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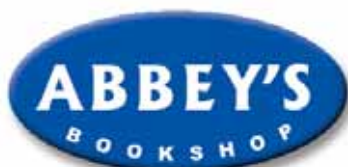
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Welcome to Abbey's 2006 *Books for Christmas*, a selection of interesting and unusual books available this Christmas and beyond.

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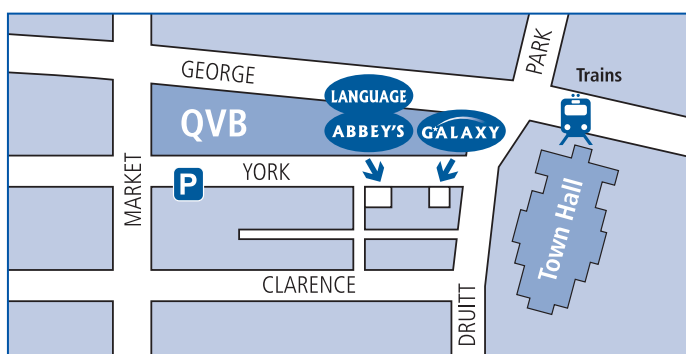
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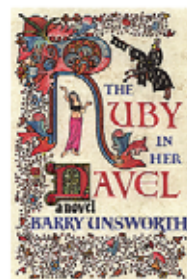


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(see page 27 for Judy's cartoon collection, *Make Cakes Not War*).

The Ruby in Her Navel

Barry Unsworth
Tp \$32.95

Set in the 12th century, the tensions of Europe at the time of the crusades are the backdrop to this rollicking, conspiracy-loaded soap opera of forbidden love, intrigue and treachery, insane monks and perfidious Christians. Thurstan, a young Norman at the Court of King Roger in Palermo, is in love with two women – the Lady Alicia and the dancer Nesrin. Caught in a tangle of plots and deceptions that threaten to destroy him, the war between Islam and Christendom looks set to destroy his mind and his heart! *Cara*



Siege of Heaven

Tom Harper
Tp \$32.95

Demetrios Askiates, a spy for the Byzantine Emperor Alexios Komnenos, is ensnared by power struggles and sick unto death of the lies, violence and hypocrisy of the First Crusade. He wants to go home, but having made it to the plague-riddled city of Antioch – rancid with the interminable quarrel between Raymond and Bohemond over who should possess the city – it's clear the only way home is through the Holy City, Jerusalem. Convincing the Franks to leave Antioch involves a soon-to-be-dangerous ally, Peter Bartholemew, whose derangement becomes horrifyingly clear. Askiates travels from Antioch through the heart of Muslim Egypt to the gates of Jerusalem, where the Crusade convulses in an apocalypse of bloodshed and slaughter. *Due Dec Cara*



The Religion

Tim Willocks
Tp \$32.95

This fantastic novel is set on the island of Malta in 1565 as the might of Suleiman the Magnificent's Ottoman army and navy besiege the Knights of St John the Baptist to cataclysmic effect. The sights and sounds of Ottoman military might are fervently imagined and the misery of the besieged, their boredom and fear, their adrenalised bravery and exhilaration in slaughter, is brashly drawn and an absolute treat to read. This epic tale is packed with intrigue, politics, obsession, ultra-violence, religious musings and love. It's the kind of fabulous tale that Alexandre Dumas might have written – immensely enjoyable, but definitely not for the overly sensitive or faint-hearted. *Magnificent! Cara*



Schrödinger's Ball

Adam Felber
Tp \$29.95

Is anyone alive or dead until observed to be so by someone else? Maybe not – the uncertainty principle is, in and of itself, uncertain. And quite frankly, it doesn't fly. This is why Deb, Grant, Arlene and Johnny head to Cambridge Massachusetts, kinda. See, Johnny might be dead. This love story combines political satire with an extended riff on the power of belief, which means you'll meet some of the kookiest characters ever, including Werner, Schrödinger's cat. Who would have thought that quantum theory, the fugitive president of the Free State of Montana, Brenda the bag lady and a nameless, hyped-up trucker could make so much sense? *Cara*

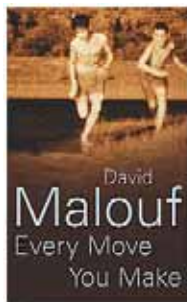


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Tp = Trade Paperback (slightly larger)
Hb = Hardback

Every Move You Make

David Malouf
Hb \$39.95

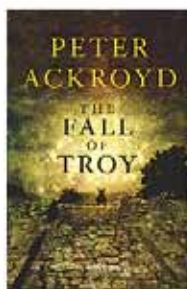
This new collection of short stories from one of Australia's finest writers is one to be savoured! Some are set in the past and the tone of remembrance is achingly beautiful. Some are particularly concerned with mortality and death, and these are the best in the collection. Malouf's delicately placed words convey so much to the careful reader that, even in tales of sadness, life and light shine through. *Lindy*



The Fall of Troy

Peter Ackroyd
Hb \$49.95

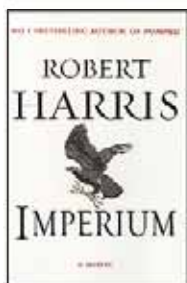
Modelled on the life of Heinrich Schliemann, this novel is a multi-layered treasure box of artfulness and science. Archaeologist Herr Obermann believes the ancient city of Troy is in Hisarlik, Anatolia. His wife is at least as clever as she is beautiful, a woman who reads Homer and has a genuine feel for archaeology. It's while sifting for amphorae that Sophia also learns to sift for the truths and deceptions in her husband's life, both personal and professional. A clever tale of self-delusion and the substitution of hysterical fantasy for historical fact. *Cara*



Imperium

Robert Harris
Tp \$32.95

A slave and private secretary to Cicero, Tiro narrates his master's tale with nostalgic fondness, vividly recounting Cicero's rise to power from radical young lawyer to first citizen of Rome. The treacherous world of Roman politics is lovingly recreated and gloriously detailed in this paean to the considerable virtues of the incomparable Marcus Cicero. The first volume in a planned trilogy. *Cara*



Mr Thundermug

Cornelius Medvei
Hb \$30

Mr Thundermug speaks impeccable English and his grammar is beyond reproach, which is quite unusual for a baboon! Unfortunately, his family remain in the monkey world, leading to accusations of domestic cruelty from his human counterparts – the very same people who puzzle and confound poor Mr Thundermug with their own strange behaviours. A surreal and lovely fable, with lithographs. *Lindy*



Half of a Yellow Sun

Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
Tp \$33

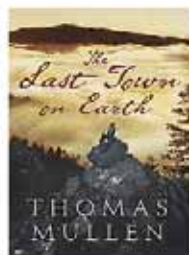
Set in Nigeria in the 1960s during the vicious civil war in which a million people died, the three main characters get swept up in the violence. As their lives intersect, they must question their own responses to the unfolding political events. This extraordinary novel is about Africa in a wider sense – about moral responsibility, the end of colonialism, ethnic and tribal allegiances, class and race, and the ways in which love can complicate all these things.



The Last Town on Earth

Thomas Mullen
Tp \$30

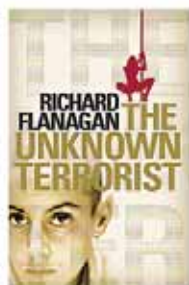
Set in 1918 during the great influenza epidemic, the small US lumber town, Commonwealth, quarantines itself to avoid the deadly illness and guards are posted to ensure nobody enters. But one day a soldier, possibly home from the war, arrives seeking help and is shot for his pains. His murder and the subsequent imprisonment and killing of another soldier causes the town's differences and tensions to come to the boil as individual safety, social responsibility and moral obligations cancel each other out. Due Dec *Cara*



The Unknown Terrorist

Richard Flanagan
Tp \$32.95

Set in contemporary Sydney, this subversive thriller is an unstoppable car crash of murderous action. The Doll is an exotic dancer working in Kings Cross whose ambition in life is to fulfil the Australian dream of owning her own home. Close to earning her \$50,000 deposit, her life is cruising along, until the morning she discovers she's the most wanted terrorist in Australia. The media beats up a blood-chilling frenzy of distortions and lies, while police and politicians work together to create a firestorm of anti-Muslim hatred and misinformation about this Westie chick who has gone over to the dark side. The question is not will she survive, but for how long and to what end. *Cara*



FICTION

Liquidation

Imre Kertesz
Hb \$35

Often compared to Kafka and Beckett, Hungary's greatest living author focuses on life's grand themes - love, death and evil. Set in Budapest in 1999, the main concern of our narrator, Keseru, is writing and the possibilities of writing - activities inseparable from, and integral to, life itself. His friend Be, an Auschwitz survivor and successful writer, committed suicide in 1990, leaving behind a play which is an eerily prescient foretelling of the personal and political crises that their friends now face after years of Communist rule and the bitterness of hope unrealised. European fiction at its most sophisticated. *Cara*



Restless

William Boyd
Tp \$29.95

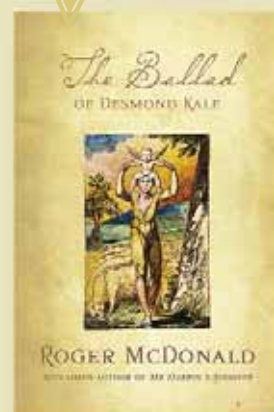
How well do you know your mother? Does she have some secret past that you can only dream of? In the summer of 1976, Ruth Gilmartin discovers that her very English mother, Sally, is actually Eva Delectorskaya, a Russian émigré and one-time spy. Two stories unfold – that of Ruth and her life in 1976, and her struggle as she discovers her mother's secret. Boyd weaves a brilliant tale of love, intrigue, revenge and the sometimes difficult relationship that mothers and daughters have, with a touch of Le Carré to rack up the tension. I loved this book. *Anthoulla*



2006 Miles Franklin Award

The Ballad of Desmond Kale

Roger McDonald
Tp \$32.95

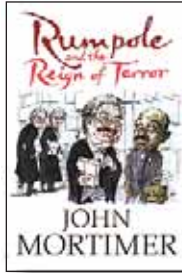


FICTION

Rumpole and the Reign of Terror

John Mortimer
Hb \$39.95

Rumpole takes on his biggest challenge yet, and the accused doesn't even know what he's charged with! The doctor is Pakistani and Rumpole must battle new anti-terrorism legislation and the Home Secretary to gain a fair trial. Despite frequenting Pommeroy's Wine Bar for relaxation and inspiration, Rumpole fears he's losing the plot. This terrifically funny satire has several plotlines, each running rings around each other. Due Dec Cara



First Lady

Michael Dobbs
Tp \$32.95

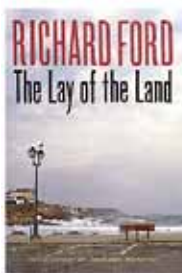
Ever wondered just how down and dirty contemporary British politics can be? Inspired ruthlessness has a new heroine in Ginny Edge. She was the supportive wife of Opposition MP Dominic Edge, but upon discovering his infidelity she becomes a power-hungry piranha who will stop at nothing to force her husband into shape as the next Prime Minister. It's as much punishment for him as it is reparation to her. Nobody will be laughing when she's the PM's wife, and everybody will have learned to take her seriously! Cara



The Lay of the Land

Richard Ford
Tp \$32.95

The much anticipated sequel to *The Sportswriter* (\$22.95) and *Independence Day* (\$24.95). Frank Bascombe is 55 and single again, as his second wife left him. He's still in touch with first wife Ann and their children, but has a much more pragmatic sense of his life. His business is doing well and his Tibetan offside is a constant source of Buddhist koans and gentle amusement. But it's Bascombe's existential navel-gazing that encourages the revision of his previously held ideas of life, death, marriage and the ideal of the good life. In short, a middlebrow muddle for the middle-aged male of Caucasian appearance and moneyed leisure time. Cara



The Long Road of the Junkmailer

Patrick Holland
Pb \$24.95

In this startlingly original Brisbane novel, the discomfort of strangeness has an alien beauty and charm. Our junkmailer is gentle and true, with a mind wide open to adventure and boundless curiosity. The rumour of a fallen angel in the city makes a crazy kind of sense and the white tigers know more than Isla has forgotten. Cherish the whimsy and practice those random acts of kindness. Look what occurs when harsh reality takes a nap! Cara



Mothers and Sons

Colm Tóibín
Tp \$32.95

This collection of nine short stories is primarily concerned with the moments on which a life hinges before unfolding in a new and unforeseen manner. The relationship of mother and son, to each other or their identity as such, is often serendipitous in revealing the self in a new and informative way. Tóibín places these moments of revelation and reflection mostly in rural Ireland, the simplicity of the countryside being the perfect foil for the complexity of these wonderfully poignant tales. Cara



The Road

Cormac McCarthy
Tp \$32.95

This post-apocalyptic tale of a father and son's wandering through the barren wastelands of America is pure, dark magic. Terrifyingly alone, all they have left to believe in is each other. The fragility of life – and hope – is never more apparent than when they discover that the only other survivors are voracious cannibals who must eat or die. The crippling sorrow and misery of the father's struggle to keep his son alive, to remember anything good, to pass on his vision of rightness which is so at odds with the insanity of being alive and functional in this blasted land, is at the shattered heart of this extraordinary novel. Read it and weep. Cara



Swallow the Air

Tara June Winch
Hb \$28

This beautiful novel is a series of wistful memories, haunted by loss and longing as the narrator, May, follows an interior compass in search of the reality of her father's family. She and her brother lost their mother to an early death and the process of losing each other is accelerated by his appetite for self-destruction. As she travels through an Australia of broken promises and stolen dreams, May is healed by her increasing understanding of home and the complexity of the love in her heart. Cara



Sacred Games

Vikram Chandra
Tp \$35

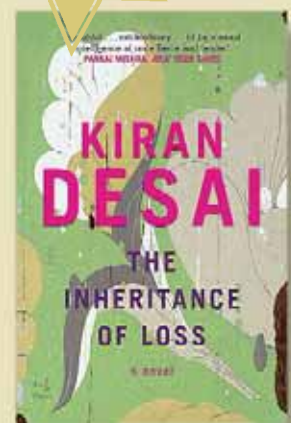
This is a gargantuan read, a tale of epic proportions. I should warn you, it's the kind of sprawling, labyrinthine story where you have to think ahead three turns, and look behind a lie to see the truth, and then behind that truth to see the lie, before you have the vaguest idea of what's really occurring and when. Set in Mumbai in the 1990s, Detective Sataj Singh is a Sikh, a tiny minority of one in a sea of Hindu officers. His professional and personal life is turned upside down by Ganesh Gaitonde, the most wanted gangster in India. Having tracked Gaitonde to his reinforced concrete lair, Singh is unable to force him out, so a conversation begins between the two. It's a dialogue that roams through time and place, opening hearts and minds to the terrible light of retroactive understanding and occasional forgiveness. Stunningly drawn, this is a fiercely vibrant work of narrative fiction. Cara



2006 Man Booker Prize

The Inheritance of Loss

Kiran Desai
Tp \$32.95



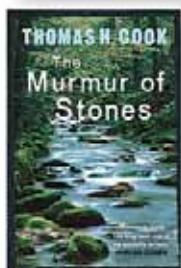
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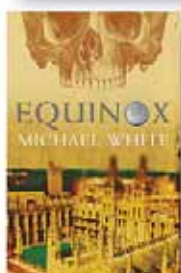
18 Seconds George Shuman Tp \$29.95

Sherry Moore is blind, but if she touches a dead person, she sees the last 18 seconds of their memory. Having assisted with police investigations, she is increasingly haunted by nightmares harking back to her first five years and the accident that left her blind. Kelly O'Shaughnessy is worried by a series of kidnappings in her coastal resort town. John Payne is wondering how two separate deaths are linked. Sherry holds the key to these mysteries, but there is danger for all concerned. A lot of different threads woven deftly together – the sort of thriller where you can't turn the pages quickly enough! *Lindy*



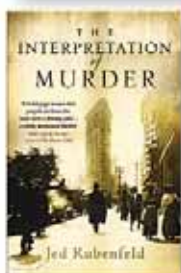
The Murmur of Stones Thomas Cook Tp \$29.95

Diana spent her youth looking after her schizophrenic father. Her son Jason is diagnosed with the same affliction and she throws her energies into caring for him. When he tragically drowns, she cannot accept the coroner's verdict of accidental death, and starts to think he was murdered by her husband Mark. She turns to her brother for support, but in so doing causes him to fear for his own daughter. Due Dec *Lindy*



Equinox Michael White Tp \$32.95

This is White's first thriller, marrying empiricism and alchemy, set in contemporary Oxford. A visiting New Yorker, Laura Niven, is researching two recent ritualistic murders and discovers the killings have been happening for centuries. Indeed, Isaac Newton and his search for the Philosopher's Stone are inextricably bound not just to Edmund Halley and Christopher Wren – members of the Royal Society in the 1600s – but also to the present-day slayings. Armed with perhaps more knowledge than sense, Niven may be the one to rewrite history and end the killings for good. *Cara*



The Interpretation of Murder Jed Rubenfeld Tp \$32.95

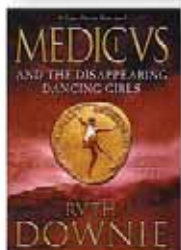
Combining New York history, Shakespeare's *Hamlet*, Freudian analysis and some good old-fashioned police work, this clever mystery is a real pleasure to read. Dr Younger is an admirer and protégé of Freud, although he disagrees with the great man's oedipal interpretation of *Hamlet*. Investigating an attempted murder that echoes a recent gruesome killing, his commitment to Freudian analysis is given free reign as he plunges into the convoluted darkness that is the killer's mind. *Cara*



The Mammoth Book of Jacobean Whodunnits

Mike Ashley (ed) Pb \$24.95

The turbulent 17th century provides great inspiration for crime writers – the Gunpowder Plot, civil war, anarchy, murder, mayhem, espionage, witch trials and the new colonies in America, not to mention characters like Francis Bacon, Shakespeare and Nell Gwynne. These 23 newly commissioned stories (plus one rare reprint) are from writers including Michael Jecks, Deryn Lake, Derek Wilson and Fiona Buckley. Just the thing for lazy summer reading! *Lindy*



Medicus and the Disappearing Dancing Girls

Ruth Downie Tp \$32.95

Gaius Petreius Ruso is the medicus to the Twentieth Legion in Deva (Chester) in Roman Britain. Divorced and down on his luck in this rather depressing outpost, he rescues an injured slave girl with gorgeous eyes, Tilla, with nary a thought for the ensuing murder and mayhem, not to mention the possibility of a serial killer hanging out in his local wine bar. It's unlikely that boredom will be a problem in the immediate future, but staying alive might! This debut novel, the first in a series, is lots of fun. *Cara*



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All five feature-length episodes of season 5 of the long-running TV series based on the award-winning Inspector Barnaby novels by Caroline Graham.

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Series 6 is the second full series featuring the steely-eyed Detective Alex Brandtner, played by Gedeon Burkhard. His canine associate is just as loyal as he

was to the much-loved Detective Richie Moser. Series 1-5 also available (\$59.95 ea).

CRIME



**Booked to Die
Bookman's Wake
Bookman's Promise
The Sign of the Book**

John Dunning Pb \$18.95

The first four Cliff Janeway books are available again and if you haven't read them before you're in for a rare treat! Resigning from Denver police before he's fired, Janeway opens a bookshop, but still ends up investigating some mysterious deaths in the murky underworld of high-end book collecting. Great crime reads, equally enthralling for their bookishness! *Lindy*

The Bookwoman's Last Fling

John Dunning Tp \$29.95

Cliff Janeway is engaged by a mysterious, bad-tempered horse-trainer to appraise a book collection and discovers a hoard beyond his wildest dreams – perfect copies of the most desirable children's books. But someone has tampered with them and he sets out to solve the mystery, as well as a suspicious death many years ago. Money, mayhem and murder set in the colourful world of racing. A thrilling read! *Lindy*

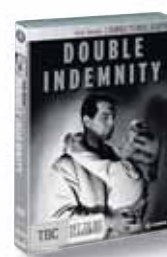


Glass Tiger

Joe Gores Tp \$29.95

In this new thriller from the author of *Hammett* (Pb \$19.95), it is election night in the United States. Gustave Walberg becomes leader of the free world.

Then legendary Vietnam sniper Halden Corwin murders his daughter and son-in-law, before disappearing into the night. Driven by events that took place 40 years ago, he now has the President's head in his sights.



DVD \$29.95

The cynical, witty thriller about adultery, corruption and murder starring Fred MacMurray, Barbara Stanwyck and Edward G Robinson. Based on James

Cain's novella (Pb \$21.95) and directed by the great Billy Wilder, this is classic film noir.



The Mission Song

John Le Carré
Tp \$32.95

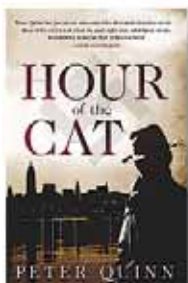
Living proof that denial ain't just a

river in Africa, Salvo – half Irish, half Congolese – is a gifted linguist and interpreter living in London. His fluency in African languages has him doing covert work for Mr Anderson on behalf of shadowy government agencies. Sent to interpret a mysterious peace deal brokered between Congolese war-lords and the British government, his wide-eyed naiveté is to be sorely tested by the realities of Anglo-African political and economic rationalisation. *Cara*

Hour of the Cat

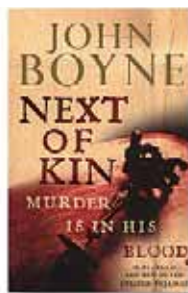
Peter Quinn Tp \$32.95

What a great mix of genres – crime noir, historical thriller and morality play. Alternating between New York



City and Berlin from 1936 to 1938, the tale begins with an ordinary New York murder where a nurse is killed in her

apartment and the suspect caught and sentenced to death. P I Dunne is hired to save his life. Across the Atlantic, Admiral Wilhelm Canaris and his colleagues hope to pull Hitler and Germany back from the brink of destruction. It's not long before the two worlds collide as a Nazi SS agent hides out on the streets of New York and a murder conspiracy that defies imagination is about to be uncovered. *Cara*



Next of Kin

John Boyne
Tp \$32.95

It is 1936 and London is abuzz with gossip about

Edward VIII's affair with Mrs Simpson. But the king is not the only one with a hard decision to make. Owen Montignac is in a tight spot after running up some gambling debts, anxiously hoping for financial relief in the form of an inheritance from his uncle. Unfortunately, his uncle has cut him from the will, so he must stump up £50,000 by Christmas, or find himself six feet under. Amoral and self-serving to the core, Owen is nothing if not inventive. *Cara*

The Winter of Frankie Machine

Don Winslow Tp \$32.95

Frankie runs a bait shop and has an OK relationship with his daughter,

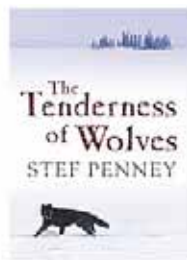


although you couldn't say the same about his former wife. He still surfs regularly, during the Gentlemen's Hour, and his main squeeze

of the last eight years is an almost dauntingly independent, ex-Vegas showgirl. Middle-aged life is good, until a favour is called in and Frankie has to reprise his role as 'the Machine', hit man extraordinaire. Out of shape, out of answers and running out of time, he has to discover who most wants him dead. Even on the short long list, there are too many men with too many grievances (and guns) for him to take it easy. *Cara*

The Tenderness of Wolves

Stef Penney Tp \$29.95



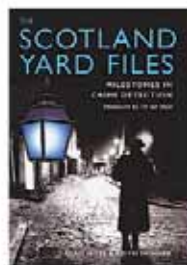
In a small farming community in the wilds of Canada in the 1860s, a fur trapper is brutally killed. Although on the surface a

quiet and peaceful village, Caulfield has seen its share of mysterious disappearances and tragedy. Representatives of 'the Company', which basically controls the wilderness, are involved in the investigation, but it's not at all straightforward. An unfolding sort of novel, told in the first and third person, and quite beautifully rendered, this story draws the reader into the coldness of both nature and the human heart. *Lindy*

The Scotland Yard Files

Alan Moss & Keith Skinner
Hb \$49.95

Many of the things now taken for granted in detecting crime originated at Scotland Yard. Here are 12 fascinating firsts from its history,



including the establishment of the detective branch, identification parades, 'wanted' pictures, finger-

printing, ballistics, facial reconstruction, dental identification, identikit and DNA evidence. Written by a crime historian and former Chief Superintendent, this is a very readable account of the advances in criminal detection. Includes archival images, many previously unpublished.

Lindy



The Red Dahlia

Lynda La Plante Tp \$29.95

Detective Anna Travis is investigating the death of a woman last seen in a London nightclub wearing a sequined miniskirt and a red rose in her hair. In an eerie echo of

the famous 1940s LA murder case known as the Black Dahlia, the body was found dumped by a river, severed in half and brutalised beyond recognition. Travis must summon all her strength and guile to hunt down the sadistic killer.

Kingdom Come

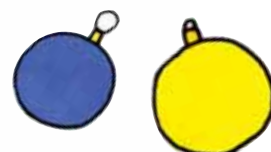
J G Ballard Tp \$33

Although it recalls *High Rise* (\$22.95) in its depiction of mob madness, Ballard's new tale is far more disturbing. The Metro-Centre, a vast shopping complex, is the heart of a strange new suburban lifestyle where shopping for value means more than simply getting a bargain. Shopping is a moral act in and of itself, so woe betide any who



don't believe that this new consumerism is the ethical pinnacle of being! Bombings, burnings and riots are the order of the day. Material

culture has opened its maw and its teeth are dripping with the blood of immigrants and small shop owners. The perverse community surrounding the Metro-Centre is creating a new republic and their leader is a third-rate actor with a first-rate adviser, but it's unlikely the republic will last even a thousand days if the gloss on the jingoistic patriotism wears too thin. *Cara*



The Secret Familiar

Catherine Jinks Tp \$29.95

Helie is a former spy of the famous 14th-century inquisitor, Bernard Gui. Now living under an alias, Helie is trying to forget his past life of deception and intrigue. But a chance meeting brings him once more to the notice of the Inquisition and he is obliged to infiltrate a new heretical group to find out what happened to the last spy sent to do so. This page-turning murder mystery is a fascinating moral tale of betrayal, faith and ultimate truth.



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And we do mean ULTIMATE! This collection includes:

Superman: The Movie: 4-disc set comprising the original 1978 release with commentaries by the producers, the 2000 expanded edition with commentary, 3 documentaries, screen tests, gag reels and *The Making of Superman the Movie* TV special.

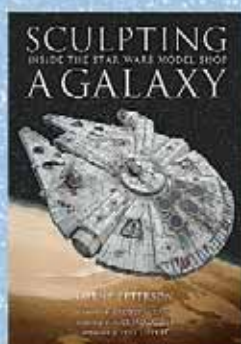
Superman II: 3-disc set comprising the 1980 theatrical release with commentaries by the producer and directors, *The Making of Superman II*, director's cut featuring a different beginning and resolution, plus never-before-seen footage of Margot Kidder and Marlon Brando.

Superman III: Single disc with the 1983 theatrical release, commentary by the producers, additional scenes and *The Making of Superman III* TV special.

Superman IV: The Quest for Peace: Single disc with the 1987 theatrical release and commentaries by the screenwriters.

Superman Returns: 2-disc set comprising the 2006 theatrical release including additional scenes, and a 6-part *Making of* documentary.

If that's not enough, there are two more discs of documentaries – *Look Up in the Sky and You Will Believe* – which include *The Mythology and Science of Superman* and *Remembering Christopher Reeve*, as well as a comic book and chapter book. Due Dec



Sculpting a Galaxy Inside the Star Wars Model Shop

Lorne Peterson Hb \$100, Limited Edition \$800

Lorne Peterson was hired by Lucas to create the models for *Star Wars* and has worked on some of the biggest movies ever made. Here he takes us on the journey of creating models from sketch to screen. Includes over 300 colour photographs, plus illustrations and interviews from the archives of ILM, Lucas's company that basically wrote the book on special effects.

The Limited Edition contains 5 gatefolds, 4 bound-in postcard sheets, a 12-page booklet of the white model process, a fold-out with all cut-outs of the ships, a Millennium Falcon model kit, a Landspeeder model (including figurines of Luke, C3PO, R2D2 and Obi-Wan Kenobi), a booklet and certificate of authenticity for the models, DVD of the model shop documentaries and a 32-page booklet on the computer graphics of the models and special effects.

Eragon (Movie Tie-in)

Christopher Paolini
Pb \$19.95

Now a major motion picture from Twentieth Century Fox, this is a well written tale of adventure and magic. Thrust into the wider world by his discovery of a dragon egg, farm boy Eragon becomes the last of the legendary Dragon Riders and must join the fight against the forces of evil.



Mythic Vision The Making of Eragon

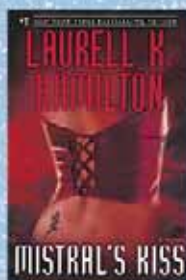
Mark Cotta Vaz
Tp \$24.95

This is a thrilling look at the creation of a blockbuster. Packed with dozens of glossy, full-colour photographs, plus the inside scoop from cast and crew, it's brimming with details – an adventure all of its own! Due Dec

Mistral's Kiss Meredith Gentry #5

Laurell K Hamilton
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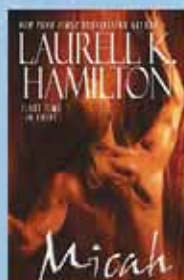
It's time for Meredith to put aside her detective work and fulfil her ultimate obligation to the world of Faerie – to conceive an heir to the throne of the Unseelie Court. Although her quest is bursting with pleasures, the shadows of intrigue and sabotage continue to suffuse the royal court and Merry's own command of magic turns wildly, and dangerously, unpredictable. Due Dec



Micah Anita Blake Universe

Laurell K Hamilton
Pb \$18.95

Heading to Philadelphia to reanimate a witness for the Feds who died before testifying, Anita realises this is the first time she and Micah (head of the wereleopard and one of her lovers) have spent any significant time alone together. And she's not sure she's happy about this...



Strange Candy

Laurell K Hamilton
Hb \$49.95

A collection of 14 short stories, some never before published, from this bestselling author of horror-paranormal-romance stories.



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Inside the Tardis

James Chapman
Tp \$35

Drawing extensively on the BBC Written Archives, this is an exploration of the longest-running SF series in the world from its origins to the present day. It shows how *Doctor Who* has managed to change with the times, yet maintain its quirky and distinctive characteristics. Chapman is a fan, as well as an historian, and this is essential reading for all *Doctor Who* aficionados.



Doctor Who Annual 2007

Hb \$16.95

You would have to have had your brain removed with a sonic screwdriver in the last year not to have caught on to the fact that *Doctor Who* is BACK! This is your classic annual, packed with quizzes, character profiles and fun facts. Perfect for fans of all ages.



Terrier

Beka Cooper #1

Tamora Pierce
Pb \$23

Beka Cooper, a rookie with the Provost's Guard, has been assigned to the Lower City. She has a talent for hearing things that no one else can hear and soon learns that someone is terrorising the citizens into silence and submission. Pierce is one of the most popular young adult authors around, famous for her strong female protagonists.



New Moon Bella #2

Stephanie Meyer
Hb \$39.95

If you're a fan of young adult books that cross all ages, or a fan of romantic vampire stories, and you haven't yet read any *Bella* books by Stephanie Meyer, you're missing out on one of the most well-written, beautifully characterised series in years. I can't think of the last time I finished any other book and immediately went back to page one to read it all over again! *Stephanie*

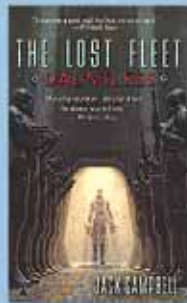


Dauntless

The Lost Fleet #1

Jack Campbell
Pb \$16.95

The Alliance and the Syndic have been fighting for a century, with the Alliance losing badly. Now its fleet is crippled and stranded. Their only hope is Captain John 'Black Jack' Geary, who has emerged from a long hibernation to find he has been heroically idealised beyond belief. Now he must live up to his own legend.



Dreamsongs

A Retrospective

George R R Martin
Hb \$59.95

This is a massive collection of the best of Martin's short fiction. Includes 32 short stories and novellas, many of them award-winners, plus two TV scripts, author commentaries and a comprehensive bibliography. Due Dec



Goblin Quest

Jim Hines
Pb \$16.95

A hilarious book for fantasy fans of all ages, this will have you rooting for the underdog! Jig is a goblin. He is also a runt, near-sighted and bullied, and he dreams of being respected. He gets his chance to guard the tunnels (a dangerous job), but is soon kidnapped by a raiding party looking for treasure. He doesn't know where he's going, he just wants to live, so he helps them. What follows is an hilarious adventure as they battle foe after foe.



Conan

The Ultimate Guide

Roy Thomas
Hb \$39.95

Encompassing 80 years of Conan, this is the first ever illustrated guide. It covers everything from the original novels to today's comics. A great reference tool before the big new movie hits the screens in 2007 and a must for all Conan fans!



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Battlestar Galactica The Official Companion Season #2

David Bassom
Tp \$32.95

With a brilliant cast, cutting-edge special effects, superb production design and gritty, adult-oriented scripts, the new *Battlestar Galactica* is a stunning piece of TV in its own right. The second Official Companion is again packed with exclusive interviews, photos, behind-the-scenes secrets and a complete episode guide.



Special Effects

Richard Rickitt
Hb \$89.95

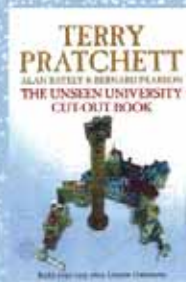
Packed with over 500 colour illustrations, profiles of key directors and SFX experts (including rare behind-the-scenes images from their portfolios), this is a comprehensive history of how special effects have evolved from the days of concealed wires to the incredibly high-tech *The Lord of the Rings* and *King Kong*.



The Unseen University Cut-Out Book

Terry Pratchett
Pb \$45

A cut-out book for adults! This intricate and colourful feat of paper engineering reveals a detailed 3-D model of the Unseen University, the most ancient and complex building on Discworld. Hours of fun for all Discworld fans!



Wintersmith Discworld Universe

Terry Pratchett
Hb \$45

The third tale in the Tiffany Aching sequence finds Tiffany working for Miss Treason. She witnesses the Dark Dance, then does what no one has ever done before and leaps into it, right into the oldest story there is. Even with the help of Granny Weatherwax and the Wee Free Men, can she deal with the consequences of her actions?



Variable Star

Robert A Heinlein
& Spider Robinson
Hb \$54

Based on an outline and notes left by Heinlein before he died, this is the story of Joel and Jinny. Having finished junior college, Jinny wants them to get married now, but Joel is holding off, hoping Jinny will admit she belongs to a family that owns half the galaxy. She doesn't, and Joel joins an expedition to a different solar system, where a disaster changes his plans.



Firefly Official Companion Vol 1

Joss Whedon
Tp \$43

This series may have been short-lived due to production costs, but it had a cult following. This is the first of two companions and includes scripts, unseen photos and exclusive input from the cast and crew, including creator Joss Whedon.



The Prometheus Project

Steve White
Pb \$18.95

In the 1940s, a mysterious man claims to have escaped from alien captors. He says that unless humanity can convince the aliens they are a united people with technology comparable to that of the aliens, Earth will be subjugated. Former Special Forces soldier Bob Davaney is recruited by the Prometheus Project – the greatest disinformation operation in history – to do just this. But someone in the Project is selling secrets that will tip off the aliens to the bluff.



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Brian Froud
& Terry Jones
Hb \$49.95

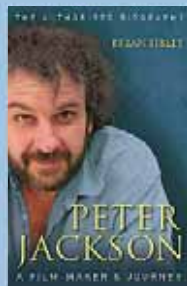
The fact that *Labyrinth* is 20 years old makes me feel a little long in the tooth! Froud's long out-of-print tome on the cantankerous goblins has been beautifully reprinted, with artwork not included in the original, plus an afterword. A wonderful companion to what has become a modern classic movie. *Steph*



Peter Jackson A Film-Maker's Journey

Brian Sibley
Tp \$39.95

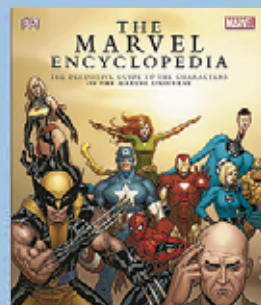
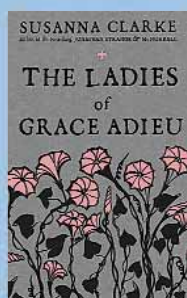
The only authorised biography of Peter Jackson, this had his full participation, including access to his diaries and personal photos. It is the inside story of how he became the hottest property in Hollywood following his six-year quest to film *The Lord of the Rings*. Includes 32-page colour section and lots of illustrations, some by Jackson himself.



The Ladies of Grace Adieu

Susanna Clarke
Hb \$45
Limited Edition Hb \$75

This returns to the world of Jonathan Strange and Mr Norrell (Pb \$24.95), which was nominated for many awards. In this collection of short stories, faerie is never as far away as you think. You sometimes find you have crossed an invisible line and must cope with petulant princesses, vengeful owls, ladies who pass their time by embroidering terrible fates, or with endless paths in deep, dark woods...



The Marvel Encyclopedia The Definitive Guide to the Characters of the Marvel Universe

Alastair Dougall (Ed) Hb \$79.95

This is the most comprehensive A-Z guide to the Marvel Universe ever published. With more than 1,000 character profiles, it has been put together by Marvel experts and is full of images from Marvel's greatest artists. Includes a decade-by-decade history of Marvel Universe highlights.

Beguilement Sharing Knife #1

Lois McMaster Bujold
Hb \$56

Fawn Bluefield is unmarried, pregnant and heading for the city when she is attacked by dark magic, only to be rescued by Dag, a soldier/sorcerer. Bound by the consequences of this incident, they fall in love, even though the relationship is considered unlucky. They must then decide if they want to flout custom or break the bond that holds them, which may have consequences of its own. Romantic historical fantasy from one of the best authors of the genre.



Into a Dark Realm Darkwar Saga #2

Raymond E Feist
Hb \$50

In Feist's eagerly awaited sequel to *Flight of the Nighthawks* (Pb \$21), the third Riftwar – the Darkwar – is unleashed. Two worlds are poised on the brink of destruction as the powerful Dasati threaten to invade Midkemia, while the most treacherous magician in history begins to wreak havoc on the world of Kelewan.



Carnival

Elizabeth Bear Pb \$16.95

Ambassador spies, Michelangelo Kusanagi-Jones and Vincent Katherinessen, are reunited on a mission to New Amazonia to recover priceless art, but they're really there to tap its energy supply. What one doesn't know is that the other is set on treason...



Blade Runner Director's Cut

DVD \$14.95

Long unavailable on DVD in Australia and just shy of the 25th anniversary of its cinema release, this is one of the defining movies of the SF genre. This release remains true to Ridley Scott's original vision. Special price while stocks last.

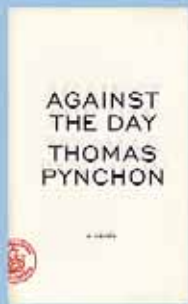


DVD
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Against the Day

Thomas Pynchon
Hb \$59.95

Here is the first novel in nearly 10 years from one of the greatest American writers. Spanning the period between the Chicago World's Fair of 1893 and the years just after World War 1, this moves from the labour troubles in Colorado to turn-of-the-century New York, London and Gottingen, Venice and Vienna, the Balkans, Central Asia, Siberia (at the time of the mysterious Tunguska event), Mexico during the revolution, Paris, silent-era Hollywood and one or two places that are not, strictly speaking, on the map at all...



Concept Art

Viktor Antonov Hb \$63

Featuring step-by-step tutorials by four leading concept artists, this full-colour art book describes the processes and techniques used to create environments, characters and machinery for film, television and video games. Others in this series include *Matte Painting* and *Character Modeling* (Hb \$63 each).



**World of Warcraft
Board Game** \$128

A fantasy adventure game for 2-6 players based on the popular Massively Multiplayer Online Game from Blizzard Entertainment. Adventure across Lordaeron, vanquish monsters, gain experience and power, and earn honour for your faction, whether Horde or Alliance. Look for the Shadows of War expansion coming soon!

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Absolute Sandman #1

Neil Gaiman
Slipcased Hb \$185

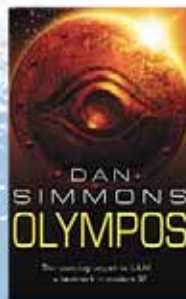
This collection of the first 20 *Sandman* comics – one of the most acclaimed comic series of the 1990s – features new colouring and previously unpublished material, including some of Gaiman's character designs, the original *Sandman* proposal, the *World Fantasy Award*-winning novel *A Midsummer Night's Dream* and an afterword by Gaiman. Highly recommended for all Gaiman fans.



Olympos Ilium #2

Dan Simmons
Pb \$19.95

A thrilling sequel to what began in *Ilium* (Pb \$19.95). The moravecs move quickly to thwart the potentially reality-destroying plans of the Greek Gods. Meanwhile, on earth, the ur-humans find out what's really going on...



Hell's Gate Multiverse #1

David Weber
& Linda Evans
Hb \$56

The Union of Arcana, whose technology is magic-based, have spent over a century expanding using the portal's linking galaxies. This is about to end as they discover another race, the Sharona, who have been doing the same thing, but whose technology is science-based, so the Union can't cope with their weaponry. A 'first contact' experience that doesn't go well...



Armageddon's Children

Terry Brooks
Tp \$32.95

Finally, Terry Brooks delves into the history of the Great Wars that forms a backdrop to the Shannara epic, as well as incorporating his *Word and Void* novels. This novel has all the Brooks trademarks – high adventure, magic and great characters. A fine start to a new series. *David*



The Gypsy Crown & The Silver Horse Chain of Charms #1 & #2

Kate Forsyth
Hb \$16.95 each

Set during the reign of Oliver Cromwell, this is an exciting series about the adventures of Emilia and Luka, two gypsy children. To harness the magic needed to save their family from the hangman's noose, they must recover the six charms given away in generations past by the gypsy queen. Absolutely gorgeous! *Steph*



Empire

Orson Scott Card
Hb \$54

Set in the near future, this is a look at a second US Civil War from an undisputed leader in the SF genre. The Left and the Right are at each others' throats, high technology and militia warfare tactics are used and then there are those citizens stuck in the middle...



**Descent
Journeys in the Dark
Board Game** \$128

In this game, you're an adventurer armed with mighty weapons and powerful abilities, venturing into the dungeon to battle monsters, escape deadly traps, discover lost treasures and ultimately confront and defeat the evil masters that dwell in hidden places. Can you survive the dark? Look for the Well of Darkness expansion coming soon!





Stargate SG-1 The Ultimate Guide

Kate Ritter Hb \$39.95

Join the team as they live the adventure of defending Earth from alien invasion. Explore Stargate Command level by level and have a sneak peak aboard the Prometheus Spaceship. Includes an exclusive DVD packed with Stargate material.

Emissary Percheron #2

Fiona McIntosh
Tp \$33

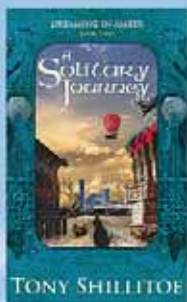
Amid the exotic splendour of the Zar's Grand Palace, Ana has resigned herself to life as a slave in the harem. The cunning and cruel Valide Herezah contrives to bring about her downfall, while the drums of war beat ever louder on the border of Percheron's greatest enemy, Galinsea.



A Solitary Journey Dreaming in Amber #2

Tony Shillitoe
Pb \$21

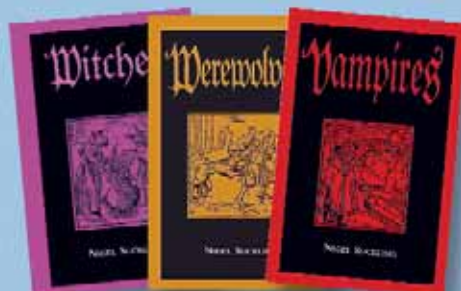
Continuing his epic fantasy, Shillitoe returns to the war-torn kingdom of Shess. With a masterful touch, he weaves a tale of searching for one's identity – literally and figuratively – amidst a changing world of warring armies, politics and magic, demonstrating why he is one of Australia's most popular fantasy writers.
Mark



Exposé 4

D Wade
& P Hellard (eds)
Tp \$59

This fantastic art book from the annual *Exposé* series features 317 digitally-created illustrations from 241 of the world's best digital artists. Categories include Fantasy, Science Fiction, Horror, Matte Painting, Surreal and more. A must for fans of the annual *Spectrum* series.



Witches, Werewolves and Vampires

Nigel Suckling Hb \$16.95 each

Suckling has researched these topics well to give an account of how the werewolf, the vampire and witch myths have evolved from ancient tales and superstitions to recorded incidents and their portrayal in film and literature. Fascinating gems!

The Glass Books of the Dream Eaters

G W Dahlquist
Tp \$32.95

This is sure to appeal to fans of descriptive, historical fantasy novels. Celestial Temple receives a letter breaking off her engagement and heads off into the dark Victorian underworld to pursue her now ex-fiancé. Her companions are a mercenary framed for murder and a physician charged with concealing the debaucheries of a Crown Prince. The closer they get to the truth, the more their lives are in danger...



Voice of the Gods Age of Five #3

Trudi Canavan
Pb \$21

The stunning conclusion to her international bestselling trilogy! Once more, two peoples are drawn into war as peace dies. Auraya is made an offer she is unable to refuse, but must hide or risk becoming an enemy of the Gods. Emerahl finally joins the search for the Scroll of the Gods, but the truth may not come in the form she expects.



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Staff Picks 2006

Adam

Glasshouse

Charles Stross

In an era of virtual immortality, Robin is a patient in a rehab clinic for convalescents of voluntary memory erasure. Pursued by would-be assassins for reasons unknown to his current self, Robin volunteers for a three-year experiment devised to simulate the "dark ages" of the early 21st century. Stross amusingly recasts our own era into one of "meaningless customs", while blending suspenseful action with inventive, futuristic technology. Hb \$54



Raph

Accelerando

Charles Stross

A mind-bending exploration of humanity's development over the course of the 21st century. While briefly outlining the development of Artificial Intelligence and the colonisation of the solar system, Stross focuses on the animal desire of the human will to live, leading to the uploading of minds and the creation of an entire society of bodiless post-humans – a society both inexplicable and unobtainable to normal people. Pb \$19.95



Steph

Twilight

Bella #1

Stephenie Meyer

Absolute perfection! This is the way 98% of all romantic vampire stories wish they were written! Pb \$22.95



David

The Darkness that Comes Before Prince of Nothing #1

R Scott Bakker

The tangled philosophies of war, race and religion come together in a beautifully written novel that asks why we fight, exploring how good and evil are often in the eye of the beholder. This important and intelligent fantasy is comparable to – at times even better than – George R R Martin's *Song of Ice and Fire* series. Pb \$21.95



Bridging Sydney

Caroline Mackaness (ed)
Hb \$95

Could we build the Bridge today? To construct it meant demolishing great chunks of North Sydney and the Rocks, displacing families and businesses without compensation. Conversely, it also meant jobs aplenty, greater awareness of urban planning and public transport, and advances in building technology. Although completed during the Depression, it also heralded a growing optimism and was acclaimed internationally. This truly beautiful, limited edition is printed on high gloss art paper to enhance the 420 images, but more than just a picture book, this is the definitive guide to our most recognised symbol. *Lindy*

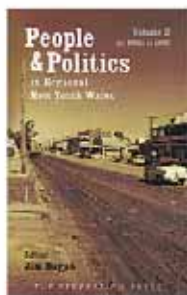


People and Politics in Regional NSW

Volume 1 1856-1950s Volume 2 1950s-2006

Jim Hagan (ed)
Hb \$34.95 each
(\$54.95 set)

Regional politics in NSW has a long and colourful history. Each of the 11 regions is dealt with individually in this history, which details the geography of the regions and how this affected the development of the area, then explains the significant factors influencing the region – the individuals and the parties, as well as the droughts and other events that have shaped the political landscape. The first history of its kind, this will appeal to anyone interested in Australian history or politics. *Christian*



H.M. Bark Endeavour

Ray Parkin
Pb \$45

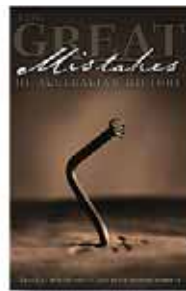
At last, the reprint in a single volume of the acclaimed study of Captain Cook's bark Endeavour. Meticulously researched, it is both an account of Cook's great journey of exploration and a vividly imagined recreation of life on board. The series of plans and figures for the ship's construction and fitout are accompanied by a composite log of Endeavour's voyage up the east coast of Australia. Arguably the finest work available on the subject, this should be in the homes of maritime history enthusiasts everywhere. *Cara*



The Great Mistakes of Australian History

Martin Crotty & David Roberts (eds)
Tp \$34.95

Blunders, stuff-ups and misjudgements are a part of any country's history. Dwelling on what might have been isn't always helpful, but it is important to recognise our mistakes and learn from them. In this highly original and provocative book, leading Australian historians attempt to do just that. The many stories, scenarios and situations are explored with verve, compassion and insight. This is a lively account of where we might have got it wrong, written so that next time we can get it right.



Terra Australis Incognita

The Spanish Quest for the Mysterious Great South Land

Miriam Estensen
Hb \$35

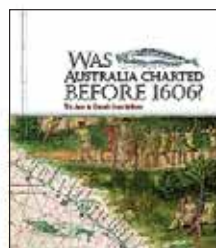
This beautifully produced book tells the stories of the great Spanish explorers of the Pacific Ocean. The late 16th and early 17th centuries saw intrepid (or foolhardy) explorers – such as Mendanas, Torres and Quiros – voyage into the unknown in tiny, barely seaworthy, wooden vessels with rudimentary navigation skills. Thoroughly researched and a pleasure to read. *Lindy*



Was Australia Charted Before 1606?

William Richardson
Tp \$29.95

Who discovered Australia first? There are claims that Portuguese, French, Spanish, Indonesian and Chinese explorers all visited prior to 1606. Although Willem Janszoon's arrival on Cape York is commonly held as the first documented non-Aboriginal arrival, there is some dissension as to the truth of the matter. Illustrated with charts and some beautiful maps, Richardson looks at earlier claims and presents his own theory as to who was where and when. *Cara*



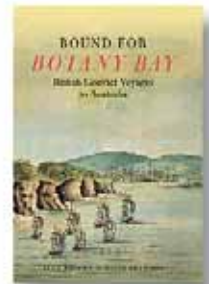
AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Bound for Botany Bay

British Convict Voyages to Australia

Alan Brooke & David Brandon
Hb \$59.95

Drawing on the National Archives of Britain, this vivid account follows the journeys of some of the 162,000 men, women and children who were packed onto 806 ships over 80 years of transportation to the colony of Australia. A cultural and social history, meticulously presented, it brings the convicts to life in a very readable way and shows that, for many of them, transportation truly was a chance to improve their lot in life. *Lindy*



The Wran Era

Troy Bramston (ed)
Tp \$34.95

From 1976 to 1986, Neville Wran and the Labor Party dominated NSW politics. This series of essays, written by a diverse selection of contributors, examines various aspects of the government at that time – where they got things right and where they got them wrong. An important part of Australian political history. *Christian*

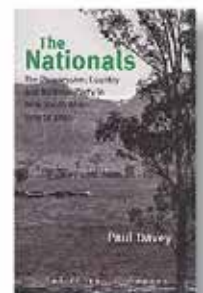


The Nationals

The Progressive, Country and National Party in NSW, 1919-2006

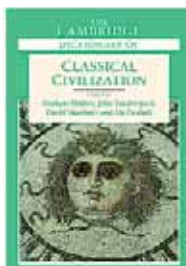
Paul Davey
Hb \$49.50

Originally founded in 1919 as The Progressive Party, The Nationals are a significant party in Australian politics and this is a revealing and extensive history. The author is a former Federal Director and NSW General Secretary and interviewed many key figures involved.



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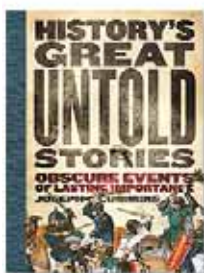


The Cambridge Dictionary of Classical Civilization

Graham Shipley
Hb \$299

This outstanding publication provides an authoritative survey of the classical world, combining the traditional strengths of classical subjects with new approaches examining the social and cultural features of the ancient Greek and Roman world. With hundreds of entries by leading scholars and well illustrated, this superb reference work is the definitive companion for anyone interested in the ancient world.

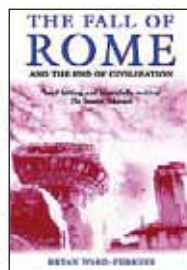
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History's Great Untold Stories Obscure Events of Lasting Importance

Joseph Cummins
Pb \$45

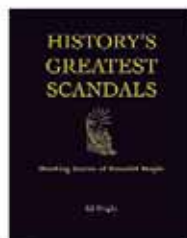
This fascinating book will open your eyes to significant places, events and peoples that have been largely excluded from standard histories, yet have directly affected our history. From the Chinese explorations 100 years before Columbus that strangely left foreign lands for others to claim, to a Korean Empress often compared to Joan of Arc whose assassination in 1895 paved the way for the aggressive Japanese imperialism of World War II, you will witness firsthand the unheralded seeds of the modern age.



The Fall of Rome and the End of Civilisation

Bryan Ward-Perkins Pb \$24.95

This new book encourages readers to rethink the reasons for the fall of Rome by revisiting the drama and violence of the last days of the Roman world and by reminding us of the very real horrors of barbarian occupation. The author looks at the wider explanations for the disintegration of the Roman world and the consequences for the everyday lives of Romans in a world of economic collapse, marauding barbarians and the rise of a new religious orthodoxy. *Dave*



History's Greatest Scandals The Shocking Stories of Powerful People

Ed Wright Hb \$34.95

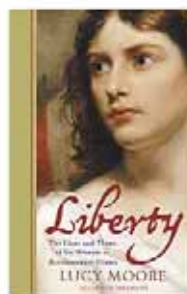
Stories of adultery, perversion, shameless greed, theft and deception that have brought down presidents, prime ministers, clergy and famous people of practically every stripe. Each tale is shocking – for its audacity, its complexity or sometimes its pure idiocy!



God's War

Christopher Tyerman Hb \$75

This could well be the last word on the Crusades! At over 1,000 pages, this is Tyerman's magnum opus, a lasting contribution that brings a dispassionate eye to a contentious subject. Writing with great authority, he covers a period of 500 years in which Crusading reflected a mentality grounded in war as a central force of protection, political expression, social discipline and material gain. The Crusader traditions eventually died out, but they had lasting effects in shaping Europe, not simply feudal borders and political alliances, but the psychic landscape of the people, which grew into a shared identity as Europeans that resonates today. *Cara*



Liberty

The Life and Times of Six Women in Revolutionary France

Lucy Moore Tp \$35

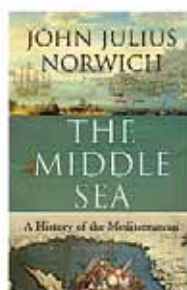
We always hear of the French Revolution in terms of the actions of the male participants, but women had just as much interest in the processes and were just as affected by the widespread changes. This finely written and meticulously researched book follows six women during the Revolution: Germaine de Stael, rich and intellectual; Theresia de Fontenay, darling of society and saviour; Theroigne de Mericourt, courtesan and icon; Pauline Leon, working woman; Manon Roland, executed for her political convictions; and Juliette Recamier, a virtuous celebrity. An excellent study. *Lindy*



Battlefield Decisive Conflicts in History

Richard Holmes (ed) Hb \$55

From the battle of Megiddo to the second Gulf War of 2003, these are the stories of the most dramatic, memorable and important conflicts in world history, encompassing almost 300 battles from around the world. Detailed maps show the course of famous battles and campaigns, while a range of other illustrations bring the narratives to life. *Due Dec*



The Middle Sea

John Julius Norwich Hb \$79.95

This is history on a majestic scale! Norwich covers over 5,000 years of history in the Mediterranean, tracing the growth of culture, trade, political alliances, wars and religious movements from the Phoenician civilisation to present-day nations. In his inimitable style of warm intelligence and witty enthusiasm, this is engrossing, anecdotal history at its best. From 2686 BC to the Great War of 1914-18, Gibraltar to Jerusalem, this huge volume encompasses the heart of European culture. The cast of characters is richly varied – Mohamed and El Cid, Nelson and Lawrence of Arabia, Napoleon in Egypt and Byron in Greece. There is plenty of political intrigue, cities besieged and fallen, only to rise again. The islands of the Mediterranean – Malta, Sicily, Crete and Cyprus – play their part in the pageantry of the past. An exceptional achievement. *Cara*



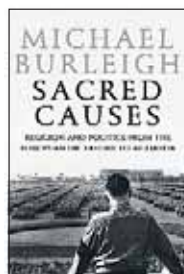
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Sacred Causes

Michael Burleigh Hb \$65

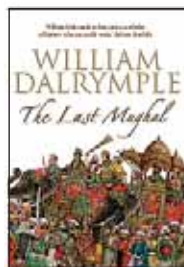
This sequel to *Earthly Powers* (Hb \$65) provides a brilliant examination of how religion has shaped 20th-century Europe from the Great War to the current War on Terror. Beginning with the chaotic post-WWI landscape in which religious belief was one way of reordering a world knocked off its axis, this is a critique of how religion has often been camouflaged by politics. Burleigh examines the many 'secular' religions arising during the 20th century, analysing how successive totalitarian leaders fantasised and aped the hierarchy, rites and ritual of the churches in a desire to return to the day where ruler and deity were one. Due Dec



The Last Mughal

William Dalrymple Hb \$49.95

From the author of *White Mughals* (Pb \$27.95) comes the fascinating, tragic story of Bahadur Shah Zafar II, the last Mughal Emperor. In 1857, when Zafar gave his blessing to a rebellion among the Company's own Indian troops, it transformed an army mutiny into the largest uprising the British Empire ever faced. The Siege of Delhi was the Raj's Stalingrad – a fight to the death between two powers, neither of whom could retreat. This powerful retelling of that fateful course of events is shaped by groundbreaking material that presents for the first time the Indian perspective and tells the stories of the forgotten individuals involved.



The Berlin Wall

13 August 1961 - 9 November 1989

Frederick Taylor Tp \$35

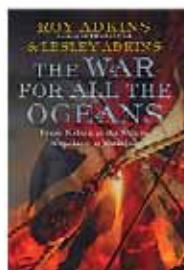
This eagerly awaited new book from the author of *Dresden* (Pb \$26.95) reveals the strange and chilling story of how the initial barrier system was conceived, then systematically extended, adapted and strengthened over almost 30 years. Patrolled by vicious dogs and by guards on shoot-to-kill orders, the Wall became a wired and lethally booby-trapped monument to a world torn apart by fiercely antagonistic ideologies, affecting the lives of both Germans and non-Germans in a myriad of cruel, inhuman and occasionally absurd ways. Dave



The War for All the Oceans

Roy & Lesley Adkins Hb \$59.95

The period 1798 to 1815 – the Napoleonic Wars – had just about everything you could wish for in a book on naval history – large fleet actions, such as the Battle of the Nile and Copenhagen; duels between pairs or small groups of ships, such as the Shannon and Chesapeake; combined operations, such as the disastrous Walcheren expedition; and attempts to destroy enemy ships with new inventions like torpedoes and rockets. Most naval histories stop at Nelson, but this book shows that what came afterwards is just as fascinating.

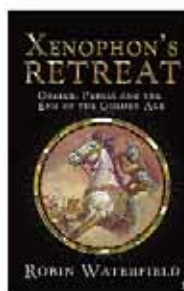


Xenophon's Retreat

Greece, Persia and the End of the Golden Age

Robin Waterfield Hb \$49.95

In 401BC, Cyrus the Younger fought his brother Artaxerxes II for control of the Persian Empire. He was defeated and an army of his Greek mercenaries, known as 'the Ten Thousand', elected Xenophon, a pupil of Socrates, to lead them back to safety. Their epic flight – from the north of modern-day Iraq into the mountains of Kurdistan and Armenia and down to the Black Sea – became the topic of the first eyewitness account of a military campaign. This thrilling narrative is thoughtful in its examination of the great powers of antiquity in a time of transition. Lindy



The Geneva Convention

Angela Bennett Pb \$28

Despite cordially loathing each other, Henry Dunant and Gustave Moynier founded the first treaty on international human rights, drawing up a code of practice for the treatment of those wounded in battle. The tale of how they managed this extraordinary feat is brought vividly to life by an author who is not afraid to ask hard questions about the Geneva Convention today. Cara



HISTORY

What Islam Did For Us

Understanding Islam's Contribution to Western Civilization

Tim Wallace-Murphy Tp \$29.95

We in the Christian West owe much to those who have followed Islam. Knowledge of Greek philosophy became prominent in Christian thought only after its translation from Arabic; Western mathematics is based on Arabic numerals and calculations; the first effective medical school in Europe was founded by Jewish doctors who had been trained by the Moors. The author argues the importance of acknowledging our common spiritual heritage and the profound debt that Western civilisation owes to Islamic culture.



The Sun King's Garden

Ian Thompson Hb \$75

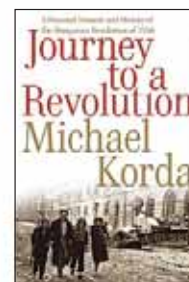
This lavishly illustrated book tells the story of one of history's most amazing gardens. Today, the park of Versailles covers 2,100 acres, but when commissioned by Louis XIV, it spread over 16,000 acres! Louis may have been a womaniser, ruthless and all-powerful, but he loved his gardens and trusted his head gardener, Andre le Notre. This is the story of the gardens and the improbable friendship between king and commoner who, between them, created a marvellous and glorious extravaganza. Lindy



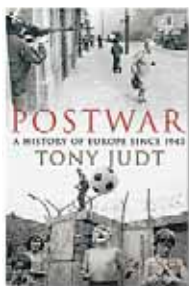
Journey to a Revolution

Michael Korda Hb \$35

Told with brilliant detail, suspense, occasional humour and sustained anger, this is both a history and a compelling memoir – the amazing story of four young Oxford undergraduates (including the author) who took off for Budapest in October 1956 in a beat-up Volkswagen convertible to take badly-needed medicine to the hospitals and to participate, at street level, in one of the great battles of postwar history.



HISTORY



Postwar A History of Europe Since 1945

Tony Judt
Tp \$35

Investigating the history of Europe from the wreckage of WWII to the expansion

of the EU into the former Soviet empire, the stress is on the continent as a whole, from Greece to Norway, from Portugal to Russia. This masterly and definitive history is unique in that it focuses on both Western and Eastern Europe, and on cultural and social developments as much as political and diplomatic events. Masterful!

The Covent Garden Ladies

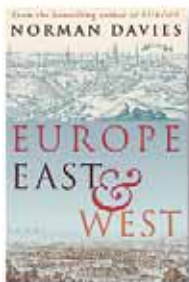


Hallie Rubenhold
Pb \$24.95

One of the bestselling publications of the 18th century was *Harris's List*, a salacious and scandalous little book that no gentleman of pleasure was without. Within its pages were details of London

prostitutes – their addresses, physical descriptions and specialties. This is a history of both the List and the three people who conceived of the idea – an Irish poet, the head waiter at Covent Garden's Shakespeare's Head Tavern and a celebrated London courtesan. A wonderfully evocative look at the sort of London that Jane Austen never wrote about! *Lindy*

Europe East and West



Norman Davies
Hb \$59.95

This companion volume to *Europe: A History* (\$55) addresses many of the issues that continue to dominate the political and cultural climate of Europe today. A collection of essays and lectures written

over 15 years which look at European history from a variety of angles, challenging Western stereotypes, distortions and prejudices against Eastern Europe and its peoples. *Cara*



AK-47 The Weapon that Changed the Face of War

Larry Kahaner
Hb \$34.95

Designed in 1947 by Russian WWII veteran Mikhail Kalashnikov, the

AK-47 is cheap, light, easy to use and repair, and capable of firing in the most diverse climatic conditions, wet or dry. As weapons of mass destruction go, for sheer quantity of deaths inflicted, it has been the #1 gun in conflicts ranging from Vietnam and Iraq to Rwanda and Colombia. Even child soldiers in Africa can use them and, at \$US10, they're a perennial favourite for drive-by shootings and drug dealers across America. The humble AK-47 has done more to rearrange the landscapes and cityscapes of war than any military invention other than the atomic bomb. Due Dec *Cara*

The Culture of the Europeans



Donald Sassoon
Hb \$80

An all-encompassing title for a mighty book! It ranges far and wide over culture high and low – everything from lending libraries to the internet, fairy tales to science

fiction, newspaper serials to TV serials, opera to pop music, classic literature to cartoons, and much more over its 1,600 pages. It also surveys continental trends – from French melodramas and German cabaret to Polish bestsellers and Soviet cinema – and examines the transmission and shapes of culture. It also considers the vexed question of Americanisation of European culture. All this in an immensely readable style! *Lindy*



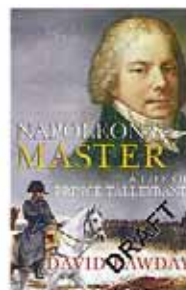
Consuming Passions



Judith Flanders
Hb \$68

The Industrial Revolution created a new world of commerce and commercialism, of grime and grind, but it also brought affordable colour, light and entertainment to the masses. This

fascinating book looks at how things that were once the exclusive province of the rich became available to the poor. It shows how 18th century inventions – newspapers, advertising and publicity – fuelled the desire to own and consume, and how the Industrial Revolution created a revolution in leisure and pleasure. *Lindy*



Napoleon's Master

David Lawday
Hb \$65

Talleyrand was a master diplomat who lived in the most interesting of times in France, from its rotting *ancien regime* to

the Revolution of 1789, Robespierre's Terror, Napoleon's epic wars and his dramatic fall, and on through restored kings to more revolution. A man whom enemies scorned as a womaniser, duplicitous and hypocritical, a double-dealing aristocratic and worse, 'Old Talley' should really be considered in light of his extraordinary – and successful – efforts to save both France and Europe from the utter follies of the Emperor Napoleon. The man was a genius and the last word in negotiation! *Cara*

Thermopylae



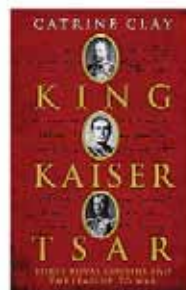
Paul Cartledge
Hb \$59.95

The battle of Thermopylae in 480 BC shaped the identity of Classical Greece and affected the future culture of the West. The invasion by Persia's King Xerxes was temporarily halted by the

suicidal bravery and self-sacrifice of Sparta's King Leonidas, his 300 hoplites and a few thousand Greek warriors. For two days, the might of the Persian army was stalled by this valiant last stand. Upon realising the futility of the fight, Leonidas dismissed the bulk of the Greeks, but the remaining Spartans and their allies, the Thespians, fought and died to the last man. Impossible heroism! *Cara*



King, Kaiser, Tsar



Three Royal Cousins and the Lead-Up to War

Catrine Clay
Pb \$39.95

King George V, Kaiser Wilhelm II and Tsar Nicholas II were cousins. Between them, they ruled over half the world.

Childhood friends, by 1914 they were blaming each other for the impending crisis of world war. This book examines where the blame can truly be apportioned. It describes lives where petty family quarrels were conducted in opulent palaces, where sycophants had power, and one of the outcomes of the war was the end of autocratic monarchy. Just like spoiled brats, the cousins lost their toys. What a shame it meant the loss of so much more... *Lindy*



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The Renaissance Popes

The Origins and Development of the Great Borgia Myth

Gerard Noel Hb \$75

There were 17 popes between 1447 (Nicholas V) and 1572 (Pius V). Rome was transformed from a ruined medieval city to a glorious power. A tremendous political and religious legacy was created. This entertaining history surveys the colourful reigns of these earthly churchmen. With a revisionist approach to the Borgias, it argues, for example, that the ruthless and infamous Alexander VI actually created the first blueprint for reforms that led to the Counter-Reformation.

Gunpowder

The Players Behind the Plot

James Travers Hb \$49.95

Strangely enough, the men behind the Gunpowder Plot were almost all behind James VI of Scotland becoming King James I of England. The events behind the audacious attempt to blow up Parliament are unfolded, describing the preparations up to the discovery of Guy Fawkes, the social and political contexts, the aftermath when the other plotters tried to stir up rebellion as interrogations took place in London, and the government's responses. Lavishly illustrated, with many reproductions of original material. *Lindy*

Somme Mud

The War Experiences of an Australian Infantryman in France 1916-1919

E P F Lynch Tp \$34.95

In 1916, Edward Lynch joined the AIF and went to fight on the Western Front. After he returned, he wrote an account of his experiences that has only now been published, but it was definitely worth the wait! Lynch manages to make you feel you are with him and his mates in the trenches – sharing the cold, the fear and the mud – but putting up with it all because your mates are depending on you. Absolutely brilliant! *Dave*

Lionheart and Lackland

Frank McLynn Hb \$65

McLynn sets up Eleanor of Aquitaine's two most famous sons as historical archetypes in perfect opposition to each other, as light and darkness. No prizes for guessing who is the good, if mostly absent, son! My sympathies lie with King John, but McLynn shows the historical record supports the long-cherished notion of King Richard the Lionheart as the perfect knight of medieval chivalry in Europe and the Middle East. (Was this ever seriously in doubt?) Sibling rivalry is as old as Cain and Abel, but McLynn brings it vividly to life in this well-researched story of the good son vs the bad 'un. *Cara*



Love and Louis XIV

The Women in the Life of the Sun King

Antonia Fraser Hb \$59.95

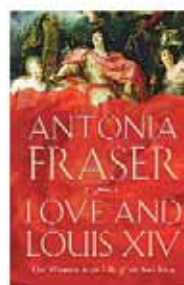
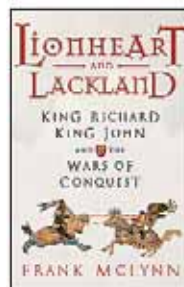
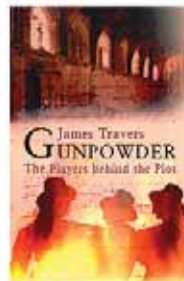
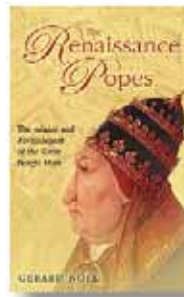
The dazzling Sun King was greatly influenced by his mother, Anne of Austria, who was pleasure-loving, but pious, and raised Louis to believe he was god's gift to the world, but also that he was accountable for his sins. This meant he struggled lifelong to reconcile his public duties with his private appetites. Then there were his many lovers (and his wife). Meticulously researched, this is a fascinating, engrossing history of one of France's best-known kings. *Lindy*

Elizabeth

England's Slandered Queen

Arlene Okerlund Pb \$24.95

Elizabeth Wydeville was born into an important and cultured family, but died in poverty. Wife to Edward IV and a great beauty of her time, she was mother to the Princes in the Tower and often portrayed as a scheming adventuress. This vivid portrait history shows her in a different light – a brave and tragic figure who lived through one of the most turbulent times in British history, devoted to her family, King and country. *Lindy*

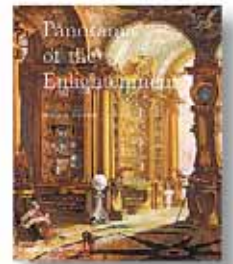


HISTORY

Panorama of the Enlightenment

Dorinda Outram Hb \$90

This absolutely gorgeous book is the only one you will ever need about that most astonishing intellectual revolution, the Enlightenment. It explains the ideas – rationalism, science and toleration – in context, showing their continuing influence over our society today. It tells the stories of the people of the age, both famous and ordinary. With hundreds of illustrations ranging from maps to medical diagrams and music scores, it is a most comprehensive sourcebook and a celebration of the time. *Lindy*

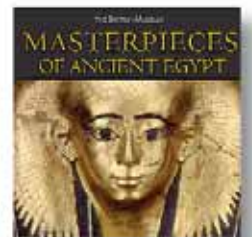


Masterpieces of Ancient Egypt

Nigel Strudwick Hb \$60

The British Museum has one of the world's finest and most comprehensive collections of Egyptian and Sudanese artefacts.

Via this collection, this book presents an overview of the whole ancient Egyptian civilisation in chronological order from the earliest Predynastic pots and figurines, through the 3,000 years of the Pharaohs, right up to Roman Egypt and the Coptic Christian period. 180 examples are illustrated with striking images and a clear description of origins, use and significance. A must-have for anyone interested in ancient Egypt. *Lindy*



Egypt's Sunken Treasures

Franck Goddio Hb \$110

This is an outstanding book! It is the accumulation of 20 years of research and excavation by the French team led by Franck Goddio in the ancient port city of

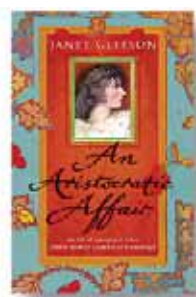
Alexandria, founded by Alexander the Great and home to Cleopatra. It presents some of the most stunning and beautiful pieces of sculpture, architecture, jewellery, ceramics and coins, explaining the various methods of underwater excavation, conservation and restoration of these unique artefacts. If you're interested in anything to do with ancient Egypt, and Alexandria in particular, you must own this. *Anthoulla*



An Aristocratic Affair

Janet Gleeson Hb \$59.95

Lady Harriet Spencer was born in 1761, the younger sister of the rather infamous Georgiana, Duchess of Devonshire. The aristocracy of the time were the celebrities of their day, gossiped about endlessly in the press, and Harriet was excellent fodder. She managed to combine both respectability (a good marriage to Lord Bessborough) and scandalous conduct (at least two very high-profile lovers and a couple of illegitimate children, hidden from her husband). In recreating Harriet's story, the Regency period and its most colourful characters are brought vividly to life. *Cara*



Casanova's Women The Great Seducer and the Women He Loved

Judith Summers Hb \$59.95

Casanova claimed to have seduced and bedded hundreds of women, and he gave his name to the male sexual adventurer. Yet he also loved a handful of women, truly and passionately, including some who resisted his charms. This wonderfully-told biography looks at those women, from the twins of his first sexual experience to the glamorous Henriette, whom he loved most, but could never possess. A female perspective of a darkly brilliant man.



The Discomfort Zone A Personal History

Jonathan Franzen Pb \$28

From the author of *The Corrections* (Pb \$22.95) comes this intimate memoir of his growth from a "small and fundamentally ridiculous person", through an adolescence both excruciating and strangely happy, into an adult with embarrassing and unexpected passions. It's also a portrait of a middle-class family weathering the turbulence of the 1970s, and a vivid personal insight into the decades in which America took an angry turn away from its mid-century ideals.



England's Mistress

Kate Williams Hb \$65

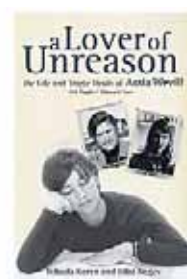
Her origins may have been obscure and poverty-stricken, and her ending marked by misery and the loss of regard of her former protectors, but Emma Hamilton lived a passionate and public life. Her beauty was celebrated by artists such as Reynolds and Romney, and she became famous for her dress sense. She was close to Marie Antoinette of France and Maria Carolina of Naples; the lover of influential men before Lord Nelson; and a woman who attracted admiration and notoriety in equal measure. A sparkling and vivid portrait, balanced and well-researched. *Lindy*



A Lover of Unreason The Biography of Assia Wevill

Yehuda Koren & Eilat Negev Hb \$50

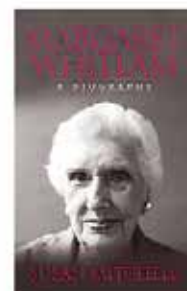
Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath's tragic marriage is well known, but his marriage to his mistress, Assia, is less examined. In 1969, Assia killed herself and their 4-year-old daughter by gassing. An exquisitely beautiful woman with demons of her own, she wrote her own epitaph: "Here lies a lover of unreason, and an exile." From pre-war Berlin to Palestine under the British mandate to the swinging 60s in Britain, she was a complex personality who spent her life pulled between extremes. We also see another perspective of the Hughes-Plath marriage in this fascinating biography. (Due Dec) *Lindy*



Margaret Whitlam

Susan Mitchell Hb \$49.95

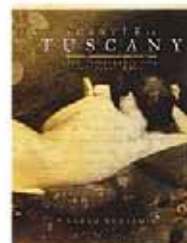
Mitchell became friends with Whitlam after interviewing her for an earlier book, *Matriarchs* (now out of print), so when Whitlam decided she was agreeable to a biography, after declining many times over the years, she knew just who her biographer would be. She granted unprecedented access to private papers, press cuttings and personal journals, and encouraged her friends and family to talk freely with Mitchell. The affectionate respect between the two illuminates Whitlam's story as a wife, a mother and a woman who has lived in the public eye for over 40 years. A National Living Treasure, she is a woman of indomitable courage and razor sharp wit, much more than simply an elegant foil to her erudite husband. *Cara*



A Castle in Tuscany The Remarkable Life of Janet Ross

Sarah Benjamin Hb \$45

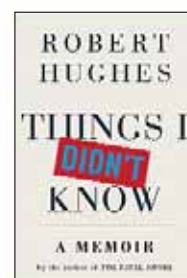
Janet Ross lived an unconventional life. Born in 1842, she married very young and moved to Egypt with her banker husband. After he became bankrupt, they went to Tuscany, where the warmer climate and lower cost of living agreed with them. Janet, who had been a child-muse to writers and artists, soon had the sort of establishment where various creative types felt right at home. She became fascinated by the farming methods and food of Tuscany, and wrote books that exerted a profound influence over British attitudes. A vivid biography of a talented woman who didn't let the strictures of her age stop her from enjoying life.



Things I Didn't Know

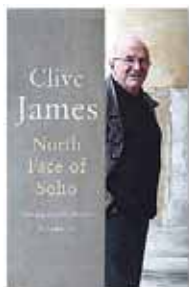
Robert Hughes Hb \$55

In this fascinating memoir, Hughes analyses his life with the same critically trained eye that he has often brought to bear on great works of art or history. Opening with a brutal account of his near-fatal car crash several years ago, he begins with what was almost the end of his life, before detailing the struggle and value of his life. Part memoir, history lesson and philosophical tract, he uses his life as the lens through which to view the nature of art, war, sex, religion, writing and existence. The beauty, tragedy and passion that have filled his life make it a life well lived. *Cara*



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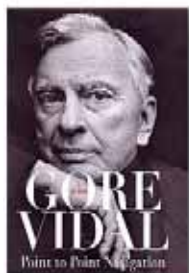


North Face of Soho

Clive James Tp \$32.95

The fourth in his series of 'unreliable memoirs', this is a cracker! In his inimitable style, James races through the highs and lows of appalling dress sense, an inability to say no and being, just possibly, one of the least able drinkers Australia has ever produced. There is much on offer regarding the art of writing for a living and how to maintain friendships over time.

Often charming, self-deprecatory and amusing, this cleverly orchestrated peek into his memory chest is nearly as much fun as the man himself. *Cara*



Point to Point Navigation

Gore Vidal Hb \$49.95

At last, the sequel to Vidal's earlier memoir *Palimpsest* (\$24.95), and what an eventful life he has lived! Sublimely witty, he describes his experiences in the worlds of literature, television, film, theatre, politics and international society. Anecdotes about friends (and enemies), his family and his partner of 50 years are affectionately told. Celebrities have

come and gone throughout his 80 years, and his opinions and memories of them are acerbically elegant. Mortality is now very much on his mind and his musings on the subject are poignant and engaging. (Due Dec) *Cara*



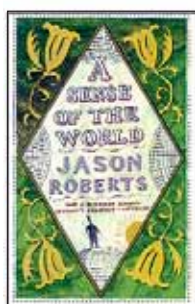
Princess Masako

Ben Hills Tp \$34.95

This is the tragic tale of what happens when a modern woman marries into a 2,600-year-old imperial dynasty. In marrying Crown Prince Naruhito of Japan, Masako Owada lost her career, her privacy and her dignity. Now in her 40s, she is unlikely to have a male heir, so the direct line of male succession in Japan will be broken for the first time in history.

She has a daughter, Aiko, but the Imperial Court

continues to place incredible pressure on her. There have been rumours that Naruhito may consider divorce or abdication, but so much secrecy surrounds the Emperor and his family that, even after a year of research and many interviews with friends, retainers and family, the author seems to have barely scratched the surface. *Cara*



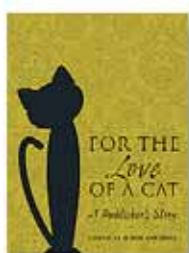
A Sense of the World

How a Blind Man Became History's Greatest Traveller

Jason Roberts Tp \$34.95

James Holman was born in 1786 and dreamed of seeing the world. Aged 12, he joined the British Navy and saw 13 years' service until a mysterious illness crippled him and sent him permanently blind. But it didn't stop him travelling! By the time he died at age 70, he'd done about 250,000 miles, visiting

every inhabited continent of the world – usually unaccompanied, on a tiny budget and not knowing the languages of the countries he visited. He wrote bestsellers, was a Fellow of the Royal Society and met and inspired many influential people. A marvellous book about an astounding man. *Lindy*

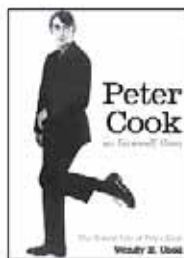


For the Love of a Cat A Publisher's Story

David St John Thomas Hb \$22.95

Few people can appreciate the joy of being owned by a cat better than David St John Thomas.

He is the latest in a long line of publishers and authors to pay homage to the special cats in their lives. For anyone who has ever fallen for a cat!

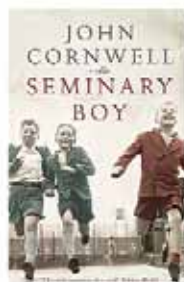


BIOGRAPHY

So Farewell Then The Untold Life of Peter Cook

Wendy Cook Tp \$33

Wendy was Peter's first wife and she feels it is time to tell her version of his life. She was a teenaged art student when they first met and they married soon after. Together they set up nightclubs and financed *Private Eye*, the satirical magazine. Peter refused to take his reputation as one of Britain's funniest men seriously. Caustic, cruel, effortlessly witty, he was a significant influence on British comedy. But as Wendy tells it, his demons came out and she felt she had to take their children and escape before everything good was destroyed. Honest, but not bitter.

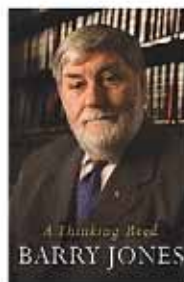


Seminary Boy

John Cornwell Pb \$28

Acclaimed writer John Cornwell finally writes the story of his own life, the story of a choice he had to make between the Church and a life lived outside its confines. He tells of his time at Cotton, a seminary in the West Midlands, where he grew up in a hidden, all-male world of devotion and prayer, caught between his religious feelings and the rough and

tumble of his life back in London; between seeking the face of God and experiencing his first kiss; between monitoring his soul and watching a girl from a moving train whose face he will never forget. Due Dec

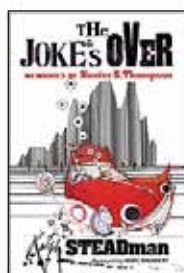


A Thinking Reed

Barry Jones Hb \$55

Who else but Barry Jones would end his autobiography with lists of great novels, paintings, operas and sites? His desire to inform is never far from the surface. Perhaps, as he says, he was too political to be a fully accepted intellectual, or too intellectual to be an effective politician, but he is held in high esteem throughout the country. Teacher,

lawyer, writer, quiz champion, politician, crusader, he has lived many lives in one. This engaging work reveals many facets of this knowledgeable, passionate and honest man. *Lindy*

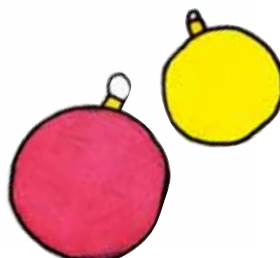


The Joke's Over Memories of Hunter S Thompson

Ralph Steadman
Hb \$59.95

This is the story of a remarkable collaboration which documented the turbulent years of the civil rights movement, Nixon and Watergate, and the decay of the American Dream. It is also the story of an unusual friendship – of a unique understanding and

extraordinary betrayals. In this bizarre, hilarious memoir, Steadman tells his story for the first time, the story – in words and pictures – of Ralph and Hunter, a great British original on a great American original, Butch and Sundance on acid...



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A Fatal Conjunction

Joan Kimm
Pb \$29.95

Kimm has investigated why Aboriginal women suffer considerable violence and abuse in their own communities. The foremost reason is the conjunction of Cultural Law and Federal Law, which clash and fail to provide Aboriginal women with the same protection that women in the general community take for granted. Kimm offers up possible ways to correct this injustice. An important book for anyone concerned about women's rights or Aboriginal issues. *Christian*



Future Seekers II

Mary Crock,
Ben Saul
& Azadeh Dastyari
Tp \$49.95

Immigration, both legal and otherwise, is a regular news item. This text examines those who try to get into Australia in 'irregular' ways – how many, who they are, where they come from and why they come. It reviews current Australian laws, our methods of dealing with them and how we compare to other nations of the world in our treatment of them. *Christian*



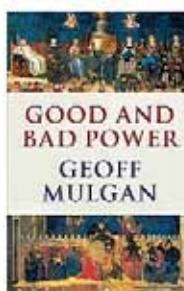
Good and Bad Power The Ideals and Betrayals of Government

Geoff Mulgan
Hb \$49.95

How can we make the governments on which we depend for our welfare behave like servants, rather than masters? This

is the oldest question in politics. There is a growing trend of anti-politics, manifest in falling turnouts and declining party membership. We tend to assume that politicians represent the worst venality, rather than the highest ideals.

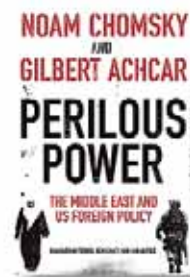
Something has gone badly wrong in our relationship with power. This book explains why we have arrived at this point, what can be done to change the world and how to see the power of governments used for good.



Perilous Power The Middle East and US Foreign Policy

Noam Chomsky
& Gilbert Achcar
Pb \$29.95

As an introduction to the complexities of terrorism, fundamentalism, conspiracies, oil, democracy, self-determination, anti-Semitism and anti-Arab racism, as well as the war in Afghanistan, the invasion and occupation of Iraq, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and the sources of US foreign policy, this is a tremendous book. It is a series of conversations between US dissident intellectual Chomsky and leading Middle East specialist Achcar about America's ongoing presence and interventions in the Middle East. Accessible and thought-provoking in its clarity of expression. *Cara*



Now Australia Bali: Paradise Lost?

Emma Tom
Pb \$17.95

Bali is no longer thought of by Australians as it was, so what is likely to be the future relationship between Australians, the Balinese and their Javanese masters? After the terrorist attacks, The Bali Nine, Schapelle Corby and calls from within for secession from Indonesia, what are the Balinese thinking of Australians and the future? In this extended essay, Tom reveals the hidden side of Bali's past and explores what it's like to be an Australian in what was once a favourite holiday destination for thousands. *Cara*



Four Classic Quarterly Essays on the Australian Story

Pb \$29.95

Quarterly Essay #23

The History Question: Who Owns the Past?

Inga Clendinnen Pb \$14.95

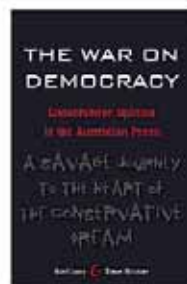
If you're unfamiliar with this excellent series, here is the perfect introduction to the considered, and often provocative, thoughts of some well-known Australians. Guy Rundle's essay *The Opportunist: John Howard and the Triumph of Reaction*, describes Howard as having turned around his political fortunes by spurning refugees and writing blank cheques for America's wars. In *Girt by Sea: Australia, the Refugees and the Politics of Fear*, Mungo MacCallum looks at the moral and financial cost of the Pacific Solution. With *Beautiful Lies: Australian Population and Environmental Sustainability*, Tim Flannery asks: How many people can Australia really support? David Malouf's essay, *Made in England: Australia's British Heritage*, discusses the traditions that shaped Australia. In the latest *Quarterly Essay* (#23), Inga Clendinnen looks at one of the most divisive topics of recent times: how, as a nation, do we remember the past? *Cara*



The War on Democracy

Niall Lucy
& Steve Mickler
Pb \$29.95

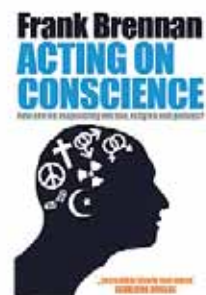
Promising to be controversial, this book examines seven media commentators and their published writings. It argues that conservative, right-wing columnists are actually attacking the ideals they purport to uphold, and are the real opponents of democracy, not their targets on the left. It contains a couple of surprising omissions, as well as one journalist who I admit to knowing and am quite surprised to see included in this company. Certainly thought-provoking! *Lindy*



Acting on Conscience

Frank Brennan
Tp \$34.95

This marvellous book answers the question: 'Is there a place for personal beliefs in public life?' Brennan looks first at some of the legal, moral and ethical issues that have recently caught the public imagination, then examines the figures in public life who have passed judgement on these issues. This is another outstanding work of cultural criticism from one of the country's most renowned Jesuits, a man classified by the National Trust of Australia as a National Living Treasure. *Cara*





Bang! The Complete History of the Universe

Brian May, Patrick Moore & Chris Lintott Hb \$49.95

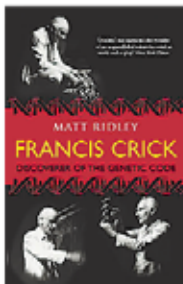
Rock legend and experienced amateur astronomer, Brian May, joins the legendary Sir Patrick Moore to tell the story of the Universe from the Big Bang to the infinite future and the ultimate fate that awaits us. This book uses images from the Hubble Space Telescope and large, ground-based telescopes, as well as extraordinary new artworks, to explain the mind-blowing theories from the cutting edge of astronomy in a way that everyone can understand. *Dave*



The Chronologers' Quest The Search for the Age of the Earth

Patrick Jackson Hb \$59.95

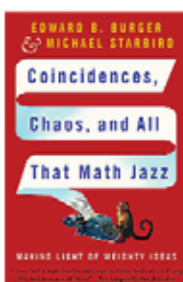
Here is the fascinating story of our attempts to determine the age of the Earth. It investigates the novel methods used in this search, from James Ussher and John Lightfoot examining biblical chronologies, Comte de Buffon and Lord Kelvin determining the length of time for the cooling of the Earth, to the more recent investigations of Arthur Holmes and Clair Patterson into radioactive dating of rocks and meteorites. *Dave*



Francis Crick Discoverer of the Genetic Code

Matt Ridley Pb \$30

From the author of *Nature via Nurture* (Pb \$24.95) comes this excellent biography tracing the colourful life of the man who co-discovered the structure of DNA, the building blocks of life. While not as good at self-promotion as James Watson, Crick was a scientist of the highest order who also made important contributions to molecular biology and neuroscience. Due Dec *Dave*



Coincidences, Chaos and All That Math Jazz Making Light of Weighty Ideas

Edward Burger & Michael Starbird Pb \$24.95

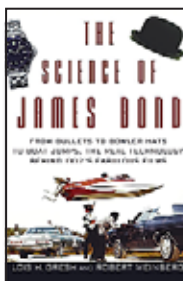
This delightful book fuses a professor's understanding of the hidden mathematical skeleton of the universe with the sensibility of a stand-up comedian, making life's big questions accessible and compelling. Each chapter opens with a surprising insight – not a mathematic formula, but a common observation. From there, the authors leapfrog over maths and anecdote toward profound ideas about nature, art and music.



Australia's Mammal Extinctions

Chris Johnson Pb \$49.95

Our continent has the worst record of mammal extinctions – over 65 mammal species have vanished in the last 50,000 years. It began with the great wave of megafauna extinctions in the last Ice Age and continues today, with many mammal species vulnerable to extinction. This book introduces readers to the debate over why mammals became extinct and takes us on a detective-like tour of these extinctions, uncovering how, why and when they occurred. *Dave*



The Science of James Bond

Lois Gresh & Robert Weinberg Pb \$23.95

This book takes you on a fascinating and entertaining excursion through the true science underlying Bond's most fantastic and off-the-wall accoutrements, such as the buzz-saw Rolex, the car that turns into a submarine and the ever-popular, rocket-firing cigarette. It discusses Bond's astonishing battles beneath the earth and sea, in the skies and in outer space, analysing the limits of science, the laws of nature and the future of technology.



The Compact NASA Atlas of the Solar System

Ronald Greeley & Raymond Batson Hb \$65

In this unique book, every planet, moon or small body investigated in NASA missions is discussed and, where appropriate, mapped. Geological maps, reference maps, shaded relief maps, synthetic aperture radar mosaics and colour photomosaics marvellously present the features of planets and their satellites. This definitive reference work is available at the special price of \$65 (usually \$130), while stocks last.

SCIENCE

Busted 17 Mythbuster Classics that Could Happen to You

Lowell Tarling
Pb & DVD \$29.95

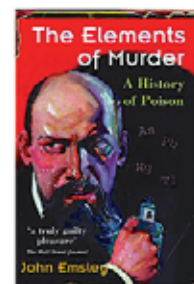
After 145 episodes of the incredibly popular *Mythbusters* TV show, at an average of three myths per episode (and bearing in mind it takes three weeks to film an episode), mythbusters Jamie Hyneman and Adam Savage can't keep up with demand, which is one reason they've gone into print. Detailing their procedures and conclusions – and following the theme "It could happen to you" – this book is peppered with information from all 145 shows of the things that can/can't affect you!



The Elements of Murder A History of Poison

John Emsley
Pb \$24.95

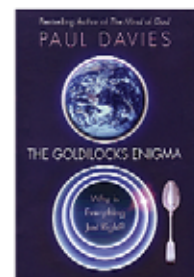
The periodic table contains a number of elements that are invariably fatal to the human organism if ingested, which is almost never deliberately. However, over the centuries, elements such as mercury, arsenic, antimony, lead and thallium have variously been the weapon of choice to get rid of inconvenient others. This splendid study sweeps the reader along in a history of the abuse of these elements, and the parallel history of chemistry as a discipline. An engrossing book, and you don't need a degree in chemistry to understand it! *Lindy*

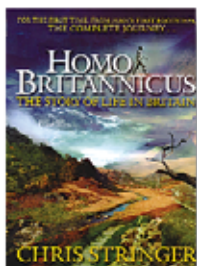


The Goldilocks Enigma Why is Everything Just Right?

Paul Davies
Hb \$55

The latest advances in cosmology have allowed scientists to piece together the story of our universe in unprecedented detail. One of the most striking features to emerge is how the universe is exquisitely biofriendly – everything is 'just right' – from the size of the Sun to the makeup of the Earth's atmosphere. Even slight changes in the laws of physics or the cosmological arrangement would prove lethal. Scientists are split on the explanation for this 'cosmic fine-tuning'. Does it suggest the existence of multiple, coexisting universes? Or divine providence? Or something else entirely? *Dave*





Homo Britannicus

Christopher Stringer

Hb \$69.95

The Ancient Human Occupation of Britain project, led by human origins expert Chris

Stringer, has made discoveries that have stunned the world, pushing back the earliest date of arrival to 700,000 years ago. During this time, human ancestors often tried and failed to live in Britain, but were finally successful 12,000 years ago, making Britain one of the world's most recently occupied areas. Well researched, this is a must for anyone interested in human evolution. Utterly enthralling! Due Dec *Cara*

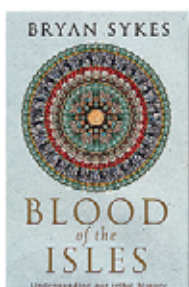


The Origins of the British A Genetic Detective Story

Stephen Oppenheimer
Hb \$54.95

Oppenheimer is a leading expert on the use of DNA

to track migrations. His newest book examines the peoples of Britain and his research draws on genetics, linguistics, archaeology and historical record. It shows that the Celts derived from Ice Age peoples from the Basque region, that Scandinavians influenced the population thousands of years before the Anglo-Saxon invasions of the 5th and 6th centuries, and even that the English are genetically divided from the rest of the British peoples. Science writing at its finest! *Lindy*



Blood of the Isles Understanding Our Tribal History

Brian Sykes
Tp \$34.95

Sykes and his team at Oxford University tested the DNA of over 10,000 volunteers from across

Britain and Ireland with the specific aim of answering the question: 'What is the modern British genetic make-up?' After the Romans left England, there were invasions by Anglo-Saxons, Vikings and Normans, so did these invasions obliterate the genetic legacy of the Celts or not?

This is a fascinating story and the conclusions are astonishing. *Cara*



Swimming in Stone

The Amazing Gogo Fossils of the Kimberley

John Long Pb \$29.95

Gogo, in the wild Kimberley district of Western Australia, is one of the world's most significant fossil sites. It shows 375-million-year-old fish preserved in stunning three-dimensional detail. This book tells the amazing story of the discovery of these fossils, which provide a unique look at a critical stage in the history of animal life. *Dave*



Glorified Dinosaurs The Origin and Early Evolution of Birds

Luis Chiappe Hb \$59.95

The astounding discoveries of the last decade or so are summarised in this immaculately researched and beautifully presented book. With over 220 illustrations (mostly in colour), reconstructions, detailed photos, charts and maps of various fossil localities, this lavish book tells you everything there is to know about the palaeontologic origins of our avifauna. Due Dec



The Old Country Australian Landscapes, Plants and People

George Seddon Pb \$39.95

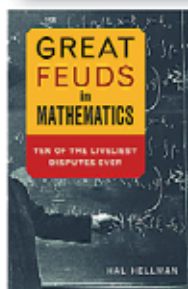
We are a nation of gardeners and take great pleasure in tending our backyards. Unfortunately, the lawns and plants we have imported from Europe are not the best for our dry continent. The stories about our natural landscape in this book open our eyes and minds to other possibilities. The better we understand the delicacy and beauty of our natural environment, the more 'at home' we feel as Australians.



The Triumph of Numbers

I B Cohen Pb \$23.95

A great historian of science explores how numbers have assumed a leading role in science, government, marketing and many other aspects of our lives. Humans have consulted and collected numbers for centuries, but as societies and organisations have grown more complex, we have developed new tools to analyse them. There is much in this short book for anyone interested in the history of science and mathematics. *Dave*

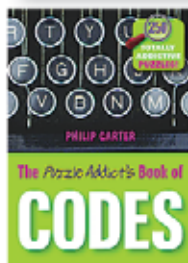


Great Feuds in Mathematics

Ten of the Liveliest Disputes Ever

Hal Hellman Hb \$34.95

Mathematical disputes offer indisputable proof that great mathematical minds are 'calculating' in more ways than one! Fuelled by greed, jealousy, ambition and ego, there are plots worthy of a soap opera. The author explores both the mathematics and the spirit of the times, drawing from letters, articles and books in which the debated ideas were propounded or refuted, and from the works of historians who have assessed the mathematical contributions of the participants. A fascinating exposé.



The Puzzle Addict's Book of Codes

Philip Carter Pb \$16.95

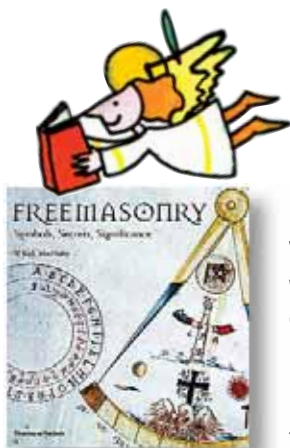
This is part of a new series of fun. Consulting and collecting numbers have long been a feature of human affairs, but as societies and organisations grew more complex, so new tools in mathematics and statistics have been developed to analyse them. There is much in this short book for anyone interested in the history of science and mathematics. *Dave*



Heat

George Monbiot Tp \$32.95

This book is a pragmatic approach to the possibility that we still have time to save the planet! Unafraid to name the names of those who present false or misleading information in their denial of global warming, Monbiot argues that emissions can be cut without life as we know it grinding to a halt. He analyses the potential of energy efficiency, renewable resources, carbon burial and nuclear power, as well as new transport and building systems, to reveal the most practical and cost-effective solutions. *Cara*



Freemasonry Symbols, Secrets, Significance

W Kirk MacNulty Hb \$75

Written by a Freemason of over 40 years, this comprehensively covers the origins, history, beliefs and symbolism of Freemasonry, with its rich and mysterious symbolism of life, death and morality. With nearly 400 illustrations and drawing upon some of the greatest collections of Masonic material (many images never before published), it explains the fundamentals of this endlessly fascinating and secretive Order.

The Form of Things



A C Grayling
Hb \$35

This is the fifth in a series of essay collections from one of the world's leading philosophers, reflecting on the form of our world and its multiplicity. The essays are grouped by theme into reflections on life and the

standards we live by, including vivid polemics and perceptive pieces on significant thinkers, contemporary rights and liberties issues. This book brilliantly articulates the philosophical debate and reflection needed to prepare us for life in the 21st century. Due Dec Dave

In the Name of God



Michael Jordan
Hb \$60

Jordan asks why and how religion fuels fighting, death and destruction. He examines the history of religious violence, looking at patterns and causes, consistencies and aberrations. This involves

illuminating the relationship between religion and politics, putting violence into the context of religion and religion into the context of human history. Crusade or jihad, why are believers willing to kill and be killed in defence of their creed? Cara

The Human Touch

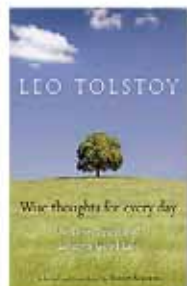


Michael Frayn
Hb \$59.95

Michael Frayn takes an old conundrum and expands it to: 'If a universe exists, but nobody experiences it, does it really exist?' In much the same way as when you go for a walk in the garden, you aren't really travelling anywhere,

this book takes you on a rambling exploration of the universe and our place in it. Often very amusing, it will especially appeal to those who enjoyed John Barrow's *The Infinite Book* (Pb \$27.95). Christian

Wise Thoughts for Every Day



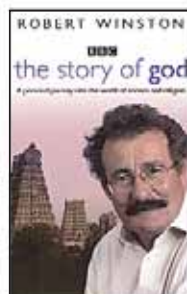
Leo Tolstoy
Hb \$22.95

This lovely little book is a collection of Tolstoy's meditations on God, the soul, desire, passion, inequality, evil, truth and the blessings of love. It draws inspiration from his readings in philosophy and

religion across much of his life. Deeply comforting, it explores what it means to live a good life. Cara

The Story of God

A Personal Journey into the World of Science and Religion



Robert Winston
Pb \$29.95

An examination of the relationship between science and religion across time, beginning with the primitive worship of our early ancestors and concluding with a vivid portrait of faith in the

modern world. Winston writes as a respected scientist committed to Judaism and offers a challenging, sometimes startling, personal discourse. Grand in scope, adventurous in tone, this book will trace a line across continents, cultures and eras. Due Dec

Satan

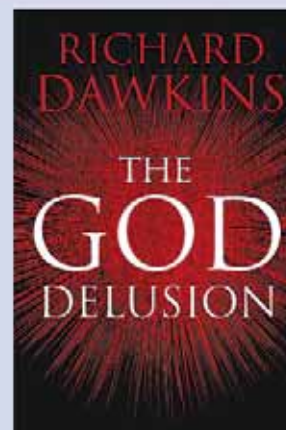
A Biography



Henry Kelly
Pb \$39.95

This book points out that the traditional Christian 'biography' of Satan was invented by the early Church Fathers. The author reconstructs the 'original' biography of Satan by looking closely at what the

New Testament says about him. It is an important book for those who believe in the existence of Satan, because it is necessary to know what you believe in, but it is equally important that those who reject the existence of Satan know whether it is the Satan of Tradition or the Satan of Scripture that is being rejected. Dave



The God Delusion

Richard Dawkins
Tp \$34.95

Richard Dawkins is famous not only as a leading scientist and science writer, but as one of the world's leading opponents of religion. This book sums up his views on religion and the existence of God, explaining why he is so hostile to religion. Extremely well-written, it is recommended for both non-believers and believers who are interested in a considered look at religion and its place in society. Dave

Do You Think

What You Think You Think?

The Ultimate Philosophy Quizbook



Julian Baggini & Jeremy Stangroom
Pb \$24.95

Is your brain ready for a thorough philosophical health check? No really, it won't hurt a bit. Is what you believe coherent and consistent? Or a jumble of contradictions? If you

could design yourself a God, what would He, She or It be like? This book presents a dozen quizzes that reveal what you really think and what it all adds up to. (Brace yourself, it might not be what you expected). Challenging, fun, infuriating – sometimes all at once – you will discover the you you never knew you were.



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Honey and Dust

Piers Moore Ede
Pb \$24.95

Suffering from intense depression after an accident left him close to death, Ede spends time recuperating on an Italian farm. What leads him back to himself is an awareness of honey – how man has kept bees throughout history. He embarks on a quest to discover traditional beekeeping and where these age-old practices may still exist. Journeying through Lebanon, the Middle East, Sri Lanka and Nepal, he finds a perspective that heals and nourishes. Avoiding self-pity, this is a very readable account of both his trips and his discoveries. *Lindy*



Good Morning Hanoi

A Year on the
Airwaves in the
New Vietnam

Iain Finlay
& Trish Clark
Tp \$29.95

This is an intimate examination of modern-day Vietnam and its rich culture. It is a celebration of the warmth of its people, whose strength, extraordinary resilience and irrepressible good nature enables them to put the past behind them and look more confidently into the future.



Lonely Planet Bluelist

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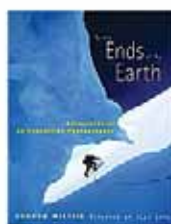
Fabulously eclectic, often opinionated, always informative, this is the second edition of the Bluelist. You will find ideas on where to go, what to do, even what not to mention. Written in a typically breezy and efficient manner, it covers classic journeys, the currently trendy places to visit worldwide, hot tips and random facts. The ticket to dreaming of the wonderful holiday you will design for yourself this year... *Lindy*



To the Ends of the Earth Adventures of an Expedition Photographer

Gordon Wiltsie
Hb \$49.95

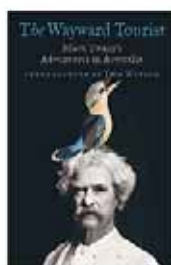
Endeavouring to photograph the most remote reaches of the planet, Wiltsie has spent over 30 years climbing Himalayan mountains, mushing dogs on the frozen Arctic Ocean, skiing in Antarctica and hacking through Amazon jungles. This renowned expedition photographer has accompanied many of the great explorers on challenging climbs and epic adventures. Take a journey on 10 of his most challenging and exhilarating expeditions – provided here in both stories and images – and experience the daily life of an explorer as if you were right there with him!



The Wayward Tourist

Mark Twain
Hb \$29.95

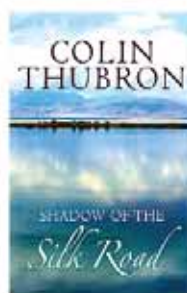
Don Watson introduces Mark Twain, describing America's great humourist and wicked observer of humankind with great affection. Twain was afflicted by a carbuncle during his visit to Australia and suffered great consternation and some distress. Here on a lecture tour to raise funds, he was facing financial ruin when recounting his overwhelming impression of Sydney as the creation of Satan. Interestingly, he felt that Australian history – such as was then known – was no more than a pack of beautiful lies. Packed with anecdotes – the gospel truth, no doubt – this is a marvellously entertaining piece of travel writing from Missouri's finest. *Cara*



Shadow of the Silk Road

Colin Thubron
Tp \$34.95

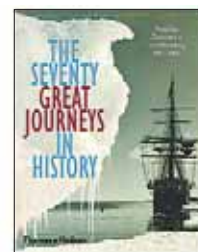
Thubron begins his epic journey in Huangling, China – home to the tomb of the mythical Yellow Emperor. He walks, hitchhikes and rides a variety of animals – including a yak – across thousands of miles of the Eurasian landmass. Progressing to Xian, then on through the Gansu corridor and Samarkand, he enriches the history of each place with sparkling observations. From Kashgar to Kyrgyzstan to Uzbekistan, he notes the variance in the strength and patterns of Islam. Journeying into northern Iran and southern Turkey, he finally reaches Antioch accompanied by his phantom alter ego with whom he has been imagining dialogues about motives and motifs, for and in life and death, along the old Silk Road. *Cara*



The Seventy Great Journeys in History

Robin Hanbury-
Tenison (ed)
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Take writers of the calibre of Ranulph Fiennes, Simon Winchester, Barry Cunliffe, Christopher Ondaatje and Robert Ballard. Let them describe historical journeys to places they have first-hand experience of, journeys that thrill and intrigue to this day. Sprinkle lavishly with illustrations, maps and photographs. Here are the journeys of people such as Hannibal, Marco Polo, Magellan, Captain Cook, Richard Burton and Neil Armstrong, all retold with skill and appeal. For the historian and armchair traveller alike. *Lindy*



Women of the Gobi

Kate James
Tp \$29.95

Mildred Cable and the sisters Eva and Francesca French – known as the Trio – were indomitable English missionaries who spent most of their lives in China, renowned for braving sandstorms and warlords to cross the barren Gobi desert on a Bible-laden donkey cart six times between 1923 and 1936. Kate James, herself the daughter of missionaries in India, decided to follow in the Trio's footsteps from their girls' school in central China, along the Silk Road into Central Asia, the monasteries of Tibet and into China's Muslim provinces. She had her fair share of adventures, but her most astonishing discovery was that, despite the ultra-secularism of communism, Christianity is alive and well, thriving in a particularly Chinese manner. *Cara*



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WRITERS & WRITING

The Complete Polysyllabic Spree

Nick Hornby Hb \$35

Beginning life as a series of monthly columns, this collection of musing reviews from Hornby is a far better read than his geek-boy music list, *31 Songs* (Pb \$19.95). Despite understanding why he didn't become a particularly successful book critic (slightly lazy, scattergun approach), he competently explores everything from the classic to the graphic novel, as well as some poems, plays and sports-related exposes. Perfect for dipping in and out of at leisure. *Cara*



Decca

Peter Sussman Hb \$59.95

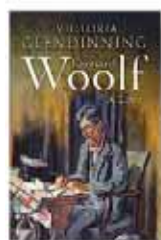
The Mitford sisters are renowned as a most intriguing and fascinating bunch of siblings, and Jessica was perhaps the most intellectual of them all. This wonderful collection of letters stretches over 70 years and is presented in chronological order, giving the reader the voyeuristic thrill that is one of the greatest pleasures in perusing someone else's letters! They cover her privileged childhood, scandalous love life, her political and civil rights involvement in America and her literary successes. Revealing, delightful, sharp and highly readable! Due Dec *Lindy*



Leonard Woolf A Life

Victoria Glendinning Hb \$49.95

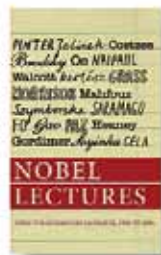
As well as being a prominent member of the Bloomsbury group, Leonard Woolf was a formidable figure in his own right, first as an innovative civil administrator in Ceylon, then as a writer, leading light of the Fabian society and publisher of T S Eliot, E M Forster and, of course, Virginia Woolf. He was interested in everything and knew everybody. The achievement of this book is to make its readers wish they knew him too! *Dave*



Nobel Lectures From the Literature Laureates 1986-2005

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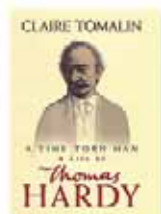
Here are the past 20 years of Nobel lectures, from Kenzaburo Oe to V S Naipaul, Nadine Gordimer to Harold Pinter. The nature of truth in art, the influence of the past, cultural change and global politics are among the many subjects discussed with rare integrity and witty intelligence. Includes a list of Nobel Prize-winners from 1904 to 2005. *Cara*



A Life of Thomas Hardy

Claire Tomalin Hb \$59.95

Thomas Hardy is one of the sacred figures in English writing – a great poet and novelist with a world reputation. His life was also extraordinary. This seminal biography covers his illegitimate birth, rural upbringing, escape to London in the 1860s, marriages, status as a bestselling novelist and, in later life, his supreme achievements as a poet.



Mark Twain A Life

Ron Powers Pb \$29.95

Samuel Langhorne Clemens lived a full and interesting life. As Mark Twain, he penned a prodigious amount of work, including some of the classics of American literature, revitalising the genre of travel narrative and lecturing around the world. Drawing widely on a number of sources, this is entertaining and very readable. *Lindy*



A Writer at War

Vasily Grossman Antony Beevor & Luba Vinogradova (ed & trans) Tp \$28

Grossman's courage and humanity shine in this eyewitness account of war on the Soviet Eastern Front, perfectly illustrating what this legendary war hero termed "the ruthless truth of war". This outstanding book is divided into five sections – Hitler's invasion of the Soviet Union, the year of Stalingrad (1942), the recovery of occupied territories, the atrocity of Treblinka, and finally life in Berlin amid the ruins of the Nazi world. *Cara*



The Decadent Handbook

Rowan Pelling (ed) Hb \$45

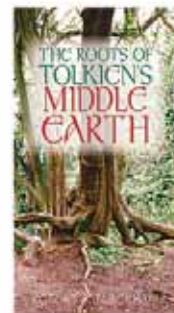
So you want to live on the edge? Or simply ignore what the rest of the common herd are doing? Then this is the book for you! With contributions from a wide array of mad, bad, dangerous or eccentric writers – people like Barry Humphries, DBC Pierre, Howard Marks, Philip Hensher and Robert Irwin – this will inspire the modern libertine to unleash inhibitions and revel in their deserved decadence.



The Roots of Tolkien's Middle Earth

Robert Blackham Pb \$29.95

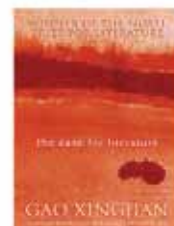
Tolkien's early years were spent in and around Birmingham, and it seems likely that this area informed his invention of Middle Earth. With over 150 contemporary and modern photographs, this book shows how and where Tolkien got his ideas for locations, names and images. *Lindy*



The Case for Literature

Gao Xingjian Pb \$25

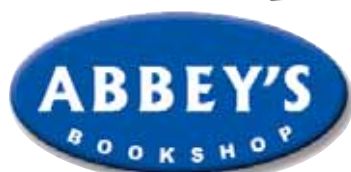
This collection of essays from the Nobel Laureate ranges over history, politics, philosophy, archaeology, theatre studies and linguistics. It includes his Nobel Lecture, a bold expression of the argument that literature is a universal human endeavour and transcends national boundaries. Translated by Mabel Lee, who also contributes an introduction to Gao's life and times, this invigorating volume is both thought-provoking and thoughtful, enhancing Gao's reputation as a great writer. *Lindy*



Life After Death A Celebration of the Obituary Art

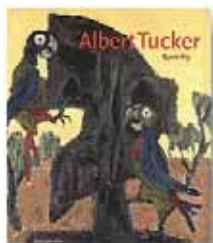
Nigel Starck Hb \$29.95

Although this lovely tome includes 10 full obituaries, it is really about the art and craft of obituary writing, which Starck opines is the most mature of the journalistic arts. After reading such wonderful examples, it is hard to disagree. The historical record of a life – sometimes unintentionally and hysterically funny – shows that the one enduring quality of the obituary is to record the past and, ideally, enlighten the present. *Cara*



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Albert Tucker

Gavin Fry Hb \$120

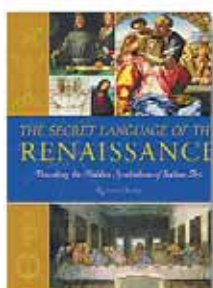
Love him or hate him, Albert Tucker can't be ignored. Part of the vanguard that revolutionised Australian painting from the 1940s, he was talented, self-confident and put his work before almost everything and everyone in his life. This splendidly illustrated monograph presents his work and illuminates his long life, tracing his evolution as an artist who was represented in major overseas galleries before his acceptance in his own country. A gorgeous production. *Lindy*



The Diaries of Donald Friend, Volume 4

Donald Friend & Paul Hetherington (eds) Hb \$59.95

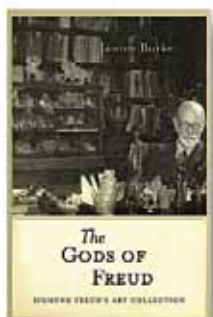
This fourth volume of Donald Friend's diaries is as beautifully bound and jacketed as the previous National Library of Australia volumes. Living in Bali during the 60s and 70s before relocating to Australia, Friend lived a life of luxury and became an international celebrity artist. His diaries record a life lived intensely and productively, building, illustrating and constantly creating. His incisive views and hunger for life are vividly drawn in this final volume. *Cara*



The Secret Language of the Renaissance Decoding the Hidden Symbolism of Italian Art

Richard Stemp Hb \$59.95

Today we marvel at the paintings of the Renaissance, inspired by the classical, biblical and contemporary times of the artists. But behind the glorious works, another imagery is at work. With its clear and beautiful reproductions, this book shows today's viewer what the educated viewer of the Renaissance saw within the subject matter. Comprehensively researched, the text is informative and readable, not academically dense, making it a reference book that will never languish on the bookshelf! *Lindy*



The Gods of Freud

Janine Burke Hb \$49.95

Freud's art collection, amassed over 40 years, includes nearly 3,000 statues, vases, reliefs, busts, precious stones and prints. Burke suggests that Freud's psychoanalysis and his art collection developed together in a symbiotic relationship, each informing and enriching the other, with many works providing objective correlatives for his theories. *Cara*



Building a Masterpiece

Anne Watson (ed) Pb \$55

It didn't take long for the Opera House to become an iconic symbol of Sydney. Building it was a challenge, technically, practically and politically. This well-illustrated book contains 10 essays exploring different aspects of its origins and construction – the design competition, pioneering use of computers, technological challenges and innovations, the workers involved and the heritage issues. A miracle it was chosen and a miracle it was built! *Lindy*

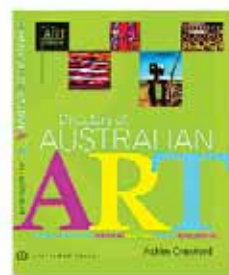


The New McCulloch's Encyclopedia of Australian Art

Alan, Susan & Emily McCulloch Hb \$295

Wow! At over 1,200 pages, this completely revised and updated edition of the 1968 classic is destined to become the bible of Australian art publications. An extra 2,000 new entries encompass Aboriginal art, abstractionism, art links, sculptors, photographers, craft workers and printmakers, gallery directors and critics, exhibitions, festivals, funding, magazines, scholarships and awards, trusts and foundations, schools and camps, and much, much more. With over 700 colour illustrations, it is handsomely bound and presented in a gorgeous cloth case, so it will remain a thing of beauty and joy for art lovers everywhere. *Cara*

Directory of Australian Art



Ashley Crawford
Pb \$39.95

A concise guide to Australian art and the art industry, this includes an historical overview and a selective dictionary of artists and movements, as well

as listings of public and private galleries, auction houses and art dealers. It gives a rundown on buying Australian art – provenance, legalities, procedures and building a collection. Ideal for the student or generally interested reader. Colour illustrations throughout. *Lindy*

Pictures of Nothing Abstract Art Since Pollock



Kirk Varnedoe
Hb \$79

"What is abstract art good for? What's the use – for us as individuals, or for any society – of pictures of nothing, of paintings and

sculptures or prints or drawings that do not seem to show anything except themselves?" In this invigorating account, eminent art historian Kirk Varnedoe asks these and other questions as he frankly confronts any uncertainties we may have about the non-representational art of the last five decades. Resisting grand generalisations, he makes a deliberate and scholarly case for abstraction, showing us that more than just pure looking is necessary to understand the self-made symbolic language of abstract art.



Botanical Riches The Story of Botanical Exploration



Richard Aitken
Hb \$59.95

Explores the discovery and cultivation of beautiful flora from around the globe. Lushly detailed with engraved, lithographed and hand-coloured illustrations from the

herbals and botanical primers in the treasure trove at the State Library of Victoria. For lovers of fine art, as much as for those of a historical or botanical bent. Enjoy! *Cara*

LIGHT-HEARTED



If You Weren't a Hedgehog... If I Weren't a Haemophiliac

Andrew Weldon Pb \$19.95

The second collection of cartoons by one of Australia's funniest, smartest and sharpest humorists. Weldon's cartoons have delighted, amused (and sometimes appalled) readers for the last 15 years, appearing in *The Bulletin*, *The Sydney Morning Herald*, *The Australian Magazine*, *The Chaser*, *Punch (UK)* and *Private Eye (UK)*. Due Dec



The Adventures of Mr Thake

J B Morton Hb \$24.95

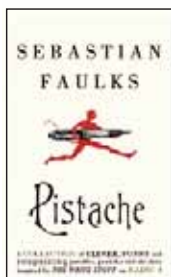
Oswald Thake is travelling overseas. Eton-educated and a rich, if naïve, bachelor, he encounters conmen and desperate women wherever he goes. His letters home invariably end with a request for items to be sent on – he is very much a Jeeves-less Wooster! The author numbered Wodehouse and Waugh among his many fans. His turn of phrase and characterisation gently poke fun in a sweetly natured way at the foibles of a vanished age. Highly amusing! *Lindy*



The Best Australian Political Cartoons 2006

Russ Radcliffe (ed) Pb \$27.95

Once again, there was too much material to choose from in a year that regurgitated moral panics, messianic legacies and delusions of grandeur across the political spectrum. Local and Federal politicians come in for a well-deserved kicking, while the usual international suspects are represented in ways that mirror how we the public, not just our seditious cartoonists, feel about the buggers. Due Dec *Cara*



Pistache

Sebastian Faulks Hb \$32.95

A 'pistache' is a gentle parody of another's work, a cross between pastiche and p**stake. Similar in execution to John Clarke's *Tournament* (\$22.95), Thomas Hardy is sent to cover a big match, while Jane Austen braves a contemporary dance performance. Shakespeare writes a speech for Basil Fawlty as Samuel Beckett writes a monologue for Ronnie Corbett. Light-hearted and clever, it's all rather fun. *Cara*



Micronations The Lonely Planet Guide to Home-Made Nations

John Ryan Pb \$24.95

All around the world, there are people who, for one reason or another, have decided to secede from their surroundings and form their own country. Some are quite serious (think Hutt River Province), but what can you think of a nation called the Great Republic of the Rough and Ready, or the State of Sabotage, or Toto, I Don't Think We're in Kansas Anymore? This wonderful guide to over 50 micronations lists history, location, facts and information on how to get there. Real people, real places – and real fun! *Lindy*



Make Cakes Not War

Judy Horacek Pb \$27.95

Horacek's latest collection of thought-provoking cartoons continues to illustrate that the personal is political in her typically intelligent, absurdist style. Whether it be at home, in the office or under pressure from political fallout, these understated cartoons are fiercely compassionate observations of a world full of disaster and delight. *Cara*

PS. Our thanks to Judy Horacek for creating the wonderful cover art for our 2006 *Books for Christmas* catalogue.



How to be Free

Tom Hodgkinson Hb \$29.95

Have you ever wondered why you bother to go to work? Why so much of consumer culture is crap? Whether there might be a better, freer, happier way to live your life? If so, this inspirational book is for you. Learn how to throw off the shackles of anxiety, bureaucracy, debt, governments, housework, moaning, pain, poverty, ugliness, war and waste... and much else besides! Due Dec

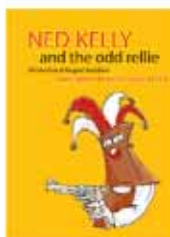


A Book of Machine Whispers

Steven Appleby Hb \$19.95

Take a handful of well-known proverbs, quotes, lines of poetry or plays, nursery rhymes and jokes, feed them through an internet automatic translation program and voila! – you have a truly funny book. Match them with the appealing line drawings of a well-known cartoonist and you have the perfect gift.

We're a varied bunch here at Abbey's, but we all found something to laugh at in this light-hearted collection. *Lindy*



Ned Kelly and the Odd Rellie

Gerard Windsor Hb \$19.95

Windsor's micro verse (four-line) biographies of Australia's great and good are a delight. The amusingly potted histories are wittily illustrated by Michael Streich's deceptively simple drawings, making this a rather cunning addition to the libraries of anyone with even a remote interest in Australia and Australians. *Cara*



The Tale of the Town Mouse and the Country Mouse A Modern Retelling

Ben Illis Hb \$14.95

In this delightful retelling of the classic tale, Town Mouse is a juvenile delinquent packed off to his country cousin's place to learn some manners.

Meanwhile, Country Mouse goes to the city to protest the ban on hunting stag beetles. This highly amusing parody is illustrated in a vaguely Beatrix Potter-ish style, but is certainly not for children! *Lindy*



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The Arrival

Shaun Tan
Hb \$39.95

It's a long time since I've been so profoundly moved and touched by a book. This is a story of 128 pages, without a single word. Instead, the many experiences of an immigrant's life are conveyed by illustrations – graphite pencil drawings of immense delicacy and detail, extremely realistic – even the fey and whimsical touches are believable images for the strangeness of life in a new land. There are no age limits to this book; children will derive many stories from it and adults will also marvel at it. A true work of art. *Lindy*



Meerkat Mail

Emily Gravett
Hb \$24.95

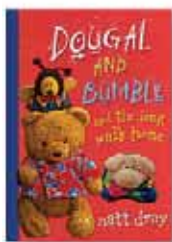
Sunny the Meerkat loves his family, but all that togetherness becomes too much. He just wants a break. So he packs his bag and visits relatives around the country, writing enthusiastic letters back home. Of course, as he samples life away from the Kalahari, his letters start to evince a bit of homesickness, until he finally realises he'd rather be with those who know and love him best. A funny, delightful picture book, complete with postcards. *Lindy*



Dougal and Bumble and the Long Walk Home

Matt Dray
Hb \$19.95

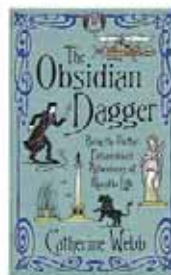
Dougal the garbage-dump bear is happy in his new home by the beach. When all the toys are invited to the Teddy Bear's Picnic, he and Bumble meet Trevor the pig. They go looking for Trevor, who has wandered off, and the trio get caught up in the fun of fruity cocktails and karaoke and miss the bus home. Despite the scoffing of a troll, they set off on the long walk back. A simple story about perseverance, told with an appealing cast of characters. Just gorgeous! *Lindy*



The Obsidian Dagger

Catherine Webb
Pb \$19.95

There seems to be some odd things going on in the city of London lately. Take the murders, for instance. Quite peculiar. And those missing statues. What's going on there? And shouldn't Saint Paul's have a roof? Odd. Horatio Lyle, of course, is no stranger to...well, strangeness. In fact, he finds the lure of the unknown quite invigorating...



The Sorcerer in the North Ranger's Apprentice, Book Five

John Flanagan
Pb \$16.95

Five years have passed since the Skandians and the Araluans made their treaty. Will has finally become a Ranger, with his own fief to look after. He soon learns that even sleepy little island fiefs have problems that keep him on his toes. Then he and his old friend Alyss are thrown into a terrifying new adventure, investigating the truth behind rumours of sorcery in a remote northern fief.



Artemis Fowl and the Lost Colony

Eoin Colfer
Pb \$22.95

A new adventure featuring Artemis is always more than welcome and when it's as good as anything previous, even more so! Artemis is discovering the effects of puberty, the possibility of being almost a good guy, and what it's like to have a rival who equals his brainpower. Oh, and there are demons (the eighth fairy family), time travel, amazing gadgets, nasty weapon-wielding enemies, clever deceptions and bad puns. Never a dull moment for Artemis – or the reader! *Lindy*



Gideon the Cutpurse

Linda Buckley-Archer
Pb \$19.95

On the day that Peter's busy father should be taking him out for his birthday, Peter finds himself in the country with a girl he has just met and doesn't like. Even worse, they are transported to 1763! Luckily, they are rescued by Gideon on his way to manage a fine country estate. Unluckily, they attract the foul attention of the notorious Tar Man, who witnesses their sudden arrival out of thin air. Fast-paced and exciting. Ages 11-14. *Lindy*



CHILDREN'S

The Spook's Secret

Joseph Delaney
Hb \$27.95

This series just keeps getting better! Tom's master, John Gregory (the Spook), decides to leave for his grim and forbidding winter house after the upsetting visit of a failed apprentice, Morgan. Alice is to be boarded in a nearby village, much to her chagrin. At the same time, Morgan traps young Tom into helping him with his own nefarious plots. Atmospheric, tense and intelligently plotted. More than the Spook's secrets are slowly being revealed... *Lindy*



Josephine Wants to Dance

Jackie French & Bruce Whatley
Hb \$25

Josephine wants to dance; she also wants pink tutus and silk slippers. Nothing unusual in that, except Josephine is a kangaroo!

The delightful illustrations gracefully convey the possibility that roos can dance (classical ballet, at that!). A sweet story about achieving your heart's desire, if you just persevere. Perfect for the little ballerina in your life. *Lindy*



Where's Stripey?

Wendy Binks
Pb \$14.95

Stripey is a little emu chick who manages to get lost. His dad, Crikey, sets out to find him and encounters many other animals and their babies. A deceptively simple story with plenty of repetition and rhythmic language that is a pleasure to read out loud. Beautifully designed and strikingly illustrated in vivid colours. Ages 3-6. *Lindy*



A Song for Summer

Eva Ibbotson
Pb \$14.95

Ellen has grown up among famous suffragettes, doctors and professors, but what she truly yearns to do is cook. She becomes the matron-cook at a progressive school in a picturesque part of Austria and transforms the lives of those around her. This is a glorious story with beautifully drawn characters, sweetly-phrased observations and (after many tribulations) a happy ending. Ages 14+ *Lindy*



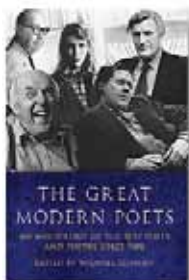
POETS & POETRY



Donne

John Stubbs Hb \$55

Thanks goodness Stubbs writes so well that the sectarian conflict and religious persecution of the 16th century merely informs this biography, rather than overwhelms it. Donne was born to Catholic parents in 1572. His father died when he was four and his devout mother raised him and his brother, Henry, who was to die in Newgate prison for the crime of sheltering a seminarian priest. The personal and political implications of Donne's poetry are discussed with care. The sense of exile that haunted him was made real upon marrying Ann, the niece of his boss, and being cast out of work and home. Eventually, he became Dean of St Paul's, writing sermons and poetry that continues to speak to us across the centuries. *Cara*



The Great Modern Poets

An Anthology of the Best Poets and Poetry Since 1900

Michael Schmidt (ed) Pb \$34.95

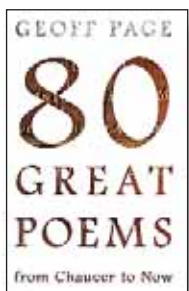
A wonder-full collection of modern and contemporary poets from around the English-speaking world. The poems, chosen as the best examples of the poet's work, are accompanied by a brief summary of the poet's life and times, including a photograph of the writer. Around 50 poets are covered, including Housman, Yeats, Pound, Eliot, Auden, Hope, Larkin, Hughes, Murray, Heaney and Motion. An excellent introduction to the poetry of the last 100 years. *Lindy*



Betjeman

A N Wilson Hb \$65

Published to mark the centenary of Betjeman's birth, this is a celebration of arguably the most popular poet of the 20th century. As British Poet Laureate, his collected poems sold in the millions. The archives have been plundered to flesh out his many relationships with family and friends, as well as his lover. Tormented by the guilt of being an adulterer, his devout Anglican faith was often tested, but rarely found wanting. He was a popular public figure and television audiences loved his passion for architecture, as much as his poems. Imperfect and flawed he may have been, but this affectionate biography illuminates the roots of his poetry in the paradoxes of his life and loves. *Cara*



80 Great Poems from Chaucer to Now

Geoff Page Tp \$34.95

This is a new and Australian-slanted look at the canon of English poetry. Each of the 80 poems (many relevant to school reading lists) are accompanied by an informative and enjoyable essay on its importance, making this a more critical approach to anthologising poetry. This thoughtful book is a delight to read. The insights are clear and written with flair – and are just as much reason to read the book as the poems! *Lindy*

The Best Australian Poems 2006



Dorothy Porter (ed)
Pb \$24.95

A great showcase of contemporary Australian poetry from the best of our established poets, plus some hidden gems from previously unpublished writers.

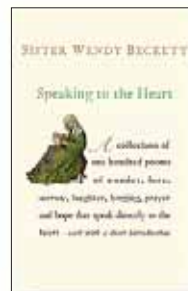
The Biplane Houses



Les Murray
Pb \$24.95

Les Murray's first volume of new poems since 2002, this is well worth the wait! They criss-cross time and space, recreating history and reviving memory across the planet. Some are larking poems, playing with words and

meaning. Others tell domestic stories with sharp edges and a cool gaze. All are worth re-reading and many will recolour the shapes and textures of half-forgotten days. Murray is a wordsmith beyond compare. *Cara*



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Sister Wendy Beckett
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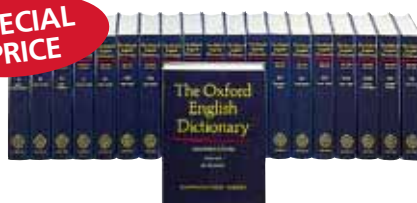
Wonder, Courage, A Lighter Spirit, Heavy Heart and Hope. Each section has a wise and tender introduction by Sister Wendy and each poem is introduced with comments that throw light on the poet or their work. Poets range from the 16th century to today. A truly beautiful anthology! *Lindy*



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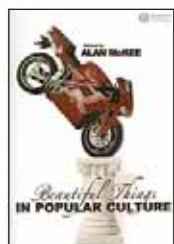
standing arguments over rights and wrongs in English usage. Now David Crystal brings together his own distinctive style and unique expertise to provide the first thorough assessment of the ongoing debate. He makes a positive and compelling case for variation in usage of English based on appropriateness of situation, arguing that zero tolerance in relation to language is a profoundly flawed approach. Due Dec



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Alan McKee (ed)
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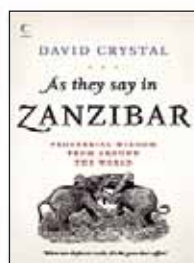
'best' from among the cornucopia that is popular culture. A range of mass-produced items across the gamut of literature, visual arts, music, material culture, performance and drama are offered for discussion. Any book that includes the Ducati 916 Superbike and Emma Darcy (the best Australian romance novelist) has to be worth reading! *Cara*



Mrs Cook's Book of Recipes for Mariners in Distant Seas

John Dunmore
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This is a unique collection of 18th century recipes that Mrs Elizabeth Cook – wife of Captain James Cook – might have put together. Dunmore presupposes that she would have heard about many arduous voyages in her time and met intrepid explorers such as Sir Joseph Banks, learning how to survive on exotic foodstuffs. Consequently, the recipes include things such as jugged pigeons, stewed dog, oyster loaves and fried celery... which would have made a nice change from gruel, turtle soup and stewed albatross! *Cara*

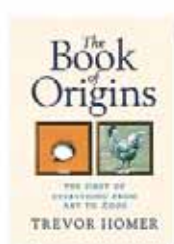


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David Crystal
Tp \$33

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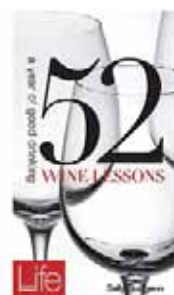


Book of Origins

Trevor Homer
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If you've ever wondered who invented mobile phones or Ferraris, or mused on the origins of everyday things such as clothing,

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Sally Gudgeon
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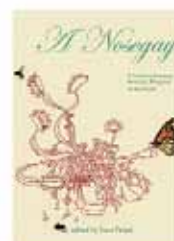
Each lesson describes three readily available wines that best illustrate the topic. Includes a handy guide to Australia's wine regions.



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Lara Feigel (ed)
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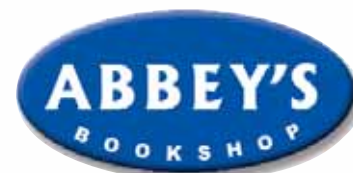
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