationist reminds us of the hardworking field workers who have reversed the tide of extinctions. Uplifting examples include the New Zealand Black Robin, Californian Condor, North American wolves and the Bactrian camel. Where there's life, there's hope, as proven by this passionate and motivating book! Due Dec



In Search of the Multiverse

John Gribbin Hb \$49.95

Take an extraordinary journey and examine the most fundamental questions in science. What are the boundaries of our Universe? Are there other universes? Do we really live in a Multiverse? Explore the very latest thinking about quantum theory, gravity and the fundamental forces that shape our world, learning about time and multiple dimensions, matter itself and the growth and fate of the known Universe.



The Math Book

Clifford A Pickover Hb \$49.99

Chronologically arranged, this illustrated survey of mathematics explains 250 ideas and concepts without condescension, so non-mathematicians can understand, but real mathematicians won't be bored! An excellent reference for anyone interested in the 'supreme beauty' (as Bertrand Russell described it) of mathematics. *Lindy*



The Bedside Book of Algebra

From Vectors to Variables: The ABC of X Plus Z

Michael Willers Hb \$24.95

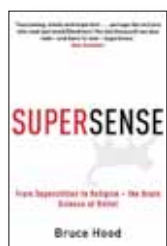
The principles of algebra were founded centuries ago, yet their usefulness and ubiquity ensure they remain applicable today. This is a collection of problems – some practical, some theoretical. Each section is clearly written and guides the reader progressively through the subject. Includes feature spreads on major figures and their theories and findings. Due Dec



Soap and Water and Common Sense

Bonnie Henry Pb \$29.95

Looking at how various 'bugs' evolved, this comprehensive and entertaining guide provides fascinating information on historical diseases and plagues, super-bugs and the microbes we have made more dangerous to ourselves, plus newer threats like SARS and Swine Flu. Explaining how to stay healthy in a germ-filled world, this is the perfect gift for your favourite hypochondriac!



Supersense

Bruce Hood Pb \$24.99

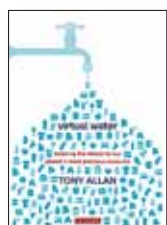
Superstitious habits are common. Do you ever cross your fingers, knock on wood or step around black cats? Sentimental value often supersedes material worth. Combining brilliant insight with witty example, this page-turning account of our 'supersense' navigates a path through brain science, child development, mental illness and the paranormal. You will realise why you're not as reasonable as you think – and why that's not such a bad thing!



The Elements

Theodore Gray Hb \$49.95

Based on years of research, the photographs in this book are the most complete representations available to the naked eye of all 118 atoms. Each element is represented by a spread that includes a stunning full-page, colour photograph representing it in its purest form. Includes details such as atomic weight, density, melting and boiling point, valence and electro-negativity.



Virtual Water

Tony Allan Pb \$39.95

How much water does it take to make a cup of coffee? The answer may shock you: 140 litres! That's the true amount of water used in growing, producing, packaging and shipping the beans needed to make your morning coffee. In this stimulating and enjoyable book, Allan shows what you can do to help tackle the threats to our planet's most precious resource.

Renaissance Genius

Galileo Galilei and His Legacy to Modern Science

David Whitehouse Hb \$39.99



It is 400 years since Galileo gazed at the skies with a telescope. This celebratory volume paints a fascinating portrait of the astronomer in a time when science and Church clashed over fundamental perceptions of the world and cosmos. An absorbing and enlightening study, beautifully complemented by sumptuous, full-colour illustrations.

We Need to Talk About Kelvin

Marcus Chown Tp \$29.99



The reflection of your face in a window tells you the universe is founded on randomness and unpredictability. The heat of the sun tells you that the source of solar fuel contains a million times more energy than dynamite. The abundance of carbon hints that our universe is but one of a multitude. TV static tells you the universe began in a Big Bang. All this and more as you read this brilliant guide for non-scientists to the ideas of modern physics. Due Dec *Lindy*



Shrouds of the Night

David Block & Kenneth Freeman Hb \$69.95

It has taken astronomers a long time to discover the structure of our galaxy because much of it is hidden by shrouds – veils of cosmic dust. This beautiful book tells the story of how they have managed to see through these shrouds and reveal an awesome new view of the structure of our galaxy and other galaxies around us. Well-written text and a plethora of stunning images. *Dave*

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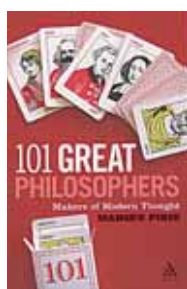
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philosophy & religion

101 Great Philosophers

Madsen Pirie
Pb \$29.95

A basic introduction for anyone interested in Western philosophical thought. Aimed at the novice (like myself), a page-and-a-half is devoted to each philosopher, explaining their basic concept, a brief look at their works and a sense of who they were. Beginning with the ancients, such as Thales and Pythagoras, and concluding with Derrida and Nozick, this is perfect for dipping into and encouraging further investigation. *Greg*



The Value of Nothing

Raj Patel
Pb \$24.95

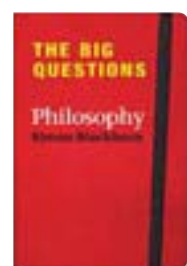
From the author of *Stuffed and Starved* (Pb \$27.95) comes a new work incorporating some basic, yet forgotten, economics, plus cutting-edge neuroeconomics, history, philosophy and sociology to show how the price we pay for everything – from food to handbags to fridges to entertainment – is systematically distorted, reflecting neither true value nor real cost. The answer to the question 'How much?' is not simply about the price on the box! Radical, original and nimbly argued.



Philosophy

Simon Blackburn
Hb \$29.95

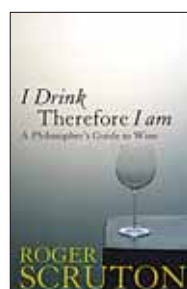
Blackburn asks 20 essential questions and in clear, eloquent essays provides the answers, or at least ways of considering the topics with some element of surety. Questions include: Why is there something and not nothing? Can machines think? What is beauty? Why be good? Is truth relative? What does anyone know? What is the meaning of life? A thoughtful and accessible guide to the fundamental questions of philosophy. From the author of *Truth* (Pb \$26.95) and *Think* (Pb \$32.95) Due Dec



I Drink Therefore I Am

Roger Scruton
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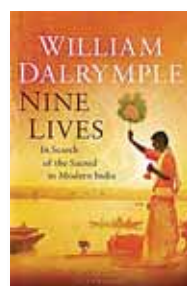
The ancients had a solution to alcohol problems – wrap the drink in religious rituals and treat it as the incarnation of a god, then marginalise disruptive behaviour as the god's doing, not the worshipper's. Scruton argues that wine, drunk in the right frame of mind, is definitely good for the soul. This good-humoured book offers an antidote to much of what is written about wine today. A profound apology for the drink on which civilisation has been founded. Due Dec



Nine Lives

William Dalrymple
Tp \$35

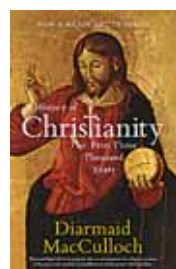
What a pleasure to have a new travel book from Dalrymple! This tells the stories of nine very different people who embark on different spiritual journeys and quests in the modern, vibrant nation of India. There is the illiterate goatherd, the only person alive who knows an ancient 200,000-stanza epic by heart. A Jain nun tests her powers of detachment by watching her best friend starve. A prison warder becomes a deity incarnate for two months of the year. A beguiling and mesmerising read. From the author of *City of Djinns* and *From the Holy Mountain* (\$24.95 each), *White Mughals* (\$27.95) and *The Last Mughal* (\$24.99). *Lindy*



A History of Christianity

Diarmaid MacCulloch
Hb \$59.95

Christianity has had an incalculable impact on human history. The most comprehensive and up-to-date single-volume work in English, this describes the main ideas and personalities of Christian history, its organisation and spirituality, and how it has changed politics, sex and human society. It explores Christianity's complicated and often contentious relationship to its parent, Judaism, and its cousin, Islam, and how Christianity has changed its mind on vital moral questions. The first truly global history of Christianity! From the award-winning author of *Thomas Cranmer* (Tp \$54) and *Reformation* (Pb \$26.95).



Should You Judge This Book by its Cover?

Julian Baggini
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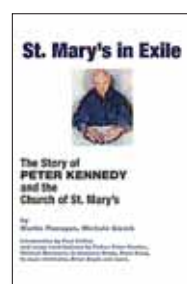
Short, stimulating and entertaining capsules of philosophy that examine famous sayings, proverbs and pieces of homespun wisdom. When in Rome, should you really do as the Romans do? And practise what you preach? Is the grass in fact always greener on the other side? Is there ever smoke without fire? Is beauty always in the eye of the beholder? Is it truly better to be safe than sorry? Very witty and thought-provoking.



St Mary's in Exile

Martin Flanagan & Michele Gierck
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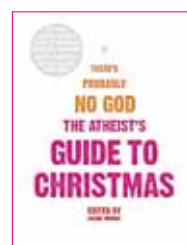
Father Peter Kennedy was sacked by his bishop in February 2009, essentially for being too good as a parish priest and stretching the bounds and definitions of community to include non-Catholics, gays, the divorced and so on. This story is revelatory in ways far beyond mere headlines, cutting to the heart of what being a Catholic means. Due Dec



The Atheist's Guide to Christmas

Ariane Sherine (editor)
Hb \$29.99

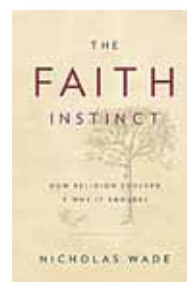
In this season of goodwill, 42 atheists give their serious and funny tips for enjoying a religious festival without religion. Divided into six sections – Stories, Arts, Science, Philosophy, How To and Events – this is funny, thoughtful and at times very touching. Contributors include A C Grayling, Ben Goldacre, Richard Dawkins, Brian Cox and Simon Singh, with quotes from famous atheists throughout history.



The Faith Instinct

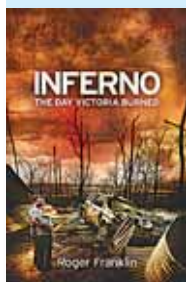
Nicholas Wade
Hb \$49.95

Wade examines a broad range of scientific evidence in tracing the cultural development of religion from hunter-gatherers to the present day. Religious faith had distinct advantages in early societies and Wade believes this continues to be the case. Due Dec



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Inferno The Day Victoria Burned

Roger Franklin Hb \$39.95

Black Saturday on 7 February 2009 was Australia's worst natural disaster. Almost 200 people lost their lives and property damage ran into billions of dollars. This thoroughly researched book weaves the narratives of survivors, fire-fighters, emergency officials and medical teams with an examination of the policies and passions involved on that fateful day.



The Men Who Killed Qantas

Matthew Benns Tp \$34.95

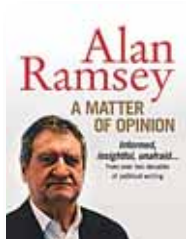
This book tells of a string of fatal accidents in the earlier years of Qantas and how executives hushed up design flaws in planes that had crashed. History you won't read on the official website: a story of sabotage, bomb hoaxes and ransom payments, sex scandals, bigamy, date rape and prostitution.



The Life and Death of Democracy

John Keane Hb \$49.99

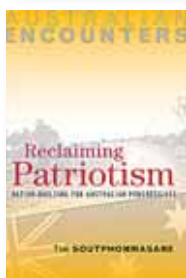
This is a huge and amazingly focussed history of that changing beast, democracy. Starting with its origins in Athens and tracing its development and spread through institutions, thinkers and ideals that have changed with the times, Keane considers democracy as it is known today and ponders its future. Everything you want to know about this precious idea!



A Matter of Opinion

Alan Ramsey Tp \$35

When he retired in 2008, Ramsey was the oldest serving press gallery journalist. For more than 20 years he wrote weekly columns that fearlessly skewered politicians of every persuasion, if he perceived hypocrisy, idiocy or self-serving cant. And let's face it, he had plenty to write about! This collection of 150 pieces shows the old curmudgeon at his sharpest, but also includes some of his more affectionate portraits. Incisive, informed and seriously entertaining! *Lindy*



Reclaiming Patriotism

Tim Soutphommasane Pb \$29.95

Re-imagining patriotism as a generous sentiment of democratic renewal and national belonging, this explains why our political leaders need to draw upon the better angels of patriotism if they hope to inspire people to nation-build or make sacrifices in the hard times ahead. As we debate 21st-century challenges of reconciliation, a republic, citizenship and climate change, this book proposes a narrative we have to have.



Best Australian Political Cartoons 2009

Russ Radcliffe (editor) Pb \$29.95

Australia's funniest and most perceptive political cartoonists are back in the 7th edition of this bestselling series. Not just a collection – more a subversive first draft of history, this is the essential guide to the new Labor era!



Animal Law in Australasia

Peter Sankoff & Steven White (editors) Tp \$69.90

Most of us assume that animal welfare laws provide animals with sufficient protection from mistreatment, but we are wrong! Local and international academics and practitioners cover topics from core concepts and theoretical questions to such matters as animal cruelty sentencing, live animal export, recreational hunting and commercial uses of animals.

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The State of Democracy

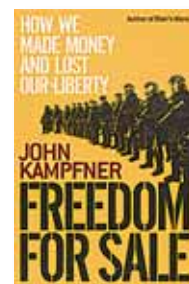
Marian Sawer,
Norman Abjorensen
& Phil Larkin
Tp \$59.95



There are now more notional democracies in the world than ever before. Australia was an early pioneer of the form of democracy now prescribed as inseparable from good governance, yet how healthy is our democracy now? Since 2002, the Democratic Audit has applied internationally tested indicators to Australia, identifying strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for reform. This is a highly readable and accessible interpretation of the audit findings, identifying the changes necessary to achieve a real democracy.

Freedom for Sale

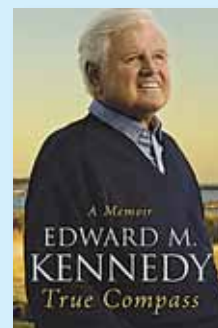
John Kampfner
Hb \$45



If consumerism provides the ultimate anaesthetic for the brain, what happens when wealth disappears and its numbing cocoon wears off? Having disengaged ourselves from political processes so as to live comfortably, why should we be surprised to realise that we have traded away fundamental freedoms? Repressions might be selective, but they now exist. Looking at different nations – Singapore, China, Russia, UAE, India, Italy, Britain and USA – this thoughtful, sometimes angry book is well argued, stimulating and provocative. *Lindy*

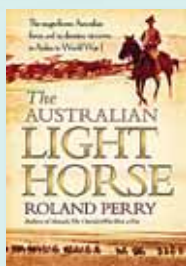
True Compass A Memoir

Edward Kennedy
Hb \$50



In American political life, there has been no bigger name than Kennedy. Here Edward Kennedy writes of himself and his family, describing the early years spent supporting his older brothers in their ambitions, his election to the Senate in 1962 and the decades of fighting for civil and social rights, along with the tragedies and mistakes of his private life. Fascinating! *Lindy*

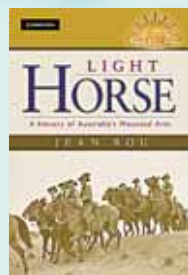
australian history



The Australian Light Horse

Roland Perry Hb \$50

Raised for the Boer War and re-formed for WWI, the Australian Light Horse was an elite force. This stirring, thoroughly researched history from the author of **Monash** (Pb \$27.95) focuses on their victories in the deserts of the Middle East and their special capabilities as a mobile battle company. Full of personal stories and the great sweep of military campaigns, culminating in the legendary charge on Damascus, this is popular history at its most enjoyable.



Light Horse

A History of Australia's Mounted Arm

Jean Bou Hb \$59.95

Part of the *Australian Armed Forces* series, this is the first comprehensive and serious history of the Australian Light Horse in war and peace. Jean Bou, historian at the Australian War Memorial, examines the place of the Light Horse in Australia's military history. This covers the entire life of the force from the mid-19th century to the disbandment of the last regiment in 1944.

Sir Alfred Stephen

J M Bennett

Hb \$59.95

Sir Alfred Stephen (1802-1894) personified the highest standards of human attainment in the 19th century. A successful lawyer, he arrived in Sydney from the West Indies in 1839. Within five years he was Chief Justice, and over the next 50 years he put his stamp on the colony's law, politics, universities, hospitals and cultural life.



So Many Firsts

Margaret Fitzherbert

Tp \$39.95

Inspiring and informative, this examines the political lives of women in the Liberal Party from Enid Lyons to today. They had many hurdles to overcome – the long fight to extend child endowment, the battle to remove barriers to married women working in the public service, equal work, equal opportunity and equal pay, as well as making it clear that women could do far more than simply represent women's issues.



Men of Mont St Quentin

Peter Stanley

Tp \$35

At 1.30pm on 1 September 1918, the dozen men of Nine Platoon, 21st Australian Infantry Battalion, rose from Elsa Trench and walked toward the German defenders of Mont St Quentin. Within hours, three were dead and five were wounded, one of whom died six weeks later. The survivors returned from war to live the next 60-odd years in the shadow of this traumatic event. In the hands of Peter Stanley, a famous battlefield in France becomes unforgettably connected with Australian men and their families.



A Swindler's Progress

Nobles and Convicts in the Age of Liberty

Kirsten McKenzie

Pb \$34.95

In May 1835, a man in Sydney was charged with forgery. He claimed to be Edward, Viscount Lascelles, eldest son of the Earl of Harewood and heir to one of Britain's largest fortunes. The Crown averred that he was a conman and serial impostor. So who was he? A compelling and well-researched tale, full of high society and low life, thwarted ambitions, notorious elopements and political skulduggery on both sides of the world.



Red Coat Dreaming

Craig Wilcox

Hb \$39.95

From the first British settlement to WWI, while some Australians were indifferent to, or disdainful of, the military force that shot down gold miners at Eureka, many were proud of the British Army's achievements on battlefields further afield. This book challenges our understanding of our military history and the primacy of the Anzac legend, showing how few Australians were immune to the allure and historic associations of the red coat.

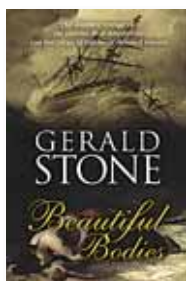


Beautiful Bodies

Gerald Stone

Tp \$34.99

In 1833, the *Amphitrite* – a convict ship bound for Australia – was wrecked in a storm on the coast of France. She carried 102 female prisoners and 12 children, along with the captain and crew. Only three people survived. Stone, author of **Who Killed Channel 9?** (Tp \$32.99) and **1932** (Tp \$35), has written a brilliant narrative recreation of the voyage and its disastrous end. He brings these lost women back to life, revealing the world in which they lived, their crimes, their hopes, their fears and their final tragedy.

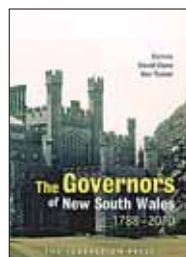


The Governors of NSW

David Clune & Ken Turner (editors)

Hb \$59.95

Biographical accounts of all 37 Governors from Arthur Phillip to Marie Bashir. Details John Hunter's amazing sea voyages, the erratic career of the "devious and foul-tempered" William Bligh, the highly public clashes of Sir Hercules Robinson (nicknamed 'Crisis Maker') with governments and parliament, the *Boy's Own* naval career of the swashbuckling Sir Harry Rawson, the extraordinary double-life of Lord Beauchamp and the dramatic events surrounding Sir Philip Game's dismissal of Jack Lang. Due Dec



Sydney Harbour

Ian Hoskins

Hb \$49.95

This is a very attractive book, a pleasure to look at, with fine reproductions and photographs. But it is more than a pretty coffee-table book. The glittering harbour has shaped the lives of countless people, from the indigenous to the immigrant. From those earliest days of human habitation of its shores to today's debates about the working harbour, this is immensely readable, thoroughly researched and a must-have for all who have been beguiled by its beauty. *Lindy*



Ghost Colonies

Forgotten Outposts of Imperial Ambition and Utopian Visions

Ed Wright
Pb \$45

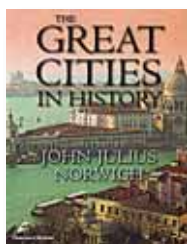
There were colonies that were successful... and those that weren't! This extensively illustrated book tells of the failures – settlements that did not live up to their founders' expectations due to disease, ignorance, naivety, internal disputes, attacks by indigenous peoples or opposing powers... or sometimes because they were deliberately forgotten by the powers back home and abandoned to their miserable fate! A thoroughly readable mix of adventure, mystery and tragedy.



The Great Cities in History

John Julius Norwich
Hb \$69.95

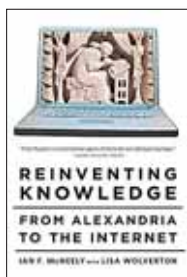
Take 70 of the greatest cities, then have an amazing array of experts write about them – Norwich on Constantinople, Venice and Palermo; Thubron on Samarkand; Figes on Moscow; Schama on Amsterdam; Fernandez-Armesto on Mexico City, Buenos Aires and Barcelona; Jan Morris on New York; Elizabeth Farrelly on Sydney. Illustrated lavishly in full-colour with maps, plans and photographs. This will keep even the most discerning armchair traveller or lover of history absolutely in their element! *Lindy*



Reinventing Knowledge

Ian McNeely & Lisa Wolverson
Pb \$24.95

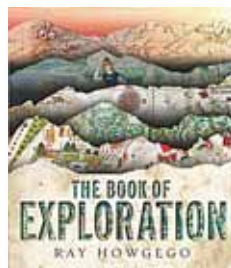
This is a history of the key Western institutions that have organised knowledge – from classical Alexandria to a monastery in the wilderness of a collapsed civilisation to the rambunctious universities of late medieval cities to the social networks of the Enlightenment. The development of science and the laboratory as a dominant knowledge institution brings us to the present, seeking patterns in the new digital networks of knowledge. This fresh intellectual history restores the strangeness and significance of the past.



The Atlas of Legendary Lands Fabled Kingdoms, Phantom Islands, Lost Continents and Other Mythical Worlds

Judyth McLeod
Hb \$65

Some books are so beautiful they beg to be picked up and enjoyed. This is certainly one of them! Once upon a time, the world held wonders still to be found, and men filled their ignorance with dreams of improbable, imaginary and fantastical places. Well illustrated with maps of the times, this combines historical research with art, evoking a world far stranger than the one we know! *Lindy*



The Book of Exploration

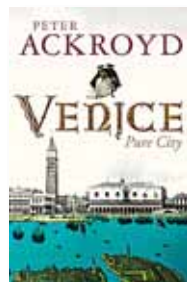
Ray Howgego
Hb \$85

Adventurers, pioneers, missionaries, fools, dreamers – this chronological account of 150 explorers covers the whole gamut of those who sought new lands, from ancient times to the centuries of European scrambling for treasure, glory or colonies, right up to the 20th century. Fully illustrated, this marvellous book is that perfect gift you buy for someone you love... then decide to keep for yourself! *Lindy*

Venice

Peter Ackroyd
Hb \$69.95

In this sumptuous vision of Venice, Ackroyd moves his skills from **London** (Pb \$45) and **Thames** (Pb \$39.95) to this city of myth, mystery and beauty, presenting its history from earliest beginnings to the tourist hotspot it is today. Romantic and packed with facts, it brings to life the atmosphere of canals, bridges, sunlit squares, churches, markets, fiestas and flowers. Beautifully written, designed and illustrated.



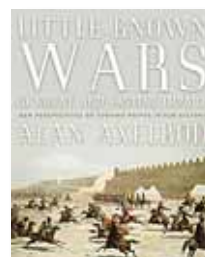
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Little-Known Wars of Great and Lasting Impact

Alan Axelrod
Pb \$34.99

The consequences of war can never be predicted. This book identifies 25 small wars that had repercussions far beyond their size.

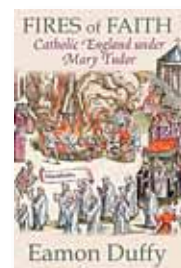
Such conflicts as Boudicca's fight against the Romans in Britain that eventually led to the downfall of the biggest empire of the time, the second Jewish revolt that inadvertently led to the creation of Christianity as a world religion and how the Opium Wars increased Chinese distrust and fear of the West. Axelrod explains how a small war hundreds of years ago can change history and our world forever.



Fires of Faith

Eamon Duffy
Hb \$54.95

A controversial reassessment by this prize-winning historian (**Stripping of the Altars** Pb \$45). In arguing that Mary Tudor's regime was neither inept nor backward-looking, Duffy challenges the assumptions about a reactionary monarch's doomed attempts to impose her religion on an unwilling public. Mary's reign was one of effective propaganda, dramatically reversing the previous religious revolution.



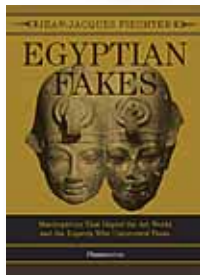
Eating with Emperors

Jake Smith Hb \$59.99

This beautifully designed book takes a unique look into the dining habits of Kings, Queens, Emperors and the like over the last 150 years. There is the White House chef who refuses to cook with frozen vegetables, the cook who is boiled alive after his recipe leads to the death of two people, Queen Victoria's permanent kitchen staff of 45, plus lots of other tasty morsels of information. Illustrated throughout and complemented with original menu cards, this should satisfy the appetite of all food lovers and lovers of history. *Greg*

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Egyptian Fakes

Masterpieces that Duped the Art World and the Experts Who Uncovered Them

Jean-Jacques Fiechter
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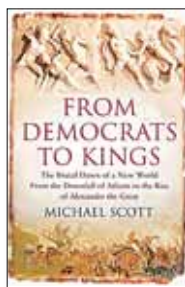
A market for Egyptian antiquities has existed from Phoenician times, but the appearance of fakes gathered strength during the 19th and early 20th centuries as archaeological activity peaked and tourism expanded, giving forgers access to collectors. Masterpieces in the Louvre, British Museum and Metropolitan Museum have sometimes been forgeries and this brilliant book tells the stories of these fakes and the people who exposed them. Lively and thoroughly researched, at times this reads like a thriller. *Lindy*



Philip Matyszak's Classical Compendium

Philip Matyszak
Hb \$29.95

Many ancient Greek and Roman writers, from Pliny to Plutarch, were incorrigible collectors of anecdotes, wisecracks, after-dinner jokes, scurrilous gossip, bizarre beliefs and miscellaneous facts. This delightful collection is from the author of **Legionary: The Roman Soldier's (Unofficial) Manual** (Hb \$39.95). It has lots of weird lists, including Romans who lived to be 100, plus odd deities like Sterculinius, the god of manure spreading. Sure to provide plenty of enjoyment to help you while away your idle moments!

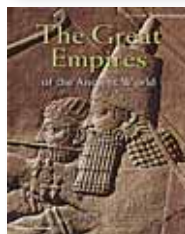


From Democrats to Kings

The Brutal Dawn of a New World from the Downfall of Athens to the Rise of Alexander the Great

Michael Scott Hb \$45

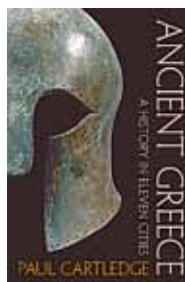
After a long and debilitating war with Sparta, Athens underwent radical upheaval and bitter internal conflicts. This thrilling popular history explores how the democratic city-state of Athens changed from popular rule to control by a despotic ruler in less than a century from 404BC to 323BC. Due Dec



The Great Empires of the Ancient World

Thomas Harrison (editor) Hb \$75

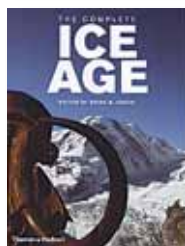
Internationally renowned scholars survey 10 of the greatest empires – from New Kingdom Egypt, the Hittites, Assyria, Babylonia and Achaemenid to Sassanid Persia, Athens and Alexander, Rome, India, and Qin and Han China. Handsomely illustrated, this is an excellent reference.



Ancient Greece A History in Eleven Cities

Paul Cartledge Hb \$39.95

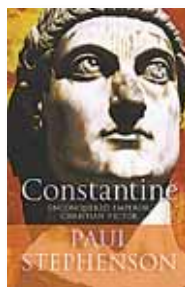
This highly stimulating introduction to Ancient Greece takes the polis as its starting point. Cartledge uses the history of 11 Greek cities to illuminate the important themes, from the first use of the Greek language around 1400 BC to the glories of the Classical and Hellenistic periods to the foundation of the Byzantine empire around AD 330. Covers everything from politics, trade and travel to slavery, gender, religion and philosophy. Due Dec



The Complete Ice Age How Climate Change Shaped the World

Brian Fagan (editor) Hb \$59.95

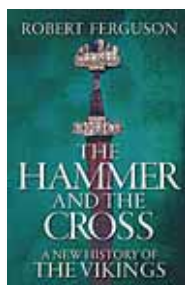
Four leading scientists present the most up-to-date discoveries, revealing how the Ice Age was determined, the effects of ice sheets moving and retreating over the earth, and the multitude of ways that humans and animals adapted to the changing world. Plentifully illustrated, it demonstrates the fragility of the climate system and warns us of the consequences of neglecting our planet. Due Dec



Constantine Unconquered Emperor, Christian Victor

Paul Stephenson Hb \$45

This surveys the life and times of one of the most interesting later Roman Emperors, highlighting his importance to the West's cultural and political history. From his conversion to Christianity to his founding of a new capital on the site of Byzantium to his first ecumenical council in Nicaea, this is a fascinating study of the man who, albeit briefly, managed to reunite the western and eastern halves of the mighty Roman Empire. Due Dec



The Hammer and the Cross

Robert Ferguson Hb \$69.95

For those living outside Scandinavia, the Viking Age effectively began in 793 with an attack on the monastery at Lindisfarne – a characteristically violent harbinger of what was in store for Britain and much of Europe for the next 300 years. This book takes us on a journey in which literature, history and myth dissolve into one another. Due Dec



The Medieval World at War

Matthew Bennett (editor) Hb \$75

From the fall of the Roman Empire to the Reformation, there was an enormous diversity of military practices. Profusely illustrated, this book covers European, Middle Eastern and Asian warfare, with vivid accounts of battles, tactics, fortifications and siege techniques. It also examines the underlying political and military strategies that were shaped by the clash of often very different social and ideological systems.



Aristocrats Britain's Great Ruling Classes from 1066 to the Present

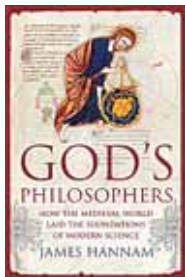
Lawrence James
Hb \$65

How does one section of society convince the rest of its innate superiority?

In this erudite and enjoyably readable book, James shows how the aristocrats came to their position of power and privilege, arguing that it was with the consent of the masses. Aristocrats were enormously influential, whether in military, civil or legal circles, as well as in matters aesthetic, artistic, moral, literary and sporting. They could be cosmopolitan, eccentric, quirky, perverse, shocking and fascinating. Presented chronologically, this is a fabulous history! *Lindy*

God's Philosophers

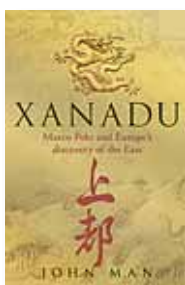
How the Medieval World Laid the Foundations of Modern Science



James Hannam
Hb \$49.99

A wonderfully readable account of the staggering achievements of the oft-derided Middle Ages. According to Hannam, if there was a period that should have been gifted

with the term 'Renaissance', the 12th century was it! Charting an epic journey through six centuries, this illuminates the works of many notables and innovators of learning, some still well known, some neglected. Wearing its erudition lightly, but deftly, it is a fine survey of an influential time. *Lindy*

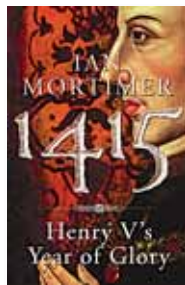


Xanadu

John Man
Tp \$35

Marco Polo's journey from Venice through Europe and most of Asia to the court of Kublai Khan in China is one of the most audacious in history.

To separate legend from fact, John Man travelled in Marco's footsteps to Xanadu in search of the truth behind the stories. Drawing on his own journey, archaeology and archival study, he paints a vivid picture of the man behind the myth and the great court of Kublai Khan. From the author of *The Great Wall*, *Genghis Khan* and *Kublai Khan* (Pb \$29.95 each).



1415

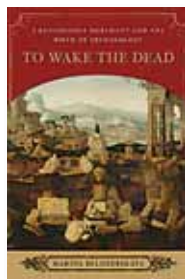
Ian Mortimer
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Henry V is regarded as the great English hero. In this groundbreaking and ambitious book, Mortimer portrays him in the pivotal year of his reign. Recording

the dramatic events of 1415 on a day-by-day basis, he offers the fullest and least romanticised view we have. This was a year of religious persecution, personal suffering and one horrendous battle. This is the story of that year, as seen over the shoulder of its most cold-hearted, ambitious and celebrated hero. From the author of *The Time Traveller's Guide to Medieval England* (Pb \$27.99). Due Dec

To Wake the Dead

A Renaissance Merchant and the Birth of Archaeology

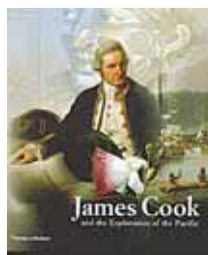


Marina Belozerskaya
Hb \$42.95

At the beginning of the 15th century, a young Italian bookkeeper fell under the spell of the classical past. Despite his limited education, the Greeks and Romans

seemed to speak directly to him – not from books, but from the neglected ruins and inscriptions that lay around the shores of the Mediterranean. Having seen firsthand the destruction of the world's cultural heritage, Cyriacus resolved to preserve it for future generations. To do so, he would spy on the Ottomans, court popes and emperors, and even organise a crusade.

James Cook and the Exploration of the Pacific



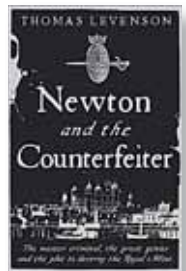
Adrienne Kappler
& Robert Fleck
Hb \$75

Cook led three expeditions into the Pacific Ocean. This book documents those voyages and reproduces around 500 original

items collected by Cook and his team of scientists and artists. Reassembled here for the first time and supplemented by magnificent paintings, drawings, charts and navigation instruments, this offers a fascinating insight into the explorers' euphoric, yet curious, view of the exotic South Seas.

Newton and the Counterfeiter

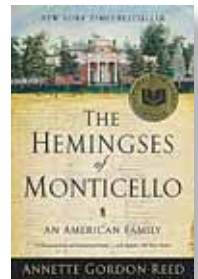
Thomas Levenson
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We all know Newton as a great physicist, but at a late stage in his busy life he was also the Warden of His Majesty's Mint. This brought him into direct conflict with one of the greatest counterfeiters of the age, William Chaloner, who plotted to take over the Mint itself. In a time when law enforcement barely existed and the modern concept of money was being formed, Newton set out to pursue the criminal genius. A dark tale of obsession and revenge that transforms our image of this great scientist.

The Hemingses of Monticello

Annette Gordon-Reed
Tp \$29.95



Winner of the *Pulitzer Prize for History*, this epic work tells the story of the Hemings family, whose close blood ties to the third president of America have been systematically expunged from history until now. Historian and legal scholar Gordon-Reed traces the Hemingses from their origins in Virginia in the 1700s to their dispersal after Thomas Jefferson's death in 1826. The most detailed history ever written of an American slave family.

The Lady in the Tower The Fall of Anne Boleyn

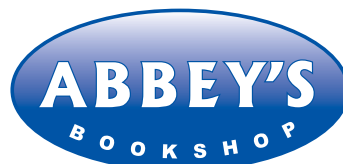
Alison Weir
Tp \$34.95



Alison Weir is a most readable historian (Katherine Swynford, Lancaster and York both Pb \$27.95) for the very good reason that excellent research is combined with an easy and pleasing style. This book concentrates on the final four months of Anne Boleyn's life, drawing on primary sources for a fresh immediacy. It examines the question: was she guilty of the crimes of which she was accused or the victim of a grave miscarriage of justice? Of all her courtly enemies, who brought her down? A fascinating subject and a great read! Due Dec *Lindy*

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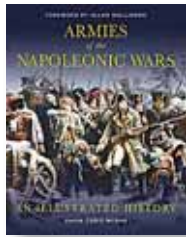


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Armies of the Napoleonic Wars

Chris McNab
Hb \$69.99

This lavishly illustrated, full-colour volume covers 20 years of brutal fighting as Napoleon led his Grande Armée and his allies in wars against nations from Russia to Egypt. It details all the major armies of the Wars – French, British, Austrian, Russian, Prussian, Spanish and Portuguese – plus a host of the minor powers. Original artwork of the uniforms worn into battle, period illustrations of the equipment used, and photographs. Absolutely everything the military history buff needs to know!



The Secret History of Georgian London

How the Wages of Sin Shaped the Capital

Dan Cruickshank
Hb \$59.95

Georgian London evokes images of elegant buildings and fine art, but it was also a city where prostitution was rife, houses of ill repute were widespread and tens of thousands of people were dependent in some way on a sex industry that affected almost every aspect of life, culture, architecture and art in the capital.



Russia Against Napoleon

Dominic Lieven
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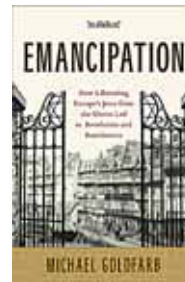
In the summer of 1812, after years of uneasy peace, Napoleon marched into Russia with the largest army ever assembled, confident of sweeping all before him. Less than two years later, the Russian army was marching into Paris and Napoleon's empire lay in ruins. Using an array of new, rare and surprising sources, this book shows Russia embarking on its strange, central role in Europe's existence, as both threat and protector.

Emancipation

How Liberating Europe's Jews from the Ghetto Led to Revolution and Renaissance

Michael Goldfarb
Tp \$39.95

For almost 500 years, the Jews of Europe lived in enforced segregation, sequestered in tiny rural villages, locked away at night inside ghettos. Then, in one remarkable act of the French Revolution, the ghetto gates were opened. This is the first popular history of the emancipation of Europe's Jews in the 18th and 19th centuries. The story is highly relevant to the struggles of religious and ethnic minorities now striving to create their own place in the modern world. Due Dec

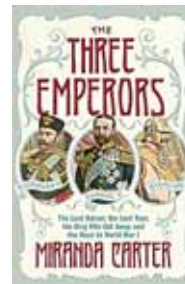


The Three Emperors

The Last Kaiser, the Last Tsar, the King Who Got Away and the Road to World War One

Miranda Carter
Hb \$59.95

A brilliant portrait of three men – damaged, egotistical Wilhelm; quiet, stubborn Nicholas; and anxious, dutiful George. It explores their lives, foibles and obsessions, from tantrums to uniforms to stamp collecting. Carter uses the cousins' correspondence and a host of historical sources to tell the tragicomic story of a tiny, glittering, solipsistic world that was often preposterously out of kilter with its times, struggling to stay in command of politics and world events as history overtook it.

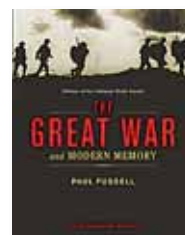


The Great War and Modern Memory

The Illustrated Edition

Paul Fussell
Hb \$49.99

First published in 1975, this is the award-winning, landmark study of WWI and its effects on literary expression and how we perceive it. Just as relevant and readable today, it has been enhanced by a selection of rare and fascinating images drawn from contemporary sources. An erudite and illuminating study of a cataclysmic time when history could be divided into 'before' and 'after', this is a remarkable book.

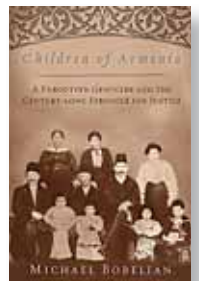


Children of Armenia

A Forgotten Genocide and the Century-Long Struggle for Justice

Michael Bobelian
Hb \$42

From 1915 to 1923, the ruling Ottoman Empire drove 2 million Armenians from their ancestral homeland, of whom 1.5 million were viciously slaughtered. While there was an initial global outcry, the promise to hold the perpetrators accountable was never fulfilled. Based on years of archival research and personal interviews, this is the first book to trace this post-genocide history, revealing the events that have conspired to eradicate the 'hidden holocaust' from the world's memory.



The Red Flag

David Priestland
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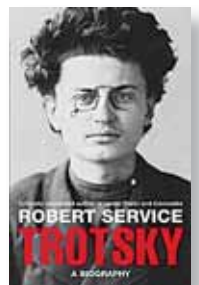
Communism was one of the most powerful political and intellectual movements of the modern world. At the height of its influence, over a third of the world's population lived under its rule. This new work explores its global impact and the ideas and motivations of its principal thinkers and leaders, from Marx to Mao, Stalin to Che Guevara. Essential reading for anyone wishing to comprehend this crucial – and much misunderstood – element in world history.



Trotsky

Robert Service
Hb \$70 \$59.95

Revolutionary practitioner, theorist, factional chief, sparkling writer and hunted victim, Trotsky lived a brilliant life in extraordinary times. Often represented as a pure revolutionary soul and a powerful intellect unjustly hounded into exile by Stalin, the reality is very different. Drawing on hitherto unexamined archives to paint a portrait of the man and his legacy, this is another masterful and compelling history from Service, author of *Lenin* (Pb \$25), *Stalin* (Pb \$27.95) and *Comrades* (Pb \$29.99). Due Dec



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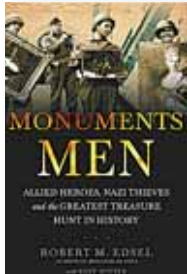
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Hunting Evil

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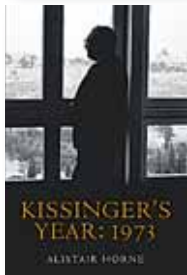
At the end of WWII, some of the highest-ranking members of the Nazi Party escaped justice and the nature of their escape was often as gripping as any good thriller. Walters travelled the world in pursuit of the real account of these escapes, as well as the attempts, sometimes successful, to bring them to justice... and what really happened to those who got away.



Monuments Men

Robert Edsel Tp \$35

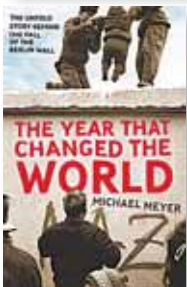
From 1942 to 1951, 365 men and women from 13 Allied nations served in the Monuments, Fine Arts & Archives section of the armed forces. They were the eyes, ears and hands of the first, and most ambitious, effort in history to preserve the world's cultural heritage in a time of war. This is the story of their quest for the greatest prize of all – Hitler's personal hoard of masterpieces.



Kissinger's Year: 1973

Alistair Horne Tp \$35

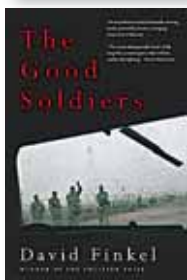
1973 was the year of the Yom Kippur war and the end of the Vietnam War. It marked the beginning of détente with the USSR and the Middle East energy crisis. It was the year Kissinger, who won the *Nobel Peace Prize*, ran foreign policy in default of President Nixon, who was bogged down with Watergate. A biography of Kissinger as seen through one tumultuous year.



The Year that Changed the World

Michael Meyer Hb \$39.99

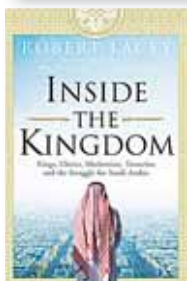
Written by a *Newsweek* foreign correspondent, this does not presume to be the definitive history of 1989, but rather a firsthand experience of the tumultuous events that led to the end of the Cold War. It refutes the official line as to why the Wall came down, citing the extraordinary efforts of individuals and politicians behind the scenes, rather than the efforts of the West. Extremely readable and exciting! *Lindy*



The Good Soldiers

David Finkel Tp \$35

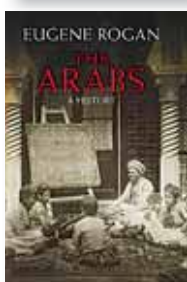
In 2007, President Bush announced a new strategy for Iraq – the Surge. Among those listening were the young soldiers of the battalion nicknamed 'the Rangers'. About to head to a vicious area of Baghdad, they decided the difference would be them. The soldiers returned home 15 months later – forever changed. Finkel, a *Pulitzer Prize*-winner, was with them in Baghdad. This eternal tale of war is an unforgettable work of reportage!



Inside the Kingdom

Robert Lacey Tp \$35

Saudi Arabia is a country defined by paradox. It sits atop some of the richest oil deposits in the world, yet the country's roiling disaffection produced most of the September 11 hijackers. More than 20 years after he first visited the country, Lacey returns to find out how the boom produced a society at war with itself. A penetrating and insightful look at Saudi Arabia. Due Dec

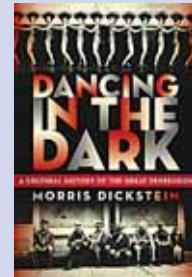


The Arabs

Eugene Rogan Hb \$59.95

Balancing different voices, this explores every facet of Arab history over the last 500 years, highlighting the extraordinary diversity of Arabs – a people united by language and religion, yet separated by politics and geography. Drawing from Arab sources little known to Western readers, this will transform your understanding of this complex and controversial region. Due Dec

history



Dancing in the Dark A Cultural History of the Great Depression

Morris Dickstein
Hb \$49.95

From Fred Astaire to John Steinbeck, this timely and eloquent history of the 1930s sets the creative energies of the Great Depression against a backdrop of poverty and economic disaster. Gathering a staggering range of materials – from images of rural poverty and zany screwball comedies to wildly popular swing band music and bold, streamlined art deco designs – it highlights the pivotal role of culture and government intervention in hard times. America's worst economic crisis punctured the American dream, yet also produced some of the country's greatest writing, photography and mass entertainment.



Finest Years Churchill as Warlord 1940-45

Max Hastings
Tp \$35

Churchill may have been the greatest military leader of Britain – and certainly in 1940 the nation rallied behind him – but by 1942, after a series of battlefield defeats, the country was deeply divided. Churchill himself was disillusioned by the efforts of the British people and his political colleagues. Hastings provides new perspectives by looking at Churchill through the eyes of British soldiers, civilians and the wartime media, as well as from the Russian and American sides. A vivid portrait from the author of the WWII histories *Nemesis* (\$24.99) and *Armageddon* (\$24.95).

biography

Alzheimer's A Love Story

Vivienne Ulman
Tp \$32.95

When Vivienne Ulman's youngest child left home, she and her husband were poised to enjoy their freedom. Then her mother's Alzheimer's intervened. She records with lyricism and honesty the progress of this cruel disease, her own grief over the gradual loss of her beloved mother, and the way in which her parents' enduring love for each other sustains them. She weaves into this story that of her father's life and the effect of the illness upon him. This is, as Raymond Gaita says, "a heartrendingly beautiful book."



Under the Huang Jiao Tree Two Journeys in China

Jane Carswell
Pb \$29.95

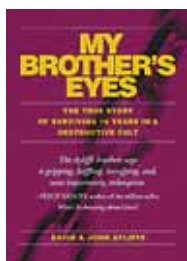
In mid-life, Carswell leaves her tranquil life in New Zealand to teach English in China. This is her reflective, amusing and absorbing memoir about living and working in a foreign land, and the profound impact the experience had on her search for connection and community. Her journey epitomises the need that many of us feel for new challenges and for a better understanding of our place in the world.



My Brother's Eyes The True Story of Surviving 16 Years in a Destructive Cult

David & John Ayliffe
Pb \$34.95

This tells the sad, but true, story of a dangerous religious cult that operated in NSW, the Zion Full Salvation Ministry. It began as part of an inner city Anglican church, founded by a woman who claimed to have Christ's stigmata and to be the embodiment of God on earth. A revealing exposé of how secret religious groups operate and the damage they can cause to families.



Harry M Miller Confessions of a Not-So-Secret Agent

Harry M Miller with Peter Holder
Hb \$45

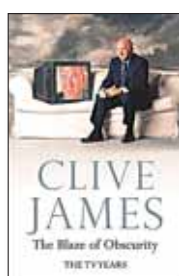
Who hasn't this man known over the decades? At 75, he looks back on a life chock-a-block full of the famous, infamous and those who would be famous. Enormously influential in the media and entertainment industries, Miller has made (and lost) friends, enemies, mistakes and fortunes. A wonderfully witty book full of amusing, and occasionally moving, anecdotes related in a down-to-earth and likeable manner, it is rather refreshing for its lack of nastiness or rancour. *Lindy*



Grand Obsessions The Life and Work of Walter Burley Griffin and Marion Mahony Griffin

Alasdair McGregor
Hb \$69.95

This is a joint biography of these two great architects. After their formative years in Chicago, Walter and Marion moved to Australia in 1914 when Walter won the competition to design the new national capital. This is the fascinating story of two dogged individuals of great talent and vision and their fight against the forces of bureaucracy and mediocrity. It is also the story of the building of Canberra and the troubled birth of the Australian national identity.



The Blaze of Obscurity Clive James Tp \$34.99

This latest volume of Clive's autobiography delves into the period when many of us were first introduced to Japanese endurance gameshows and Egyptian soap operas. It's when we saw his idiosyncratic 'Postcards' from Kenya, Shanghai and Dallas, including his interviews with the likes of Hefner, Hepburn and Polanski. The inside story of those years, told with typical wit and verve. Follows: **Unreliable Memoirs** (1981), **Falling Towards England** (1986), **May Week was in June** (1991) and **North Face of Soho** (2006), all \$24.99.

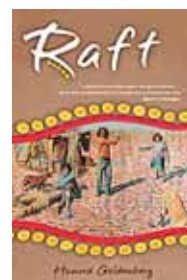
Queen Elizabeth William Shawcross Hb \$59.99

Elizabeth Angela Marguerite Bowes-Lyon, youngest daughter of the Earl of Strathmore, was born in 1900 and died in 2002, her life spanning the entire 20th century. This is the story of her life and the country she loved so devotedly. Drawing on her private correspondence and other unpublished material, this is the definitive portrait of a remarkable woman.



Raft Howard Goldenberg Tp \$29.95

For over a decade, Goldenberg has spent many periods working as a relieving doctor in remote Aboriginal communities. He has observed and recorded the lives of Aboriginal Australians without resorting to simplification or glib solutions. In the midst of tragedy, suffering and moral ambiguity, these stories also tell of cultural richness and common humanity.



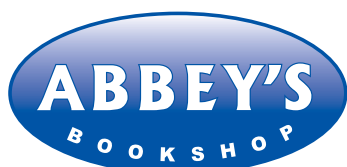
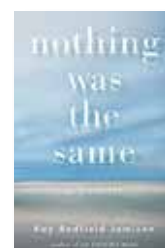
Dreaming of Dior Charlotte Smith Hb \$35

Every woman has a dress in the wardrobe that she will never throw away because of the story attached to it. What if you inherited thousands of beautiful dresses (dating from 1790 to 1995) from your godmother, then found she had also kept the stories of the wearers? Thankfully, Smith has seen fit to share some of them with us and a lovelier, more joyful book you will not see this season! gorgeously illustrated. *Lindy*



Nothing was the Same Kay Redfield Jamison Tp \$27.95

With great elegance and passion, Jamison applies the acute perceptions of a psychologist to the subject of losing a spouse to cancer. In lyrical prose, she looks back at her relationship with Richard Wyatt, a renowned scientist who battled dyslexia to become an expert on schizophrenia. Humorous anecdotes mingle with bittersweet memories of a loving relationship. A penetrating study of grief viewed from deep inside the experience itself.

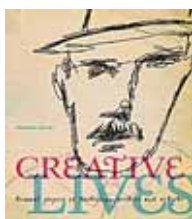


Creative Lives

Personal Papers of Australian Writers and Artists

Penelope Hanley
Pb \$39.95

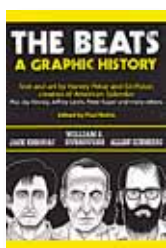
Many of our writers and artists have lodged their personal papers in the National Library. This fascinating book gives an insight into the thought processes and methods of working of 22 well-known figures, including Henry Lawson, Miles Franklin, Eleanor Dark, Kenneth Slessor, Christina Stead, Patrick White, Judy Cassab, Manning Clark, Dorothy Hewett, Mem Fox and Thomas Keneally. A beautiful production, profusely illustrated. *Lindy*



The Beats

Paul Buhle (editor)
Pb \$39.99

This is a fresh and informative look at the writers of the Beat Generation by some of the world's leading graphic artists, including the great Harvey Pekar and Nick Thorkelson. There is a real sense of the street and a sense of empathy to the artwork. Beginning with Kerouac, we weave in and out of their lives and explore the city of San Francisco, forever linked to their story. *Greg*



The Essential Noel Coward Compendium

Barry Day (editor)
Hb \$39.99

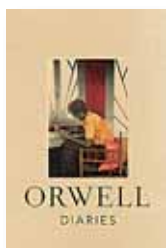
Whether you're a long-time fan or a newcomer to Coward's writing, this is a very attractive package! Containing extracts from plays, screenplays, his autobiography, a choice selection of song lyrics, poems, diary notes, letters, anecdotes, caricature drawings, photographs and trivia, you will be entertained and amused by this tempting sample of his prolific works. Due Dec



Diaries

George Orwell
Hb \$59.95

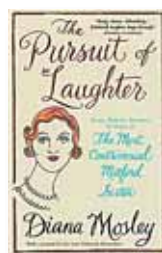
Orwell was an inveterate keeper of diaries. There are 11 diaries here, covering the period 1931 to 1949, from his early years as a writer to his last literary notebook. There are domestic observations from rural and industrial England, notes from his travels and his perspectives during peace and war. A refreshing insight into his character, helping to better understand his great works.



The Pursuit of Laughter

Diana Mosley
Pb \$27.99

Like her five literary sisters, Diana Mosley (wife of Oswald and the third of the six Mitford sisters), wrote widely about her fascinating, controversial life. She also recorded her intimate observations of many leading political and social figures. Most of these scintillating articles – previously only circulated privately – are published here for the first time.



Anne Frank

The Book, the Life, the Afterlife

Francine Prose
Hb \$35

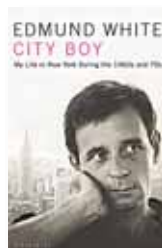
Here we meet the girl who wrote and rewrote her story in the hope of it surviving. Anne Frank's *The Diary of a Young Girl* (\$12.95) is one of most influential books ever written and this new book gives us a better understanding of its evocative and beguiling power by looking at its interpretation on stage and screen, literary criticisms and the way it is taught. Immensely readable and carefully crafted, it is full of the essential humanity that attracts readers to Anne's diary in the first place. *Lindy*



City Boy

Edmund White
Tp \$35

New York in the 1960s and 70s was a flourishing and vibrant cultural centre. White moved in intellectual, artistic and literary circles, and he writes of that time with affection and a keen eye. He knew everyone who was anyone – Isherwood, Mapplethorpe, Borges, Foucault, Brodkey and Burroughs. A moving, candid, sometimes gossipy account, and an engaging celebration of the times! Due Dec



Buy this book and receive a free copy of White's *The Flâneur: A Stroll Through the Paradoxes of Paris* (Pb normally \$23.95).



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Manhood for Amateurs

Michael Chabon
Tp \$32.99

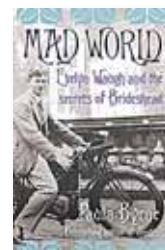
A shy manifesto, an impractical handbook, an entire life in parts and pieces, this is the first work of personal writing from Chabon (*The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* \$24.95, *The Wonder Boys* \$24.99). He writes about growing up in the 70s and laments the lack of freedom for his own son; about his affection for his father-in-law and brother; styles of manhood and patterns of early enchantment – sci-fi, stargazing, comics. Beautifully crafted, candid and humorous.



Mad World

Paula Byrne
Hb \$49.99

Evelyn Waugh was entranced by the Lygons of Madresfield, a deeply unusual family whose father William, Earl Beauchamp, was forced to flee the country by his scheming brother-in-law who revealed the open secret of his homosexuality. Every bit as eccentric and glamorous as the fictional Marchmains of *Brideshead*, they were the inspiration for Waugh's best known work, one which encoded a period of his own life. Portraying the double standards and hypocrisy of the time, this vibrant, perceptive book is a delight to read! *Lindy*



The Secret Lives of Somerset Maugham

Selina Hastings
Hb \$69.99

Somerset Maugham (1874-1965) was a successful playwright who wrote many short stories and novels that are regarded as modern classics. He was a man who concealed his homosexuality, married unwisely, fled to the Far East, worked for British Intelligence during both world wars and led a life of lavish luxury while moving in literary and theatrical circles in the UK and the US. This scintillating biography reveals a talented, anguished and complex man.



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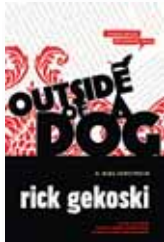
To celebrate 80 years of publishing, Faber has issued these attractive volumes, as chosen and introduced by other outstanding poets. Choose from the selected works of Betjeman, Plath, Eliot, Hughes, Yeats and Auden. The ideal gift for any poetry lover! Special price while stocks last. *Lindy*



Outside of a Dog

Rick Gekoski Hb \$32.95

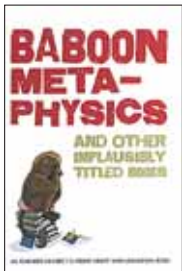
Reading is one of life's formative influences. Gekoski, author of *Tolkien's Gown* (Pb \$24.99), revisits the seminal books of his life – 25 titles from authors such as Dr Seuss, Salinger, Freud, Descartes, Yeats, Eliot, Tom Wolfe, Roald Dahl, Leavis, Lawrence and Greer, each wryly observed as influences on his professional and personal development. A cheerful, enthusiastic and learned memoir that will leave you reflecting on your own seminal books.



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Horace Bent Hb \$24.95

Many books are published with titles calculated to startle, amuse or attract attention. For many years, British booksellers and publishers have voted on the most bizarre. Here is a new collection of the funniest titles shortlisted in previous years, such as *Children are Wet Cement* and *If You Want Closure In Your Relationship, Start with Your Legs*, all appearing with their facsimile covers. And all of them are real published books!



Bottersnikes and Other Lost Things A Celebration of Australian Illustrated Children's Books

Juliet O'Connor Hb \$59.99

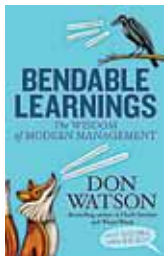
From the early 19th century to the present, this treasure trove of delights includes the works of writers and illustrators such as Mem Fox, Libby Hawthorn and Shaun Tan, and of course one of my favourites, the wonderful and charming *Cole's Funny Picture Books*. Liberally illustrated with memory-igniting titbits, this will appeal to lovers of children's books and bibliophiles alike. *Greg*



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For Watson, the language of modern management has triumphed, transforming clear, everyday communication into meaningless sludge. Returning to the area of his popular *Death Sentence* and *Weasel Words* (Pb \$24.95 each), this is a new assortment of noxious management drivel and financial market blather accompanied by Watson's acerbic wit. He restores hope in the power of well-chosen words to entertain and inspire.



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Why did Jay McInerney once blow up a lavatory? Why does Michel Houellebecq miss being in a psychiatric hospital? And what made Elfriede Jelinek afraid of receiving her *Nobel Prize*? Ben Naparstek, editor of *The Monthly*, interviews some of the most interesting writers of today, allowing us to understand what makes a great writer tick.



Music from a Jade Flute The Ci Poems of Li Qingzhao

Li Qingzhao
Hb \$39.95

China's most famous female poet, only around 100 of Li's poems have survived. Written during the 1100s, they have a freshness and relevance thanks to the wonderful translation and notes by Clifford Pannam. Broken into three sections – Youth, Marriage and After Her Husband's Death – we experience Li's times of joy, as well as moments of loneliness and internal conflict. Beautifully illustrated with traditional Chinese paintings. *Greg*



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Nicolas Jose (editor) Hb \$69.99

There has never been anything like this before – an astounding collection of works by Australian writers over the past 200 years. Arranged chronologically, with biographical details, you will find everyone in the Australian literary canon – and many who are not, but probably should be! A true pleasure to dip into, this is likely to become the definitive collection for decades to come. An excellent reference for students, academics and the general reader. *Lindy*

Buy this book and receive **Macquarie PEN Anthology of Aboriginal Literature** (Tp usually \$39.95) for free, while stocks last.



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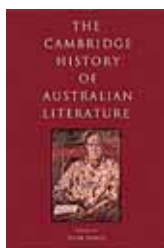
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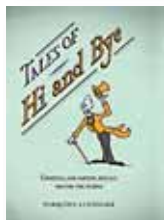
A selection of the most outstanding poems by Australian poets over the past year, this is a vibrant and fascinating edition of this much-loved anthology.



The Cambridge History of Australian Literature

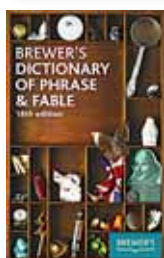
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This comprehensive guide spans Australian literary history from colonial origins, encompassing indigenous and migrant literatures and the role of literary culture in our society. Featuring a distinguished line-up of contributors, it explores each of the literary modes in an Australian context.



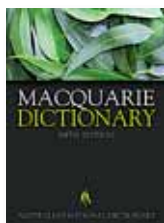
Tales of Hi and Bye Torbjørn Lundmark Hb \$29.95

All around the world, people say hi and bye in innumerable languages and countless ways. They wave and bow and curtsy and shake hands and rub noses and fist-bump and mwah-mwah and perform a vast array of rituals, so common and natural that nobody stops to notice. A delightful and witty insight into the wonderful customs associated with this everyday event.



Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase & Fable Hb \$69.99

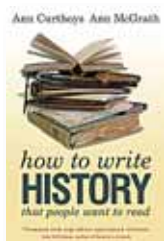
For lovers of information and eccentric knowledge, there is no more engrossing book than Brewer's. You are sure to get lost within its pages, and when you emerge from its intoxicating mix of definitions, trivia, arcane lore, archaic expressions, urban myths, curiosities, neologisms and useful-things-to-know, you'll want to dive right back in. Addictive! *Lindy*



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Howards End is on the Landing

Susan Hill Hb \$35

As a bookseller, I'm not sure I should recommend this, but as a reader and owner of many books, I certainly do! Hill realises her home is full of books that she has forgotten, never read, started but not finished, or loved dearly but never revisited. So she decides to completely forsake new books for one year in order to re-read the books in her collection. A reflection on the pleasures (and pains) of rediscovery and the power that books have to influence us. *Lindy*



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art, music & food

I Blame Duchamp

Edmund Capon
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In this sweeping collection of essays, Capon describes his lifelong fascination with art and the artists who have enlightened us over the centuries, challenging the way we see the world. He tells the stories behind some of his controversial acquisitions as the long-time director of the Art Gallery of NSW, including Cy Twombly's *Three Studies from the Temeraire*. Featuring over 50 beautiful paintings and drawings, this is a fascinating insight into the mind of one of the liveliest thinkers of our generation.



The Cello Suites

Eric Siblin
Pb \$29.99

Tired of covering rock music, journalist Eric Siblin found himself attending a recital of Bach's *Cello Suites*. What he heard in the music moved him more than anything he'd heard before. Broken up into the history of Bach's life, the story of famed cellist Pablo Casals and the author's personal journey, this brilliant book reads like a thriller, a love story and a political drama all rolled into one. *Greg*

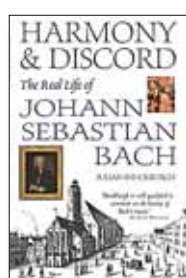


Harmony and Discord

The Real Life of Johann Sebastian Bach

Julian Shuckburgh
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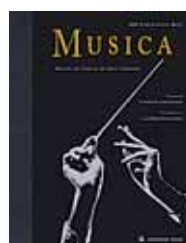
The Cello Suites, St Matthew and St John Passions, Brandenburg Concerto, B Minor Mass, The Well-Tempered Clavier. You know the music, but do you know the man? J S Bach (1685–1750) never left Germany, was mostly unknown in his lifetime and his music only became popular a century after his death. A detailed and engrossing account of the man and the music he created.



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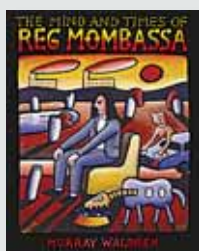
A comprehensive reference to Western classical music. Eminent musical scholars from around the world take us on a musical journey through time, revealing how classical music was created. Lavishly illustrated with hundreds of photographs, artworks, maps and musical manuscripts.



The Mind and Times of Reg Mombassa

Murray Waldren Hb \$75

Chris O'Doherty, born in Auckland, became Reg Mombassa after forming the fun-time band *Mental as Anything* with some fellow art students. Famous as a musician, he is also an amazingly talented artist and was the backbone of Mambo designs. He also produces portraits and landscapes of dreamy intensity. With 200 of his artworks, this is a colourful book for a colourful character. And a big thanks to Reg for allowing us to use one of his images on our front cover! *Lindy*



Rôtis

Roasts for Every Day of the Week

Stephane Reynaud
Hb \$49.95

Prepare to drool! Whether it's Beef on a Bed of Onions, Chicken Thighs with Fruit and Nut Stuffing, Racks of Lamb with Honey and Mint, Caramel Roast Veal or fish with four different stuffing suggestions, all carnivore cooks will be thoroughly satisfied. Includes ideas for vegetables, as well as leftovers. Scrumptious recipes, an attractive layout and achievable dishes – a gorgeous book all round! From the author of last year's *Ripailles* (Hb \$79.95). *Lindy*



I Know How to Cook

Ginette Mathiot
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First published in 1932, *Je sais cuisiner* has been a bestseller for three generations, selling over 6 million copies. Mathiot was the queen of French domestic cooking and a well-thumbed copy of her book can be found in kitchens throughout France. The recipes have been carefully updated to suit modern readers and their kitchens, while preserving the integrity of the original book. Available now for the first time in English, this is a household must-have!



MoVida Rustica

Frank Camorra & Richard Cornish
Hb \$59.95

Following the award-winning *MoVida* (Pb \$49.95), Melbourne restaurateur Camorra returns to his native Spain in this companion book, delivering many traditional and innovative recipes inspired by his travels, but perfected for the home cook. From the nation's bustling cities and seaside towns to rustic rural regions, this book highlights the pillars of Spanish cooking and the culture in which the food is grown, prepared and eaten. Alas, the book does not come with tickets to Spain, nor dinner at MoVida, but it takes you close... *Adrian*



The Silver Spoon: Pasta

Hb \$59.95

The Silver Spoon for Children

Hb \$29.95

Two new books from the people who brought us the hugely successful *The Silver Spoon* (Hb \$69.95). The first is a collection of 350 definitive pasta recipes for all lovers of this iconic Italian dish – classic dishes, new recipes available in English for the first time and tips on matching the right shapes with the right sauce! The second adapts 40 recipes from the original book, fully illustrated with basic cooking techniques, to make cooking fun and accessible for children 10+.

The Red Riding Trilogy

DVD Box Set \$39.95

Based on the novels by David Peace, these films are disturbing, yet powerful. 1974, 1980 and 1983 follow the disappearance of young girls in Yorkshire, with characters weaving in and out of each film. 1974 follows a young journalist and, for me, this is the best of the three. Filmed on 16mm, it recalls the great movies of the early 70s. 1980 involves the Yorkshire Ripper, while 1983 brings the story to its unforgettable conclusion. There is no simple answer here and, like *The Wire*, the viewer must pay attention. Greg



Belle de jour (1967)

DVD \$19.95 \$14.95

At last available on DVD, Luis Bunuel's widely acclaimed masterpiece has Catherine Deneuve as a young Parisian housewife who secretly manages to work at a brothel during the afternoons. Fantasies, their fulfilment and their seductive dangers drive this work by the Spanish surrealist, making it one of his lasting achievements. Further acquaint yourself with Bunuel through some of his most famous later films: *Tristana* (1970), *The Discreet Charm of the Bourgeoisie* (1972) and *That Obscure Object of Desire* (1977) \$14.95 each.



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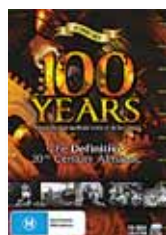
From its lofty perch high above Earth's atmosphere, the Hubble Space Telescope can see both nearby and distant objects with unwavering clarity, revealing incredible beauty in every faint, glowing patch scattered around the sky. Narrated by Ian Semeniuk, these 30-minute documentaries reveal the artistry of space anomalies, transcending the boundaries of time to reveal the science behind some of the most incredible phenomenon ever seen.



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Overlord (1975)

DVD \$29.95 \$24.95

A unique 1970s British take on the WWII film genre, Stuart Cooper's seminal classic follows an ordinary young man as he sets off to join the invasion of Normandy. Part documentary and part mournful, imaginative, occasionally surreal fiction, this film was made with the assistance of the Imperial War Museum and is constructed from a combination of genuine period material and new footage. Winner of the *Special Jury Prize* at the Berlin International Film Festival.



King Lear

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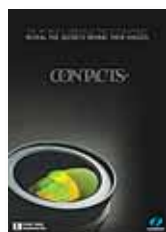
The Royal Shakespeare Company's 2008 adaptation of the Bard's famous tale of jealousy and betrayal. Sir Ian McKellen gives one of the finest portrayals ever of this tragic king. Directed by Trevor Nunn, this lavish interpretation features an all-star cast including Frances Barber, Monica Dolan, Philip Winchester and Jonathan Hyde.



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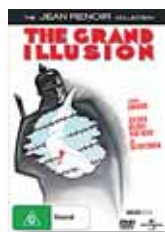
This fascinating documentary series reveals the secrets behind the images of the world's greatest photographers, from Joseph Koudelka and Henri Cartier Bresson to Nan Goldin and Jeff Wall. It charts the history of docu-photography, from the great tradition of reportage to the most innovative conceptual photo-artists, highlighting the value of this compelling medium. The insightful commentary allows us to share and revel in the creative process.



La Grande Illusion (1937)

DVD \$19.95 \$14.95

Jean Renoir's drama is often cited as one of world cinema's greatest films. Winning prizes upon its release, its reputation has only increased with time. Through the story of WWI prisoners of war, Renoir faced the then-rising spectre of war in Europe with humanity. We have many other classic and contemporary films from around the world, such as *Fellini's Nights of Cabiria* (1957), *Jean-Pierre Melville's Dirty Money* (*Un flic*, 1972), *Bertrand Tavernier's adaptation of a Jim Thompson novel, Clean Slate* (*Coup de torchon*, 1981) and *The Apartment* (1996) with glamour couple Cassel and Bellucci (\$14.95 each).



Australian Iconic Film

Balibo 2 DVDs \$39.95
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New out on DVD are some Australian films to suit a variety of tastes. *Balibo* is a political thriller based on the real events in East Timor, *Samson and Delilah* is an international award-winner about love in an isolated desert community, while the rediscovered classic *Wake in Fright*, based on Kenneth Cook's novel (Pb \$23.95), cuts to the heart of our national identity. Catch up on some other local favourites at great prices, such as *Lantana*, *Ten Canoes* and *Romulus My Father* (\$12.95 each).

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Tell Me More

Version 8 Win DVD-ROM \$129.99

These hugely successful programs use cutting-edge technology to provide over 250 hours of learning through a variety of activities. Best suited for those with some basic knowledge of the language, it maintains a thorough evaluation of your work and offers adaptable lessons, including speech recognition. Exclusive to this edition is a virtual film set: become one of the characters and record your lines, then watch the movie that uses your voice!



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Chinese Vol 1 \$39.99, Vol 2 \$42.99
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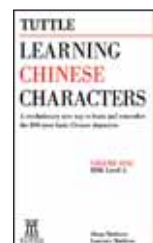
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An introduction to all sorts of fun Japanese words and songs. Each boxed set includes 64 flashcards, attractive wall chart, learning guide and audio CD containing pronunciation of words, sample sentences and songs. Children build their vocabulary in a natural and fun way, but these kits work equally well for older learners so the whole family can learn Japanese together.



Tuttle Learning Chinese Characters Volume 1 \$48

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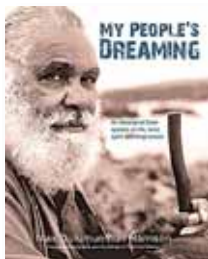
My People's Dreaming

An Aboriginal Elder Speaks on Life, Land, Spirit and Forgiveness

Max Dulumunmun Harrison
Hb \$39.95

Uncle Max is an elder of the Yuin people of the south coast of NSW. In clear and direct language, he shares traditional knowledge of the Dreaming stories, bush lore, food and medicine, the law and punishment.

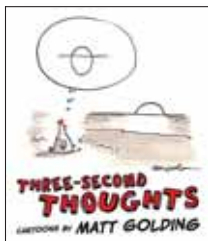
For over 30 years, he has been educating others in the values of country, the relationship of people to the land, and the importance of seeing, listening and feeling. Beautifully complemented with stunning photographs by Peter McConchie. Quietly moving and respectful. *Lindy*



Three-Second Thoughts

Matt Golding
Pb \$27.95

Cerebral, satirical and often downright hilarious, this is a brilliant new collection of wry and perceptive observations about how we live, work and play. Sophisticated silliness of the highest order from one of Australia's favourite cartoonists. *Due Dec*



The Secret Lives of Buildings

Edward Hollis
Hb \$59.99

This re-imagining of architectural history tells the stories of 13 buildings, following them through time to reveal their hidden histories – from the Parthenon and the Alhambra to churches carried through the air by angels to ancient palaces recreated by vainglorious dictators. Hollis also explores the monuments of our own day, from souvenir chunks of the Berlin Wall to the fibreglass theme parks of Las Vegas.



Parlour Games for Modern Families

Myfanwy Jones & Spiri Tsintziras
Tp \$35

This book sets out to revive the tradition of indoor family games. The authors want you to push aside the consoles, turn off the telly and bring some mental stimulation, silliness, laughter, joy and connection back into your living room with the games you've forgotten, plus a whole lot more. Whether you dip into it as the urge takes you, or read it from cover to cover, a very good time is guaranteed!



Get Her Off the Pitch

How Sport Took Over My Life

Lynne Truss
Hb \$27.99

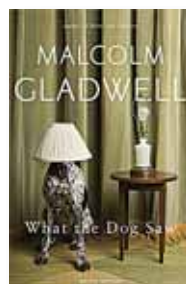
After a throwaway observation about women and sport, Truss was invited to provide a female perspective – for four years, as a sports journalist for the *Times*. From a position of profound ignorance, she soon discovered the importance of statistics, results and a lasting love for golf. Personally I have no understanding of sports, but I found this a funny, good-natured, laugh-out-loud book – and I reckon most sports fans will too! From the author of *Eats, Shoots and Leaves* (\$24.99). *Lindy*



What the Dog Saw

Malcolm Gladwell
Tp \$32.95

Gladwell's ability to see underneath the surface of the seemingly mundane taps into a fundamental human impulse: curiosity. From criminology to ketchup, job interviews to dog training, this collection takes everyday subjects and shows us surprising new ways of looking at them. Are smart people overrated? What can pit bulls teach us about crime? Why are problems like homelessness easier to solve than to manage? He explores the minor geniuses, the underdogs and the overlooked, revealing how everyone and everything contains an intriguing story. From the author of *Blink* (Pb \$24.95), *The Tipping Point* (Pb \$24.99) and *Outliers* (Pb \$26.95).



The Magical World of Milligan

Spike Milligan
Hb \$39.95

A collection of Milligan's hilarious stories and poems that gathers together a grand selection of his favourites, including such delightful poems and stories as *On the Ning Nang Nong*, *The Terrible Monster Jelly* and lots of Twits. Full-colour and complete with his drawings and sketches, this includes poems from the now 50-year-old *Silly Verse for Kids* (\$10.95). Although aimed at children, this will also appeal to the legion of older Milligan fans.



A Certain Je Ne Sais Quoi

Charles Timoney
Tp \$22.95

Vocabulary alone is not enough; if you want to fit in with the French, you have to know how to deal with sardonic waiters, why French children hate Charlemagne, the etiquette of kissing, joke-telling and drinking songs, what to do with a bidet, the correct recipe for a *salade niçoise* and of course how to convey absolute, shattering indifference with a single syllable – Bof! This book provides a practical, pleasurable guide to the charms of the Gallic people, from their daily routines to their history, from their come-ons to their put-downs.



The Red Book

C G Jung
Hb \$290

This was considered by Jung to be his most important work. Created from 1914 to 1930 but never published, it has been seen by few people. Containing his original illustrations (somewhat reminiscent of Blake's paintings) and partnered with the original calligraphy, this large and beautiful book comes fully translated and annotated. Limited to 5,000 copies worldwide, this is a fascinating book in both concept and content. *Greg*



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