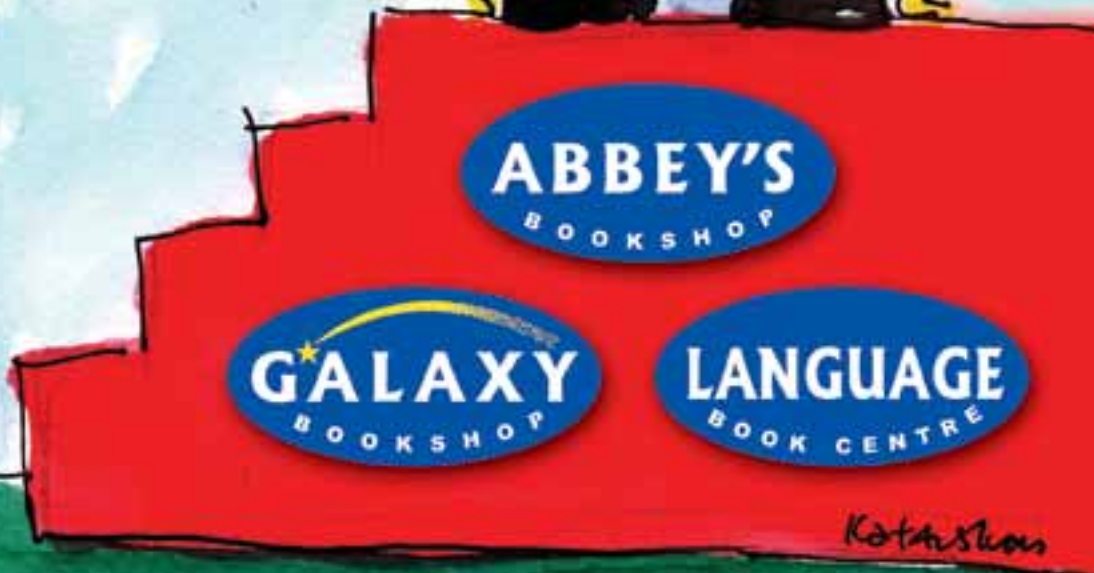




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THEN SOME FASCINATING
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Books for Christmas



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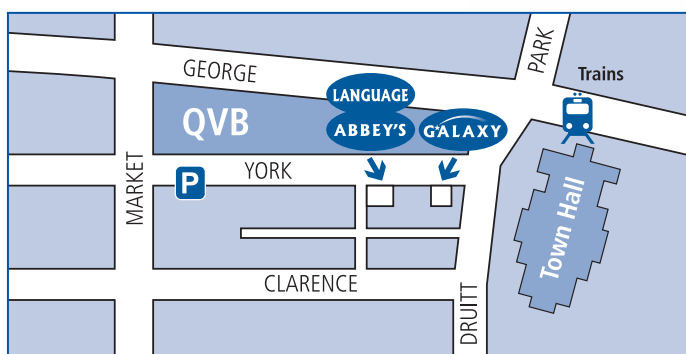
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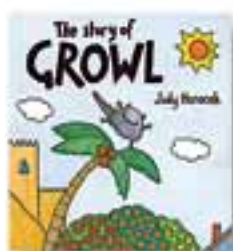


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The Story of Growl

Judy Horacek Hb \$22.95

Growl is a happy little monster, but the neighbours hate her noisiness. Forbidden to enjoy herself, she sadly obeys. However, as in all good stories, her individuality is her greatest strength. Simple, attractive illustrations make this a joy to share with ages 2 to 4. *Lindy*



CHILDREN'S

The Complete Adventures of Snugglypot and Cuddlepie

May Gibbs Hb \$40

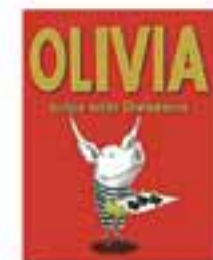
Including Little Ragged Blossom and Little Obelia, this beautiful volume has been completely reformatted so the re-scanned illustrations flow across the pages. What hasn't changed are the delightful stories, which still charm and inspire, capturing the warm magic of the Australian bush. *Lindy*



Olivia Helps with Christmas

Ian Falconer Hb \$26.95

Who can resist Olivia? Our favourite little pig is back, determined to help at Christmas, barely containing her impatience for the big day. As charming as previous titles, with some extra splashes of colour apart from the usual Olivia-red! Perfect for ages 3-6. *Lindy*



The Story of the Little Mole Who Knew it Was None of His Business

Werner Holzwarth & Wolf Erlbruch Hb \$25

This cult favourite has been enhanced by flaps to lift and tabs to pull, making it even funnier! Mole sets off determinedly to discover who did the do-do that spoilt his day. One of the funniest books for children ever. *Lindy*



Blood Red Snow White

Marcus Sedgwick Hb \$29

Arthur Ransome worked as a journalist in pre-Revolutionary Russia and fell in love with Trotsky's private secretary. Based closely on true events, this is full of intrigue, passionate nationalism, idealism and stark reality. A vivid, riveting novel that deserves to be read widely. *Lindy*



My Swordhand is Singing

Marcus Sedgwick Pb \$16

Deep in a wintry forest in 17th century Europe, a menacing presence appears in an isolated village. Living outside the boundaries, Peter and his drunken father Tomas are regarded with suspicion. When gypsies arrive, Thomas can no longer deny his secret past. Wonderfully menacing and atmospheric, this takes the folk tales of vampires to weave an intelligent, compelling tale. *Lindy*



Father Sky and Mother Earth

Oodgeroo Hb \$24.95

Father Sky and Mother Earth fill the world with plants and animals, and everyone lives in peace and happiness... until Human Animals come along with their noise, rubbish and smoke. With colourful illustrations on every facing page, this new edition contains a vital message that is as relevant today as it was when first published over 20 years ago.



The Gift of Rain

Tang Twan Eng
Tp \$32.95

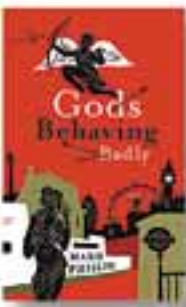
With masterful and gorgeous narrative, replete with exotic and captivating images, sounds and aromas – of rainswept beaches, mountain temples, pungent spice warehouses, opulent colonial ballrooms and forbidding rainforests – this is a haunting and unforgettable story of betrayal, barbaric cruelty, courage and enduring love.



Gods Behaving Badly

Marie Phillips
Tp \$32.95

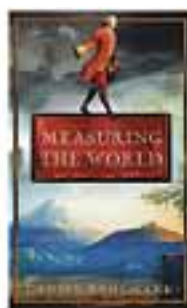
Ever wondered what happened to the Greek gods? Well, they're actually living in north London, just trying to get by like the rest of us. Of course, it's harder when no one believes in you any more and your own family doesn't respect you, but what's a god to do? Apollo has become a TV psychic, Artemis is a dog-walker and Eros is dabbling with Christianity, but everything is about to change when they hire a shy cleaner who manages to turn their world upside down. A funny and witty novel that will have you chuckling with delight. *Anthoulla*



Measuring the World

Daniel Kehlmann
Pb \$22.95

Carl Friedrich Gauss and Alexander von Humboldt are both geniuses, highly eccentric and exasperating. Gauss can perceive space and measurement without travelling; he has a mind full of insights that he doesn't bother to share – it's up to others to solve their own problems. Humboldt, the product of an experimental upbringing, doesn't trust the work or methods of others, so he travels the world to measure it. Moving backwards and forwards in time, this is full of sly humour and absorbing details. One of the very best novels of the year! *Lindy*



Rossetti Letter

Christi Phillips
Tp \$32.95

Claire Donovan is working fitfully on her PhD based on Alessandra Rossetti, a mysterious Venetian courtesan involved in the Spanish Conspiracy of 1618. When asked to chaperone a teenager to Venice, she accepts. Interspersed with this contemporary story is that of Alessandra, who becomes a courtesan only after she is left destitute, torn between loyalty to the Republic and her Spanish lover. An excellent novel, full of colour and mystery. *Lindy*



FICTION

The Yacoubian Building

Alaa AL ASWANY
Pb \$25

On a main street in Cairo, the Yacoubian Building is a microcosm of modern Egyptian society. Amongst the inhabitants are Taha, whose ambition to join the police is thwarted by his father's job, and who falls prey to fundamentalism; Busayna, his once beloved, who learns what is expected of beautiful but poor girls; Hatim, who is gay; and Azzam, the crooked businessman pretending piety who keeps his second wife hidden. An amazing novel of love and loss that reveals the underlying corruption of Egyptian society. *Lindy*



Gentlemen of the Road

Michael Chabon
Hb \$32.95

In 950AD, Zelikman, a moody physician, and his comrade Amran, an ex-soldier with a razor wit and sharper axe, travel the Caucasus Mountains, not averse to separating fools from their money. They find themselves dragooned into protecting the heir to the Khazar Empire, an ill-tempered prince with a startling secret. Rollicking and outrageous, with cliff-hanging suspense, breathless action, larger-than-life characters and raucous humour, this is hugely entertaining stuff! Due Dec



The Uncommon Reader

Alan Bennett
Hb \$24.95

One day the Queen finds a mobile library behind the kitchen. Being polite, she borrows a book, and soon discovers (with the help of the gay kitchen hand) that "literature is a vast country to the far borders of which I am journeying, but cannot possibly reach." This is the beginning of HM being able to express herself as she never could before, jotting down her impressions of reading and the human condition. Full of warm observations, our Peter Milne says this is the most delightful book he's read in the last 20 years. *Lindy*



Ocean Road

Glyn Parry
Tp \$29.95

In the summer of 1976, Toby turns 17 and his parents split up. This is a quiet, profoundly moving study of a marriage, its failure and the relationship between parent and child. It is also a beautifully understated portrait of the post-war generation of baby-boomers and the social and cultural changes they have brought.



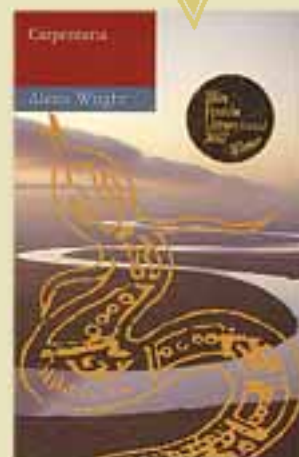
Miles Franklin Literary Award

2007 has been my last year as a judge of this prestigious award. I signed on for three years in 2005. In my first year, Andrew McGahan's Australian gothic novel **White Earth** (\$22.95) was the winner. The next year was very difficult. Roger McDonald won for his epic colonial novel, **The Ballad of Desmond Kale** (\$23.95), but if there had been a People's Choice, it would have gone to Kate Grenville for **The Secret River** (Tp \$29.95). This year we unanimously agreed that Alexis Wright should win for her astounding magical-realist novel, **Carpentaria** (Tp \$29.95, Pb \$26.95).

Each December, we received over 50 books to read and needed to decide on a winner by May. The judging was a lot of work and the panel held steadfast to the terms of Miles Franklin's will. I thoroughly enjoyed my time as a judge, although now I look forward to reading whatever I like!

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*The novel of the year
of the highest literary merit
and presenting Australian life
in any of its phases*



FICTION



Exit Ghost

Philip Roth
Hb \$49.95

After a period of embracing solitude, Zuckerman returns to city life and with that comes the pursuit of a young

woman, Jamie. Here we hit familiar Roth territory, where love, intimacy and mourning all play a role. This is a reminder of the consistency of Roth's writing as we bid farewell to one of his most beloved characters.



The Fern Tattoo

David Brooks
Tp \$32.95

From the Blue Mountains to the Hawkesbury, from Sydney to the south coast, we meet a range of extraordinary characters, including a librarian

tattooed from neck to knee, a bigamist bishop, and a young girl who kills her best friend in a tragic shooting accident. A kaleidoscopic journey through several generations of families and their unspoken histories.

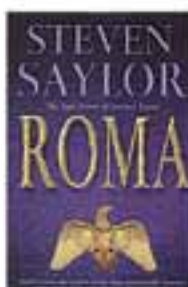


The Russian Concubine

Kate Furnivall
Tp \$32.95

It's a terrible title, but this is a surprisingly good romance. Set in late 1920s China, it is a story of White Russians and Communists,

schoolgirls and thieves, human frailty and cruelty. The fascinating politics of the time provides the perfect backdrop to a cast of thoroughly engrossing characters whose lives and loves are a great escape from the Christmas madness! *Cara*



Roma

Steven Saylor
Tp \$34.95

Not part of his ongoing crime series set in Ancient Rome, this is the story of Rome itself. Beginning with its founding by Romulus and Remus, Saylor tells the epic saga

of a city and its people, from its dominance over the ancient world to its eventual decline. Combining an immense understanding of the ancient world with his unique narrative style, this is his finest achievement.

Towards Another Summer



Janet Frame
Pb \$23.95

Originally written in 1963, Frame requested that this novel not be published until after her death, due to its highly personal nature. It tells the story of Grace, a writer living in London who takes a break

to reflect on her native New Zealand. It explores the feeling of dislocation and being out of step with oneself and the detachment of living in exile. This slim, yet powerful, book demands to be read.



The Enemy A Fable of Peace & Understanding

Davide Cali
Hb \$29.95

A contemporary picture book that speaks to both adults and older children

in the tradition of *The Little Prince* (\$18.95), this is a moving and poetic meditation on the big questions. Set in a war that could be any war, a soldier tells of his loneliness, fears and deprivations. The unforgettable artwork combines photographic collage, simple line drawings and masterful use of white space. This book offers hope for peace, compassion and understanding.



Almost Moon

Alice Sebold
Tp \$32.95

Following the publishing sensation *The Lovely Bones* (\$22.95), Sebold's new book tells the story of Helen, a woman who has devoted her life to

others, while stoically placing her own life on hold. Following a cathartic moment, she spends the next 24 hours exploring her life and the choices she has made. Sebold captures the complexities of Helen and her relationships with fluidity and strength. *Greg*

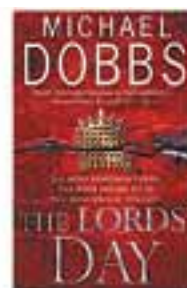
Last Stop Salina Cruz



David Lale
Pb \$24.95

At the outbreak of WWI, the poet, boxer and draft dodger Arthur Cravan embarked on a flight that took him from Paris to Mexico, where he mysteriously disappeared.

Over 90 years later, a young man sets out in his footsteps. The journey takes him further and further from his former life and it emerges that, like Cravan, he is running from something dark and dangerous. This debut novel is a masterpiece of comical and creative misery.



The Lords' Day

Michael Dobbs
Tp \$32.95

Once a year, the Queen, Prime Minister, Cabinet, judges and bishops all assemble in the House of Lords for the State Opening of Parliament. On this day, the greatest siege

in history is about to begin. Before it's over, there will be sacrifices and betrayals aplenty. A twisting thriller that keeps you guessing to the end!



David Malouf Complete Stories

Hb \$45

The first comprehensive compilation of Malouf's shorter work – 31 stories in all, some of which are more novellas than short stories. Covering the scope

of the Australian experience, they are a testimony to Malouf's supreme gift for storytelling.



Soul Catcher

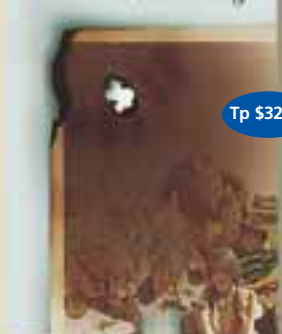
Michael White
Tp \$29.95

Cain is a drug-addicted gambler in pre-Civil War America who foolishly loses his one valuable possession at cards. His creditor gives him the

chance to recoup his losses if he will track down and return an escaped slave. Accompanied by brutal and stupid companions, he finds the woman, then realises why she is so valuable. An extremely powerful novel portraying a society that treated certain humans like animals, while jealously guarding its own freedoms. *Lindy*

Man Booker Prize 2007

Anne Enright
The Gathering



Tp \$32.95



Conan Doyle

Andrew Lycett
Hb \$55

Arthur Conan Doyle is best known as the creator of Sherlock Holmes, but this exemplary biography sheds light on the complex personality so different

from his fictional detective. Forsaking the Catholicism of his youth, he sought fulfilment in the paranormal and spiritualism. He immersed himself in many causes as a fervent advocate for justice, political reform and sports. He also wrote horror stories, romances, histories and spiritualist tracts. A vivid study of a fascinating man.

Arthur Conan Doyle



Daniel Stashower,
Jon Lellenberg
& Charles Foley
Hb \$60

Doyle wrote hundreds of letters to his mother, Mary Foley, from the age of 8, when he was sent to boarding school, until her death 54 years later. This

selection of annotated letters traces his life from voyages on whalers as ship's doctor to his celebrity as creator of Sherlock Holmes. Like many collections of letters, this is absolutely fascinating, providing access to intimate thoughts, unguarded moments and true insights into a complex man.

Agatha Christie



Laura Thompson
Tp \$35

Agatha Christie still sells over 4 million books a year! Using her diaries and letters, and extensive family interviews, Thompson crafts a penetrating and perceptive biography of a most

mysterious woman, who disappeared herself in 1926 after the collapse of her first marriage. Enjoy this biography, then go back and re-read her crime novels!



Pulp Fiction The Villains

Otto Penzler
(Editor) Tp \$32.95

Villains are always the best characters to read about – the meaner and nastier, the better! In these 16 tales, meet some of the most hard-boiled

criminals, desperadoes and rogues in crime pulp fiction. Authors include Raymond Chandler, Erle Stanley Gardner, Cornell Woolrich, Dashiell Hammett, Leslie Charteris and James Cain.

Under Vesuvius

John Maddox Roberts Hb \$45



vigilantes. The 11th in this intriguing mystery series set in the ancient Roman Republic. Due Dec

Senator Decius Caecilius Metellus discovers the dark side of his position as Praetor when he is asked to investigate the killing of a priest in a town near Vesuvius. He must also protect the young boy who has become the prime suspect



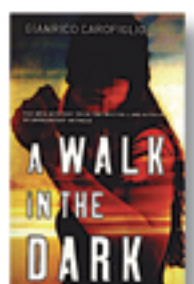
Extraordinary People

Peter May
Tp \$29.95

Enzo Macleod, a Scottish biologist teaching in Toulouse, draws on his forensic expertise to uncover the truth about

renowned educator Jacques Gaillard, who disappeared 10 years previously. He embarks on an odyssey that takes him from the catacombs of Paris to a Champagne chateau. May is the author of the successful Inspector Li Yan mysteries.

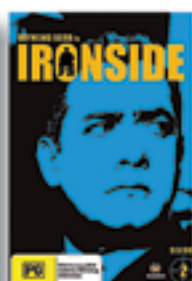
A Walk in the Dark



Gianrico Carofiglio
Pb \$24.95

No one in Bari wants to help Martina bring to trial for assault her ex-boyfriend, who is a doctor and the son of a powerful and vindictive judge. Guerrieri knows the case could bring his legal career to a

premature and messy end, but he can't resist a hopeless cause, nor deny his attraction to Sister Claudia, the fiercely protective young woman in charge of the shelter where Martina lives.

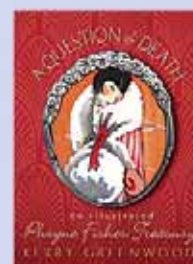


Ironside

Season 1: 8 DVDs \$69.95
Season 2: 7 DVDs \$59.95

Confined to a wheelchair by a sniper's bullet, Robert Ironside (Raymond Burr of *Perry Mason*) consults for the San Francisco police, solving major crimes with a crack team of investigators. *Ironside* topped the ratings from 1967 to 1975, confronting the hot issues of the time.

CRIME



A Question of Death

Kerry
Greenwood
Pb \$26.95

Fans of the divine Phryne Fisher – with her Lulu bob, cupid-bow mouth,

gorgeous lovers and unflinching propensity to find a mystery to solve – will have to wait until next year for a new novel. In the meantime, here is a beautifully illustrated compendium of new short stories and a miscellany of indulgent background details, including Phryne's favourite designers and decadent cocktail recipes. Due Dec *Lindy*



Midsomer Murders 9.1



DVD \$39.95

Nothing is quite as it seems behind the closed doors of Midsomer's chocolate-box cottages and picture-perfect countryside, as Inspector Barnaby discovers. Murder and mayhem abound in this award-winning whodunit. 4 of the best cases from series 9.

Midsomer Murders Ghosts of Christmas Past

DVD \$19.95

A shot rings out from the Villiers' home. Nine years later, the family reunites at the house. Meanwhile, Barnaby heads home for Christmas, but things have a habit of happening around the season of goodwill...



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CRIME



Clean Cut

Lynda La Plante
Tp \$29.95

Anna Travis is never going to have an easy life, professionally or personally. Her mentor and lover, DCI Langton, is horrifically injured trying to solve the murder of a young prostitute; illegal immigrants are suspected. Anna takes time off to nurse him, but is given another murder case, that of a quiet woman with no enemies. But the two murders are linked, and Anna must soon withstand threats to her own life. A thrilling page-turner!



Involuntary Witness

Gianrico Carofiglio
Pb \$24.95

A nine-year-old boy is found murdered in a well near a beach resort in southern Italy. Guido Guerrieri is called to defend a Senegalese peddler accused of the crime. Faced with small-town racism fuelled by immigration from Africa, Guido tries to exploit the esoteric workings of the Italian courts. Relentless suspense and a powerful attack on racism, transcending the thriller genre.



The Mannequin Man

Luca Di Fulvio
Pb \$24.95

Inspector Amaldi noticed the metallic glint at the corners of her taut mouth. "Know why she's smiling?" he asked. "Fish hooks. Two fish hooks at the corners of her mouth, a bit of nylon, pull it round the back and tie a knot." As if he didn't have enough problems – a city choked by a rubbish strike, a beautiful student harassed by a stalker, an arson case at the orphanage – now he's got mutilated bodies to deal with.



Havana Red

Leonardo Padura
Pb \$24.95

Wearing a beautiful red evening dress, the body of a strangled transvestite is discovered in the humid undergrowth of the Havana Woods. To the consternation of Lieutenant Mario Conde, in charge of the investigation, the victim turns out to be Alexis Arayan, the son of a highly respected diplomat...



Havana Black

Leonardo Padura
Pb \$24.95

The brutally mutilated body of Miguel Forcade is washed up in the bay of Havana, genitals cut off with a dull knife. Once an official in the Cuban government and responsible for confiscating the belongings of the bourgeoisie who fled the revolution, he was an exile in Miami. Had he really returned to Havana just to visit his ailing father?



Thumbprint

Frederick Glauser
Pb \$24.95

The death of a travelling salesman appears to be an open-and-shut case. Studer has an obvious suspect and a confession. But nothing is what it seems. His investigation soon splinters the glassy facade of Switzerland's tidy villages and forests, revealing envy, hatred and the corrosive power of money. Diagnosed a schizophrenic and addicted to drugs, the author spent most of his life in psychiatric wards and prison. His acute observations conjure a world of those at the margins of society. Due Dec



Inspector Rex by Request

DVD \$39.95

The 5 favourite *Inspector Rex* episodes as voted by fans in the SBS online poll. Includes dog-training documentary and interview with the producer and creator, plus booklets with stories.



The Ghost

Robert Harris
Tp \$32.95

This contemporary political thriller is set in Martha's Vineyard, where a retired British prime minister hires a ghost writer to help him write his memoirs. However, the ghost writer begins to unravel secrets that his subject prefers hidden. This is Harris at his best, similar to *Archangel* (\$21.95) in tone. A gripping and intriguing read.



D.B.

Elwood Rein
Pb \$24.95

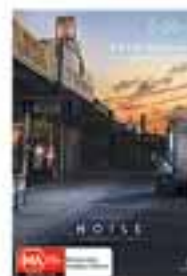
Do you remember a man by the name of D B Cooper? In 1971, he hijacked a plane, demanded \$200,000, which he got, grabbed a parachute, then jumped out, never to be heard of again. This true story forms the starting point of this novel, with Cooper played by Phil Fitch, Vietnam vet. An odyssey, a manhunt, this is a gripping and frequently hilarious tale.



Someone Else

Tonino Benacquista
Pb \$24.95

Who hasn't wanted to become 'someone else'? The person you've always wanted to be, who didn't give up half-way on their dreams and desires? One evening in Paris, two men who have just met decide it's time to change their lives, and to meet again in three years' time to see whose transformation is the more radical. But becoming someone else is not without risk; at the very least, you risk finding yourself. A helter-skelter tale of humour and suspense.



Noise

2-disc DVD \$34.95



An excellent Aussie thriller starring Brendan Cowell (*Love My Way*) and directed by Matt Saville (*We Can be Heroes, The Secret Life of Us*), this is the story of a cop who suffers from the hearing condition, tinnitus, and his struggle to keep his life together during the attempted capture of a serial killer in Melbourne.



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Blade Runner 5-Disc DVD \$99.95

One of the genre's greatest films, set in a future of high-tech possibility soured by urban and social decay. Visually spectacular and intensely action-packed, this is the ultimate collector's set:

Disc 1: 2007 Final Cut including added and extended scenes

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Disc 3: *Dangerous Days: The Making of Blade Runner*, the definitive documentary

Disc 4: enhanced content including featurettes and galleries devoted to the film's production cycle

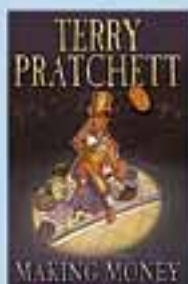
Disc 5: the rare Work Print version. — Pre-order NOW for delivery by 19 December



The Ultimate Encyclopedia of Fantasy

David Pringle (editor) Hb \$49.95

This covers every aspect of fantasy, including the development of stories from the earliest times, the most influential films and TV series, the world of fantasy gaming, major authors and their works, plus the most enduring universes, including Tolkien's *Middle Earth*, Robert Jordan's *Wheel of Time*, Terry Pratchett's *Discworld* and C S Lewis's *Narnia*. Packed with fascinating words, illustrations and photographs, this is the essential reference for fans of this eternally popular genre.



For Terry Pratchett fans ...

Making Money Discworld #31 Hb \$49.95

Who wouldn't want to be in charge of Ankh-Morpork's Royal Mint? It's a job for life. But as former con-man Moist von Lipwig is learning, life isn't necessarily for long. The Chief Cashier is almost certainly a vampire. There's something nameless in the cellar and it turns out that the Royal Mint runs at a loss. A 300-year-old wizard is after his girlfriend and he's about to be exposed as a fraud, if the Assassins' Guild doesn't get him first. Everywhere he looks he's making enemies, when he should be making money!

The Wit & Wisdom of Discworld Hb \$35

"Inside every old person is a young person wondering what happened." — Moving Pictures (\$19.95).

"A marriage is always made up of two people who are prepared to swear that only the other one snores." — The Fifth Elephant (\$19.95). The perfect book for die-hard Pratchett fans, this is a collection of the wittiest, pithiest and wisest quotations from the *Discworld* universe, organised into categories (including principal *Discworld* characters), places or even the occasional concept.

Lu Tze's Yearbook of Enlightenment 2008 Hb \$29.95

The fully functioning *Discworld* Diary written by the master himself, including previously unpublished material. One page per week. The annual treat for all *Discworld* fans!

Wintersmith (Discworld Universe) Pb \$19.95 Now available in paperback



The Star Wars Vault Thirty Years of Treasures from the Lucasfilm Archives

Stephen Sansweet Hb \$100

The official book to coincide with the 30th anniversary of the first *Star Wars* movie, including hundreds of photos and pieces of artwork, plus 50 interactive, rare, some never-before-seen pieces of memorabilia. Also includes 2 CDs with vintage radio ads, original cast interviews, commentary by George Lucas, and Carrie Fisher singing in *The Star Wars Holiday Special*. A must for fans!

The Hound of Rowan The Tapestry #1

Henry Neff
Pb \$17.95

Max leads a quiet life in Chicago until he stumbles across an ancient tapestry that results in some unusual people becoming interested in him, and gets him accepted into the Rowan Academy. This new series recently caused quite a stir at an international book fair. People will compare it to *Harry Potter* and the story does have some similarities. In addition, however, it has the same sense of wonder, action, intrigue and fully fleshed out characters and world that many young adult books fail to capture. I loved it! *Steph*



Cybele's Secret Other Kingdom #2

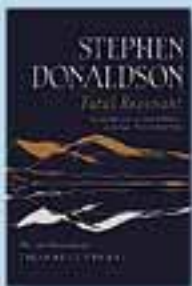
Juliet Marillier
Pb \$16.95

Set six years after *Wildwood Dancing* (\$16.95), the scholarly Paula is searching for a fabled treasure called Cybele's Gift, said to bless the owner with riches and good fortune. But the quest turns dangerous with pirates and murderers standing in the way.



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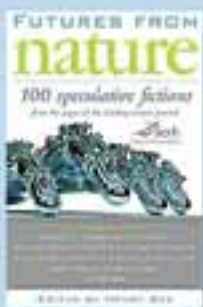


Fatal Revenant The Last Chronicles of Thomas Covenant #2

Stephen Donaldson
Hb \$49.95

Thomas Covenant and
Jeremiah ride toward

Revelstone, but their reunion has vast consequences. Linden is forced to confront mysterious strangers, legendary heroes and ancient evils. Standing alone against the malevolence of the Despiser's minions, she strives toward Andelain, but the ravenous skurj are rising...



Futures from Nature

Henry Gee (Editor)
Hb \$49.95

First published in the science journal *Nature* from 1999 to 2006, here are 100 very entertaining short stories on the subject of the future and

what it might be like. Authors include scientists, journalists and many famous SF writers, including Stephen Baxter, Greg Bear, Gregory Benford, Arthur C Clarke, Cory Doctorow, Greg Egan, John M Ford, Nancy Kress, Ian Macleod, Michael Moorcock, Frederik Pohl, Kim Stanley Robinson, Dan Simmons, Charles Stross and Vernor Vinge. As a group, they are a startling repository of ideas and attitudes about the future.



20th Century Ghosts

Joe Hill
Hb \$39.95

Imogene is young, beautiful, kisses like a movie star and knows everything about every film ever made. She's also dead, and a legendary

ghost...Arthur Roth is a lonely kid full of big ideas with a gift for getting his ass kicked. It's hard to make friends when you're the only inflatable boy in town...John Finney has been kidnapped and locked in a basement that is stained with the blood of murdered children. With him is an antique phone, long since disconnected, yet it rings at night with calls from the dead...Meet these and a dozen more stories in one of the most praised collections this century. Irresistible, addictive fun, showcasing a dazzling new talent, the son of writer Stephen King.
Due Dec



Doctor Who The Encyclopedia

Gary Russell
Hb \$49.95

This A-Z guide covers the first three years of the exciting new series of

Doctor Who starring Christopher Eccleston, David Tennant and Billie Piper. Packed with photos, special effects artwork, concept drawings and information about the Doctor, his time-travelling TARDIS, his friends Rose and Martha, and the many villains who populate their universe.



Doctor Who The Official Annual 2008

Hb \$19.95

Bursting with fun facts from Series 3 including comic strips, activities and much more.



Eclipse Twilight #3

Stephenie Meyer
Pb \$22.95

This bestselling vampire romance series has a cult following. A string of mysterious killings, a vampire intent on revenge

and Bella is once again surrounded by danger. Forced to choose between her love for Edward and her friendship with Jacob, she knows her decision could ignite the ageless struggle between vampire and werewolf. She has one more decision to make: life or death. But which is which? Suitable for all ages, this is how 99% of vampire romances *should* be written! *Steph*

The Name of the Wind Kingkiller Chronicle #1

Patrick Rothfuss
Tp \$35

The tale of Kvothe the innkeeper, from his childhood in a troupe of travelling players, through his years spent as a near-feral orphan, to his daringly brazen bid to enter a school of magic.



Within these pages you will come to know Kvothe the notorious magician, thief, lover, dragon-slayer and assassin.



2008 Calendars

Buffy the Vampire Slayer	\$23
Classic Star Trek	\$23
Ships of the Line	\$23
Discworld	\$29
Battlestar Galactica	\$23
Dragonology	\$25
Wizardology	\$25
Lost	\$23
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Smallville	\$23
Monster Movies	\$23



2007 Bestsellers

SCI-FI • FANTASY • HORROR

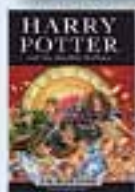
SCI-FI

- 1 Command Decision
Vatta's War #4**
Elizabeth Moon
Pb \$19.95
- 2 Fearless
The Lost Fleet #2**
Jack Campbell
Pb \$16.95
- 3 Glasshouse**
Charles Stross
Pb \$19.95



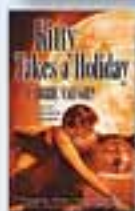
FANTASY

- 1 Beguilement
Sharing Knife #1**
Lois McMaster Bujold
Pb \$18.95
- 2 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows #7**
J K Rowling
Hb \$39.95
- 3 Immortal Prince
Tide Lord #1**
Jennifer Fallon
Pb \$21



HORROR

- 1 Proven Guilty
Harry Dresden #8**
Jim Butcher
Pb \$19.95
- 2 Blood Bound
Mercy Thompson #2**
Patricia Briggs
Pb \$18.95
- 3 Kitty Takes a Holiday**
Kitty Norville #3
Carrie Vaughn
Pb \$16.95



Queen of the Orcs series King's Property #1 Clan Daughter #2 Royal Destiny #3

Morgan Howell
Pb \$16.95 each

Dar is conscripted into the army and branded as a slave to the orc regiment, creatures legendary for their savagery and battle prowess. As a woman, her safety and life are constantly threatened, so she befriends an orc and learns their language and culture. As the war escalates, she struggles to understand the visions she is beginning to experience and must survive treachery from both allies and enemies. A gripping read from beginning to end, with the all-too-rare 'new idea', this was just fantastic! *Steph*



Hunter's Run

George R R Martin,
Gardner Dozois
& Daniel Abraham
Tp \$30

Ramon Espejo kills a diplomat, then goes on the run. He heads into unexplored territory from where land is only glimpsed from orbit during his first prospecting surveys. Each trip out, he's sure this will be the big one that makes him rich. This trip, too. Instead, he finds something terrifying. Or rather, it finds him, and uses him, as humans are now used by more intelligent species. But Ramon demonstrates what it is to be human – angry, intelligent and alive! And he's about to discover his function in the universe... and why he killed the diplomat in the first place. *Adam*



Mister B Gone

Clive Barker
Hb \$30

From the author of the *Abarat* series comes a horror story about Jakobok Botch, a minor devil plucked from the bowels of Hell who escapes to explore the world above in the company of Quitoon, a powerful demon who delights in murder. They are on their way to visit Johannes Gutenberg and his new invention that threatens to change the world forever. A finely-crafted tale of superstition, religion and fear, written by a master of the genre. Barker's gift with language makes this novel truly special. *David*



Appleseed

2-Disc DVD \$29.95

This was voted one of the top 10 groundbreaking Japanese anime films. Earth's last city, Olympus, rose from the ashes on the backs of Bioroids (artificial clones) and the peace of humanity's last survivors is superficial. Human terrorists within the military seek a return to power and clash with government forces led by the legendary soldier, Deunan Knute, and her Bioroid boyfriend. Retrieving the Appleseed will end the conflict and Deunan alone holds its secret. Features include director's commentary, *Making of Appleseed* and design archives.



Erak's Ransom Ranger's Apprentice #7

John Flanagan
Pb \$16.95

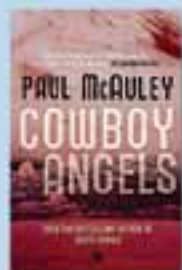
The 7th book in this award-winning series is set before Books 5 and 6 as Will starts the final year of his apprenticeship. This action-packed fantasy series has been an absolute hit, especially with the early teens.



Cowboy Angels

Paul McAuley
Tp \$32.95

An alternate America that calls itself the Real has waged wars and revolution for 10 years, freeing versions of itself from communist rule and extending its influence across other alternate realities. But the new President calls an end to war. Adam Stone comes out of retirement when his former comrade, Tom Waverly, begins to murder different versions of the same person. When Adam finally catches up with Waverly, he stumbles into a conspiracy that could change not only the history of the Real, but that of every other reality, including our own. High-octane action and twisting plots combine to make this a superb SF thriller! *Adam*



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Completely MAD Don Martin

Don Martin

2-Volume Hb in slipcase \$250

Reading *MAD Magazine* during my early teens was certainly a guilty pleasure. Without a doubt, the most memorable comics were those created by Don Martin. His instantly recognisable style – featuring bulbous noses, crazy sound effects and those legendary ‘hinged feet’ – was filled with daring slapstick and routinely broke new ground. His work spoke volumes as he left his mark on several generations, influencing the style of many illustrators, while shaping the sense of humour of countless misguided youths, myself included.

Adam



Metropolis

2-Disc DVD \$29.95

One of the most influential silent films, *Metropolis* has for 75 years been seen only in its shortened form. It has now been digitally restored and the original 1927 orchestral score



added. Taking place in 2026, the population is divided into workers who toil underground and the rich who enjoy a city of splendour. One privileged man dares to visit the underground workers and is astonished by what he sees. With spectacular sets and some of the most recognisable images from cinema, this is a classic in every sense of the word.



Talisman \$80

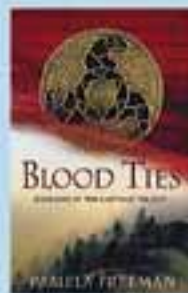
In this cult fantasy boardgame for 2-6 players, you control a character selected from 15 possibilities. The play centres around a journey to find and claim the Crown of Command, a magical artefact with the power to destroy all rivals and make the bearer the true ruler of the kingdom. Only with strength, courage and wisdom (and a few good rolls of the dice!) will you be able to survive the ultimate test and beat your opponents to victory.

Blood Ties Castings #1

Pamela Freeman
Tp \$24.95

Bramble witnesses a warlord's man wound a wolf in the woods, so she finds the wolf and puts it out of its misery.

Confronted by the man, she kills him too and steals his horse, then takes to the Road. Ash has recently left the Road, which he travelled with his musician parents. He has an apprenticeship with a 'safe guarder' (security guard/mercenary), but after he kills a thief, he needs to find another career, or set out once more on the Road. So the story of Bramble and Ash begins ... Book 1 in a refreshing new fantasy trilogy.



Peter Griffin's Guide to the Holidays Family Guy

Danny Smith
Tp \$39.95

For Peter Griffin, holidays are the best time of year. With endless Christmas specials, family merriment and eggnog that's heavy on the booze, what's not to like? In this unique Yuletide treasure, the Fat Man offers up a host of holiday memories, plus hilarious tips for merrymaking the *Family Guy* way. Something for everyone, regardless of whether they've been naughty or nice.



Winterbirth Godless World #1

Brian Ruckley
Pb \$22.95

This is an epic tale set in a rich world of magic and warfare. Ancient, declining races sit on the fringes of the civilised world in menacing silence, pushed out of their homelands by mankind's ascendance. Clans of the Human Kingdoms are wracked by politics and intrigue. In this wonderful debut, Ruckley deftly weaves a flowing narrative with wonderfully fleshed out characters, starkly contrasting humanity's failings with courage against all odds. *Mark*



2007 Award Winners

HUGO

WorldCon attendees

Rainbows End

Vernor Vinge
Pb \$16.95



NEBULA

Sci-Fi & Fantasy
Writers of America

Seeker

Jack McDevitt
Pb \$18.95



BRAM STOKER

Critic's Choice

Lisey's Story

Stephen King
Pb \$19.95



BRITISH SF

End of the World Blues

Jon Courtenay
Grimwood
Pb \$22.95



PHILIP K DICK

Spin Control

Chris Moriarty
Pb \$16.95



DITMAR

Excellence in
Australian Sci-Fi

Pilo Family Circus

Will Elliot
Tp \$29.95



StarCraft \$129

In this boardgame for 2-6 players, three alien races battle for control of the galaxy. Whether you lead the Terrans, the Protoss or the Zergs, you'll command an army like no other in the universe! A card-driven combat system allows you to modify and upgrade your faction with a wealth of technologies. The modular board includes planets of varying sizes, over 180 figures and dozens of different units, guaranteeing a new experience every time you play.

Highlander The Search for Vengeance

DVD \$29.95

The warrior Colin searches for the immortal despot Marcus Octavius, who killed his lover Moya on the Celtic plains centuries ago. Colin must confront Marcus in a showdown where the future of all men will be decided. Created by the head writer of the *Highlander* TV series and the upcoming movie, this is a big-budget anime epic!



Imaginistix

Boris Vallejo
& Julie Bell
Hb \$55

Two of the top names in fantasy art for the last 30 years, the popularity of this husband and wife team is undimmed. This is their first collection of new work since 1994 and includes commissions for magazines, films and advertising agencies. This previously unseen collection of beautiful maidens, heroic men and fearsome monsters is a must have for all Boris and Julie fans.



A Lick of Frost Meredith Gentry #6

Laurell K Hamilton
Tp \$32.95

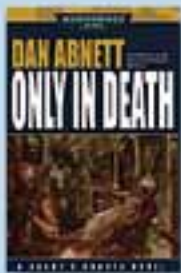
Meredith Gentry, one-time PI in the mortal world, is princess and heir apparent to the throne of Faerie. To be crowned queen, she must give birth to an heir, or Queen Andais will crown her own son and have Meredith killed. Childless, she slips back into LA, hoping to outrun the court intrigue. King Taranis has accused her guards (and lovers) of a heinous crime, so they face extradition to Faerie and the hideous penalties that await. Due Dec



Only in Death Warhammer 40,000

Dan Abnett
Hb \$39.95

The third Gaunt's Ghosts story arc reaches its searing conclusion. As the crusade to liberate the Sabbat Worlds continues, Colonel-Commissar Gaunt leads the Tanith First-and-Only into an unforgiving new warzone – the fortress world of Jago. As the enemy assaults increase in fury, Gaunt and his regiment must face the terror of the present alongside the ghosts of their past, for only in death does duty end. Due Dec



Stormed Fortress Alliance of Light #5, Wars of Light and Shadow #8

Janny Wurts
Tp \$33

In a genre full of clichés, Wurts stands out as a novelist who refuses to hold the status quo. Unlike the standard fare of epic quest telling, she has embarked on a tale of two half-brothers locked in bitter enmity, finishing with a work rarely encountered in speculative fiction. In this final instalment in the *Alliance of Light* series, her trademark style jumps off the page like never before as events rush to a breathtaking climax that will leave fans stunned! Due Dec Mark



Sandworms of Dune Dune #8

Brian Herbert &
Kevin J Anderson
Tp \$32.95

Frank Herbert's outline for this story lay hidden in a safe deposit box for 11 years, but now the grand climax can finally be revealed. As the Ithaca flees through space, the heroes of *Hunters of Dune* (\$19.95) finally meet the Enemy who followed the violent fanatics – the Honored Matres – back to their universe. The thinking machines vanquished by Serena Butler's jihad were not destroyed, just driven into exile. Now, tens of thousands of years later, they're back. Can the resurrected heroes on board the Ithaca save mankind from annihilation?



Tides of Darkness World of Warcraft

Aaron Rosenberg
Pb \$18.95

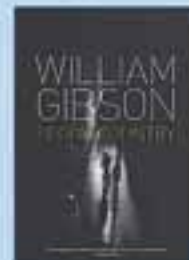
Orgrim Doomhammer is determined to conquer the rest of Azeroth so that his people will once again have a home. Anduin Lothar, former Champion of Stormwind, has left his homeland behind and led his people to the shores of Lordaeron. He and King Terenas forge an Alliance with the other human nations, but that may not be enough to stop the Horde's onslaught. Elves, dwarves and trolls enter the fray as the two emerging factions vie for dominance. Will the Alliance prevail or will the Horde's tide of darkness consume the last vestiges of freedom?



Spook Country

William Gibson
Tp \$32.95

Tito has been asked to pass iPods to the 'old man' in Washington Square. He doesn't know why, and since the old man seems to know so much about Tito's family, he's not stupid enough to ask either. In LA, journalist Hollis Henry is investigating Bobby Chombo, a man who knows the ins and outs of military navigation systems and who never sleeps in the same space twice. Chombo has very good reasons for not wanting to be found. Reasons that involve iPods and nothing whatsoever to do with music...



World War Z

Max Brooks
Pb \$29.95

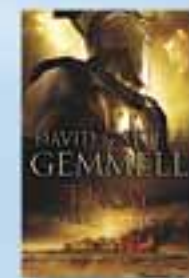
Everyone remembers the terrible days of the Zombie War, that grim time for humanity when "Shoot 'em in the head!" became as common as "Good morning!" Mr Brooks has travelled the world collecting interviews from those who were there, from government officials to soldiers on the ground. Excellent research on the part of the author has resulted in a text that will stand as a memorial to our darkest days, when the dead rose and humanity's resolve to survive did too. Just remember to stay away from Iceland. David



Fall of Kings Troy #3

David & Stella
Gemmell
Tp \$32.95

War has been declared and the Ancient World divides into opposing factions. Outside the Golden City, forces loyal to the Mykene king mass. Inside, the Trojan king waits... The culmination of a story that interlaces myth, history, adventure and romance.



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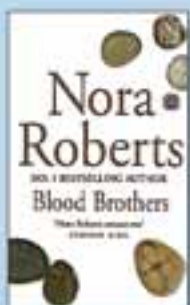


Immortal

DVD \$14.95



New York, 2095. A pyramid has appeared in the skyline. As Horus scours Manhattan for a suitable human body to inhabit, his life is thrown together with a strange, blue-haired girl who is embarking on a quest that mirrors his own. Based on a comic strip, this epic SF is reminiscent of genre favourites *The Fifth Element* and *The Matrix*. Innovative and action-packed!



Blood Brothers Sign of Seven #1

Nora Roberts
Pb \$19.95

Before turning 10, three best friends sneak off from a small village into the woods for a sleepover. But it turns into a night of horror as their 'blood

brother oath' unleashes a 300-year-old curse. Every seven years since that night, Cal and his friends see their town plagued by a week of inexplicable evil. Despite Cal's protests, Quinn, an investigative journalist, insists on delving into the mystery. But when the first signs of evil appear months early, it's not only the town Cal has to protect, but also his heart. Due Dec



2001: A Space Odyssey

2-Disc DVD \$19.95



This 1968 Kubrick masterpiece has some of the most stunning cinematography and use

of sound (or lack thereof!) of any movie.

And don't mention the debate surrounding the ending! From the dawn of man to 2001, when an alien artefact is found on the moon and an expedition is launched to Jupiter to track its origins... Features include audio commentary, behind-the-scenes, documentaries and featurette. — Pre-order NOW for delivery by 5 December



Grave Sight

Pb \$12.95

Grave Surprise

Tp \$29.95

Harper Connelly #1 & #2

Charlaine Harris

A talented paranormal crime writer, Harris is known for the Sookie Stackhouse series, but the Harper Connelly books are darker and more suspenseful. Having been struck by lightning, Harper has the ability to relive the deceased's final moment, a skill from which she

makes her livelihood. But she can never stay anywhere too long, as the living don't always like what Harper senses! In *Grave Sight*, the town of Sarne has plenty to hide. In *Grave Surprise*, she encounters a body from a previous case and suspicion falls on Harper herself. *Sofia*



Extras

Uglies #4

Scott Westerfeld
Pb \$14.95

Westerfeld is a brilliant Australian sci-fi writer who, in his previous young adult novels, described a shallow future where *Uglies* (\$12.95) were made into *Pretties* (\$12.95) via brain-destroying surgery. *Extras* takes place after *Specials* (\$12.95), in which Tally Youngblood and Special Circumstances changed the world. Aya Fuse is part of a different movement, but the world is still ruled by popularity and technology. Aya wants to stand out, but she doesn't realise that being noticed isn't always a good thing, especially if you fall in with the wrong crowd! *Sofia*



Blood is the New Black

Valerie Stivers
Tp \$32.95

Kate is lucky to get an internship at top fashion mag *Tasty*. But when people start going

missing, she starts to realise there's something funny going on. Why is everyone black-clad and emaciated? Doesn't anyone sleep? How come they all have such sharp teeth? Are they vampires? Armed with a stake, a crucifix and James the cute photo assistant, she sets off for a showdown. Working at *Tasty* turns out to be very draining!

Long Way Home (Graphic Novel)



Joss Whedon
Tp \$34

Since the destruction of the Hellmouth, the Slayers have got organised and are kicking some serious undead butt. But not everything's fun and firearms, as an old enemy reappears and Dawn

experiences some major growing pains. *Buffy* creator Joss Whedon brings *Buffy* back in this follow-up to Season 7 of the hit TV series.

Guilty Pleasures (Graphic Novel) Anita Blake #1



Laurell K Hamilton
Hb \$39.95

The comic adaptation of 'where it all began' in the series that has inspired many imitators, but few with the same accolades and number of fans. In the near future, vampires and werewolves are legal

citizens. Anita is a necromancer, raising the dead for a living in St Louis and working as a consultant to the police for unusual crimes. A clever mix of horror, detective and romance.

Gunslinger Born (Graphic Novel) Darktower Prequel



Stephen King
Hb \$49.95

"The man in black fled across the desert and the gunslinger followed." With those words, millions of readers were introduced to Roland, a gunslinger in search of the enigmatic Dark Tower,

journeying through a dangerous land filled with ancient technology and deadly magic. Roland's past is now revealed! The perfect introduction to the series, while long-time fans will thrill to adventures only hinted at in the novels.



I am Legend

Richard Matheson
Pb \$18.95

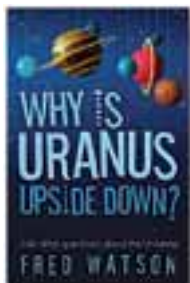
Robert Neville may be the last living man on Earth, but he's not alone. An incurable plague has mutated everyone else into bloodthirsty, nocturnal creatures. By

day, he hunts the infected monstrosities through the ruins of civilisation. By night, he prays for dawn. One of the top 10 horror books of all time and soon to be a film starring Will Smith.



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Why is Uranus Upside Down?

Fred Watson Pb \$24.95

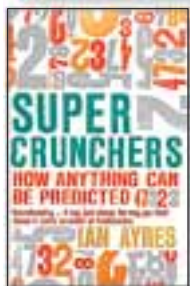
The incomparable Fred Watson – astronomer extraordinaire and populariser of all things astronomical – is the perfect guide to the mysteries of the universe. He's been asked many curly questions, and his answers are in this witty, satisfying book. Is the moon moving away? Why are planets sort of round? Where's the nearest black hole? Watson makes astronomy serious fun! *Lindy*



Death by Black Hole

Neil deGrasse Tyson Pb \$21.95

Readers of his essays in *Natural History* magazine know Tyson's talent for explaining the mysteries of the cosmos with clarity and enthusiasm. This is a compilation of his favourite essays. *Death by Black Hole* introduces the physics of black holes by explaining the gory details of what would happen to us if we fell into one. *Holy Wars* examines the needless friction between science and religion in the context of historical conflicts. Plus 40 other essays. Due Dec



Super Crunchers

Ian Ayres Tp \$35

Super Crunchers think by numbers to find patterns in human behaviour, predicting the future. Rather than being guided by experts with years of experience, many organisations now rely on less biased predictions from data-mining and number-crunching – expertise vs equation! Super crunching is revolutionising decision-making, from the coach who evaluates players he hasn't seen to an internet site that knows your tastes better than you do!



Simplicity

Jeffrey Kluger Tp \$35

'Simplicity' is the name given to a cutting-edge theory – developed in fields such as genetics, economics, stock market analysis and child development – which states that simple things can be more complicated than they look, while complex things can be more simple. Take your household plumbing, which is rather elaborate, yet runs on a basic mechanism, while a 'simple' crystal paperweight is actually a complex object. This may just alter how you think!



A Light History of Hot Air

Peter Doherty Hb \$32.95

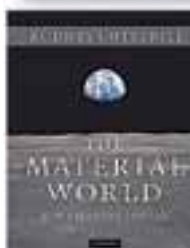
Similar in style to Bill Bryson's *A Short History of Nearly Everything* (\$27.95), Doherty tackles the subject of hot air, from the hot air of our language to its practical use in daily life. Combining memoir and adventure, he revisits his school years to look at the teachers and scientists who inspired him and how their teachings are still relevant today. A light-hearted, yet serious, examination of hot air, including a review of how global warming has consequences for us all.



A Fragile Balance

Christopher Dickman Hb \$85

Some marsupials are in the Americas, but most are in Australia, where millennia of isolation led to their extraordinary domination of fauna. This book details all Australian marsupials, including chapters on natural, cultural and ecological history. The meticulous and beautifully rendered illustrations by Rosemary Woodford Ganf will especially delight any naturalist or armchair biologist.



The Material World

Rodney Cotterill Hb \$99

Cotterill seamlessly blends the physics, chemistry and biology of nature to portray matter with all its elegance and flaws. He challenges us to question our structured view of the world and asks whether this limits our scientific endeavour. Beautifully illustrated, this is full of fascinating and surprising facts about the world around us.

SCIENCE

Mythbusters Zaps, Rays and Waves

Nicholas Searle
Pb & DVD \$29.95



Why does radio crackle? How does a light bulb work? Are you AC or DC? And just what is lightning? The *Mythbusters* phenomenon continues as Jamie and Adam look at the things that go zap, buzz and crackle, from electricity (and plenty of it) to sound waves and magnets. In case you missed it, we have more stock of *Busted: 17 Mythbuster Classics* (Pb \$29.95). Both books include a DVD with episodes from the TV show.

Green is Good

Rebecca Blackburn
Pb \$15



Let's not panic. Okay, the world is going to wrack and ruin, but we can do something about it, even if we are resource-guzzling city-dwellers. First, buy this no-nonsense guide. It shows how tiny changes in three areas – home, food and transport – can have an incremental benefit. Second, put some or all of the suggestions into practice. Simple! The world thanks you in advance. *Lindy*

Glimpses of Paradise

Penny Olsen
Pb \$34.95



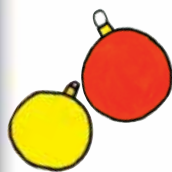
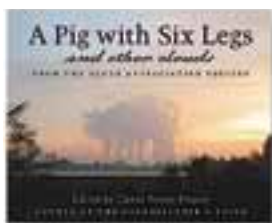
The Paradise Parrot was thought to be the most beautiful Australian parrot. However, too beautiful, too accessible, it was trapped and its eggs gathered by collectors, tipping it over the edge to extinction. This is not just a lament for the vanished, but a fine study of the search for survivors – the avian *Thylacine* – and of the sometimes unscrupulous characters involved. Thoroughly absorbing! *Lindy*

The Numbers Behind Numb3rs

Keith Devlin
& Gary Lorden
Pb \$19.95



Learn the fascinating techniques used by the FBI and other law enforcement agencies to fight real-life crime, from forensics to counterterrorism, the Riemann hypothesis to image enhancement, solving murders to beating casinos. Companion to the TV series *Numb3rs*.



A Pig with Six Legs

Gavin Pretor-Pinney (Editor) Hb \$25

Thank goodness for the gentle souls of the Cloud Appreciation Society and their aimless whimsy and desire to take the time to look upwards. Those who photograph the fantastical and ephemeral atmospheric effects known as clouds should be especially blessed for contributing to this beautiful book. Yes, there is a pig with six legs. And a poodle, grim Reaper, spiral pasta, skateboarder, dragonfly ... Reclaim your right to daydream and to see castles in the air! *Lindy*



Anoraks to Zitting Cisticola

Sean Dooley Pb \$24.95

Who better than the Big Twitcher himself to lead you through the alphabet according to things you need to know about birding? Anoraks – only interesting if they have an unidentified stain; binoculars – sorry, you can't look cool in them no matter what you do; grey falcon – a car, because the bird DOES NOT EXIST; Shakespeare – because *Romeo and Juliet* contains the first recorded argument over bird identification. This light-hearted, amusing, charming and informative book is for those who know it's sis-TICK-er-la, and even more for those who see SISTER-cola. There really is something for everyone! *Lindy*



The Stuff of Thought

Language as a Window into Human Nature

Steven Pinker Tp \$35

Pinker will transform the way you think about language. He analyses what words really mean and how we use them, and what this tells us about ourselves. He shows how we use space and motion as metaphors for more abstract ideas, and uncovers the deeper structures of human thought that have been shaped by evolution. He also explores the emotional impact of language and the power it can have over us. Surprising, thought-provoking and exhilarating.



Geekspeak

Graham Tattersall Hb \$28

The human species is innately curious. Why are we here? Is there life after death? Are there more dead people than living? How many slaves on a treadmill do you need to power a kettle? How fast is a fart? Dr Tattersall combines sophisticated mathematical techniques, witty anecdotes and an awful lot of learning in this fascinating journey. Just as non-economists enjoyed *Freakonomics* (\$24.95), even non-geeks will enjoy this. Due Dec *Lindy*



One to Nine

Andrew Hodges Hb \$32.95

Is One the loneliest number there ever was? Why is Four so square? Or Seven so popular that deadly sins, days of the week and wonders of the world all congregate around it? This witty, pithy book explains all this and more, everything from primes to code-breaking, poker probabilities to symmetries of time, workings of computers to harmonies of music. And you don't need a maths degree to understand it!



Pigeons

Andrew Blechman Tp \$32.95

In our modern cities, pigeons are reviled as flying rats, but once upon a time they were revered, honoured – and a prime source of protein! Their amazing instinct to fly 'home' has been used to deliver important information, save lives, establish a modern news agency and for sporting purposes. Blechman travels extensively through the US and Britain to understand how this fine bird turned into an outlaw. A chatty blend of science, history and interesting anecdote. *Lindy*



The Canon

Natalie Angier Tp \$32.95

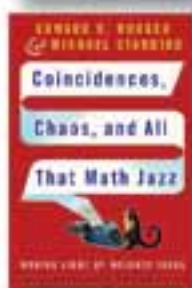
This is a conversational tour of the great precepts of science, a discussion of how science and scientific thinking formed. It is about measurement and physics, probabilities and chemistry, geology and astronomy, and molecular and evolutionary biology. Angier, a *Pulitzer Prize* winner, entertains and makes science enjoyable, but not at the expense of the science. Drawing on hundreds of interviews with top scientists, this is a passionate, playful guide. *Lindy*



Poincaré's Prize

George Szpiro Hb \$39.95

In a similar vein to *Longitude* (\$22.95) and *Fermat's Last Theorem* (\$24.95), this tells of the challenge that many took up to solve one of maths' most elusive problems. One person who accepted the call to solve the riddle was Grigory Perelman, an eccentric character brought to life here. An exploration of the divine madness that drives people to solve the impossible.



Coincidences, Chaos and All That Math Jazz

Edward Burger & Michael Starbird Pb ~~\$21.95~~ \$15.95

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 – then leapfrogs over maths and anecdote to profound ideas about nature, art and music.



Museum

The Macleays, their Collections and the Search for Order

Robyn Stacey & Ashley Hay Hb \$79.95

For 70 years, Alexander Macleay and his family accumulated an unbelievably rich and diverse range of specimens from Australia and beyond. Featuring stunning images by Robyn Stacey, this superb book throws open the doors to this rare collection, revealing another chapter in Australia's unique history.

SPECIAL PRICE

Understanding Ethics

Noel Preston
Pb \$39.95

In our increasingly complex society, the right course of action is not always obvious. We see increasing freedom of moral and consumer choice, such as same sex marriage and genetically modified crops, yet also experience a proliferation of intrusive regulations brought about by globalisation and terrorism. This book introduces a framework of moral philosophy to analyse new issues, such as stem cell research, alongside perennial considerations, such as honesty and truth. *Christian*

Darwin's Angel

A Seraphic Response to 'The God Delusion'

John Cornwell Hb \$29.95

Cornwell is Director of the Science and Human Dimension Project at Jesus College, Cambridge, so you might think he would be quite strident against Richard Dawkins and his call for atheism. Instead, in a playful and conversational rebuttal, he presents alternative viewpoints and points out inconsistencies and errors in the argument that humankind would be better off without religion. He does use the device of a friendly Guardian Angel, but someone with his graceful style of prose can get away with it!

Science and Soul

Charles Birch Tp \$34.95

There have been so many 'for and against' books recently on science as an opponent of religion. This fine book shows how a man of towering intellect can reconcile both, while giving importance to feelings and subjectivity. Both a memoir and an explanation of his philosophy, Birch discusses the influences on his life, the great thinkers of the 20th century whom he has known, and the development of 'Process Thought', the philosophy that combines science and religion. Lucid, thought-provoking and enriching.

The Portable Atheist

Christopher Hitchens (Editor) Tp \$35

The question of a godless universe has been one of the most engaging and passionate debates of recent times. Hitchens has trawled many different fields of study to offer a comprehensive collection of atheist writings. Contributors include Charles Darwin, Albert Einstein, Mark Twain and Richard Dawkins. All selections are set in context and commented upon by Hitchens. A perfect companion to his previous book, *God is Not Great* (Tp \$29.95).

God's Mechanics

Guy Consolmagno Hb \$33.95

Brother Guy tells the stories of those who identify with the scientific mindset – so-called 'techies' – while practicing religion. A fully-fledged techie himself, he relates some classic philosophical reflections and provides, like a set of worked-out sample problems, the hard data on the challenges and joys of embracing a life of faith as a techie. Through his own experience and interviews with other scientists and engineers who profess faith, he explores how religious beliefs and practices make sense to those deeply rooted in the world of technology.

The Wagner Clan

Jonathan Carr Hb \$59.95

If you thought Richard Wagner's operas were full of drama, tragedy, passion and bitter intrigue, then you should read about his family! Wagner's descendants have been infected by their relationship to the Master, who is both loved and loathed. Sadly, some of them were married only because they were related to the composer. Detailing the long feuds concerning the control of the Bayreuth festivals, the Wagner connections to Hitler, and the lives of the more prominent descendants, this is full of colour and controversy! *Lindy*

Singing the Land The Power of Performance in Aboriginal Life

Jill Stubington
Pb \$34.95

Song and dance have encapsulated the history and beliefs of Australian Indigenous peoples for millennia. The author spent many years recording, listening to and studying the music in remote regions to understand its central role in the performers' connection to the land, their identity, social cohesion, celebrations and resolution of conflict. Told with great clarity and insight, this is a comprehensive account of the importance of music and dance in one of the world's oldest cultures.

Post Impressions

Hollis Taylor
Pb & DVD \$49.95



This amazing book tells the story of Jon Rose and Hollis Taylor, a violin-playing duo who survive boggings, fly plagues, flea infestations, floods, storms and bushfires when they set out to explore – and perform on – the giant musical instruments that cover Australia: fences! The DVD contains 40 outback performances. You will not see a more unusual title this Christmas.

Musicophilia

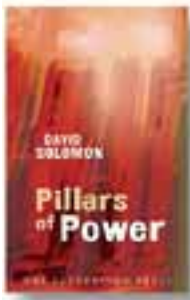
Oliver Sacks
Tp \$32.95

In his latest book, Sacks explores the importance of music, not only as sound, but also movement, visualisation and, as John Cage knows better than anyone, silence. Examining patients who have been exposed to (or divorced from) music, we are shown how incredibly complicated and beautiful the human brain is.



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Pillars of Power Australia's Institutions in the 21st Century

David Solomon
Pb \$39.95

David Solomon has
examined Australia's

political, legal and social institutions for over 40 years and here he details the changes they have undergone, their operation, influence, strengths and weaknesses. Issues covered include the growth in prime ministerial power, growing distortions in the federal system, centralisation of power, and the impact on national affairs, unions, media and even sport. *Christian*

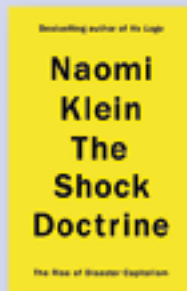


Copyright Law and Practice

Colin Golvan
Pb \$49.95

Copyright is a murky, misunderstood area and this book brings welcome clarity to the field. Golvan balances a sharp focus on practical matters, like

preparing a copyright case for trial and the clauses of a publishing agreement, with discussion of key trends, such as copyright and the internet, the use of copyright to protect indigenous art and culture, and the corporatisation of copyright.



The Shock Doctrine

Naomi Klein
Tp \$32.95

Klein's groundbreaking new book is about what she calls 'the shock doctrine' – the use of public disorientation

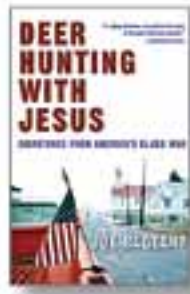
following massive collective shocks to push through unpopular economic measures. Impassioned, hugely informative, wonderfully controversial and scary as hell.



The Chameleon Crown The Queen and Her Australian Governors

Anne Twomey
Hb \$49.95

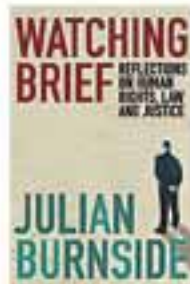
Using previously secret government documents, this rewrites the history of Australia's relationship with the UK and the Crown. A common misconception is that the British Government's role in advising the Queen on state matters was simply a formality. This book makes it clear that Australian states remained colonial dependencies until as late as 1986, when the Australia Act was passed. Major figures from Australian politics battled for state sovereignty. Essential reading for those interested in Australian politics, history and the monarchy. *Christian*



Deer Hunting with Jesus Dispatches from America's Class War

Joe Bageant
Tp \$32.95

After 30 years spent scratching a life out of a "dirt-poor" childhood, Bageant moves back to his home town of Winchester, Virginia, where he realises his family and neighbours were the very people who carried Bush to victory. Ironical, because this town, like countless other towns, is becoming the bedrock of a permanent underclass. A tender and often acerbic look at America's working poor.



Watching Brief

Julian Burnside
Tp \$32.95

Noted lawyer and human rights advocate Julian Burnside articulates an intelligent defence of the rights of asylum-seekers and refugees, looking at the impact of significant recent cases on our society. A powerful and timely meditation on justice, human rights and ethics, and ultimately on what constitutes a decent human society.



What's Left? How the Left Lost its Way

Nick Cohen
Pb \$25

Having grown up knowing that only the left was good and that liberals had a monopoly on moral decency, Cohen examines the left today. This is a history of how socialism disappeared, how this liberated leftists to believe in any movement (as long as it opposed the status quo, and specifically America) and how the failure to confront genocide in the Middle East and Europe has weakened the left. It is also an argument for recovering what was best of the left's democratic and internationalist traditions. *Due Dec*

Yearning to Breathe Free Seeking Asylum in Australia



Dean Lusher
& Nick Haslam
(Editors)
Tp \$39.95

The treatment of asylum seekers is a complex and emotive issue. This book provides an overview of the historical, social and political factors that have influenced Australia's recent approach to this issue, with people of diverse viewpoints contributing to a clear-eyed view of the psychological and humanitarian consequences. All royalties go to the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre. *Christian*



The Mason Papers



Sir Anthony Mason's Speeches and Articles

Geoffrey Lindell
(Editor)
Hb \$85

Sir Anthony Mason, former Chief Justice of the High Court of Australia, delivered some important speeches and articles over his career. Some of the highly topical issues covered were globalisation, the health of Australia's democratic institutions and the decline of parliamentary and national sovereignty. His characteristic wit and longstanding interests come through in this selection, chosen and edited by Lindell, himself a noted legal authority. *Christian*



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Vietnam The Australian War

Paul Ham Hb \$55

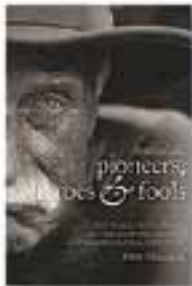
My Dad served in Vietnam; he still doesn't speak of that year. But this book fills in some of the silences, telling the stories of Vietnam from many sides – the soldiers (both regular army and conscripts), their families, the protestors, politicians, entertainers and medical and aid providers, as well as the Vietnamese people of both North and South. This is a powerful, thoroughly researched book about a bitter and divisive conflict, a politicians' war, set in the context of American and Vietnamese experiences (we lost 520 Australians to the 60,000 Americans and 3 million Vietnamese). Maybe others won't weep where I did, but this is a profoundly important book – the best I have read on the subject. *Lindy*



Australia's Pioneers, Heroes and Fools

Peter Macinnis
Hb \$34.95

The colonial explorers of Australia ranged from incompetent, foolhardy and arrogant to persistent, enduring and heroic. Drawing on a wealth of diaries and correspondence, this book explains the how, why, what and when of early explorers, revealing a wealth of detail and fascinating stories. Combining lively history with colourful details, this is a ripping good read!



A History of New South Wales

Beverley Kingston

A History of Victoria

Geoffrey Blainey

A History of Queensland

Raymond Evans

all Pb \$36.95

Excellent histories written by leading historians. Concise, readable and up-to-date, these are ideal for anyone wanting an overview of the histories of these states.

Captain Bligh's Other Mutiny

Stephen Dando-Collins
Tp \$34.95

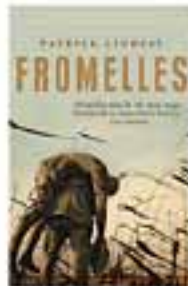
Bligh was famous for the mutiny on the *Bounty*, but the poor fellow suffered the indignity of another mutiny, one involving the only military coup in Australia's history. Sent out to be Governor of the colony of NSW, Bligh was meant to clean up corruption. Unfortunately, other people had different ideas, including the infamous John Macarthur, and Bligh found himself deposed and under house arrest for over a year. An accessible, easy style of narrative history that brings to life those tumultuous years and the men and women involved. *Lindy*



Fromelles

Patrick Lindsay
Hb \$45

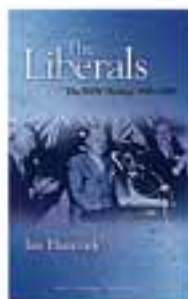
Fromelles ranks as Australia's worst military disaster. What happened to the 200 Australian diggers who mysteriously disappeared? Why did our generals collude with the British government to cover up the catastrophe? In an enthralling mix of detective story and passionate historical retelling, Lindsay travels from Canberra to London to the killing fields of northern France in his quest to honour our fallen and unravel one of the greatest unsolved mysteries of WWI.



The Liberals The NSW Division 1945-2000

Ian Hancock
Hb \$49.95

This book tells the story of the NSW division of the Liberal Party, from its prehistory to the constitutional changes in 2000. It examines the role of key figures, such as John Carrick, Nick Greiner and John Howard, as well as the financial difficulties, narrow support base and performance at the polls – generally good at Federal level, but poor at State. It also considers the party's difficulties in maintaining cooperation between the different levels of politics and the in-fighting that has occurred. *Christian*



AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

The Ways of the Bushwalker

Melissa Harper
Tp \$32.95

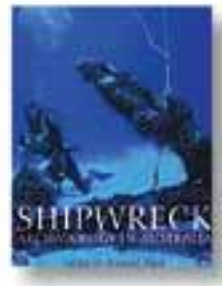
This is one of those thoroughly interesting, quirky histories that examines a popular pastime, but maybe not so well-regarded subject – bushwalking. Whether a stroll in the nearest patch of bush or a full-on stride through unpathed wilderness, this traces the concept of walking as a leisure pursuit, the emergence of serious walkers, its popularisation in the 1920s (bring back the Mystery Hikes!) and the impact, attitudes and environmental awareness of walkers. Deeply researched, yet very easy to read and well illustrated. *Lindy*



Shipwreck Archaeology in Australia

Michael Nash
(Editor)
Hb \$49.95

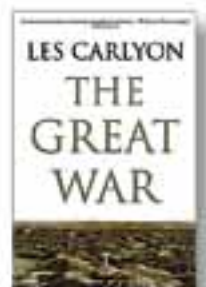
This delightful book provides a summary of the most significant maritime archaeology projects undertaken in Australia over the past 30 years, including maps and previously unpublished photographs documenting work on some of our most important shipwrecks.



The Great War

Les Carlyon
Tp \$39.95

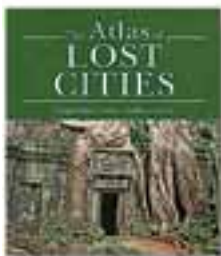
Written with the same narrative skill, humanity, vivid recreation and meticulous research that made *Gallipoli* (Tp \$35) a number one bestseller, this epic masterpiece will stand as the lasting and definitive history of Australia's involvement in WWI, taking the reader from the generals formulating strategy to the troops fighting cold, filth and the terror of sudden death in their trenches. This title has deservedly won a plethora of awards.



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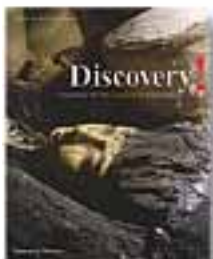
The Atlas of Lost Cities Legendary Cities Rediscovered



Brenda Rosen
Hb \$49.95

How do thriving centres of civilisation get lost to man and history? This well illustrated volume shows how cities have been affected by

natural disasters, geography, hostile neighbours or religions that have fallen out of favour. Here are cities of the seaside, hills and mountains, plains and deserts, jungles and forests, kings and priests. A fascinating and beautiful reference, drawing on the latest archaeological research. Due Dec

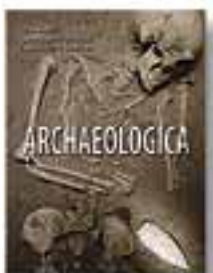


Discovery! Unearthing the New Treasures of Archaeology

**Brian Fagan
(Editor)**
Hb \$75

A host of wonderful discoveries have been made in the past 15 years and here are some of those amazing finds, from wrecks of American Civil War battleships to cities uncovered from the sands of time, treasures of ancient art, tombs, mummies, graves and enigmas of rite and religion. Excellent photography, accessible scholarship and fascinating insights into humanity's past. Due Dec

Archaeologica



Aedeen Cremin
Hb \$79.95

This is a lavishly illustrated and detailed overview of the history and techniques of archaeology. Using the latest findings from around the world, the strangeness and

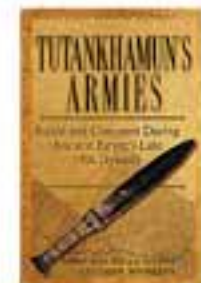
complexity of ancient lives are vividly brought to life. This coffee-table book is a perfect introduction for a secondary student or lay person wishing to delve further into this intriguing area of study.



Orgy Planner Wanted Odd Jobs and Curious Careers in the Ancient World

Vicki Leon Hb \$34.95

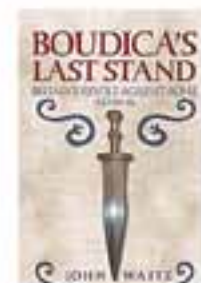
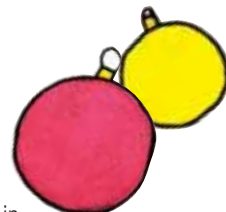
Funnily enough, lots of jobs have disappeared over time. There isn't much call these days for funeral clowns (can you imagine?) or armpit pluckers (ouch!) or a stercorearius (manure entrepreneur) and you can't be a silphium importer (it's extinct) or a nomenclator (as slaves are a bit hard to come by). Take a tour of the ancient Greek and Roman world via the careers and jobs that oiled the wheels of society. A vibrant, sassy and informative romp! (Note: the recent US edition was titled *Working IX to V*). *Lindy*



Tutankhamun's Armies

**John Coleman Darnell
& Colleen Manassa** Hb \$35.95

Based on ancient texts and diplomatic correspondence, this in-depth exploration of a pharaoh's army fills a gap in our understanding of ancient Egyptian military history. From the daily experiences of the common soldier to strategic decisions of the pharaoh and his top generals, this is a unique and fresh look at this period. Includes a detailed introduction to the historical and geographical background of ancient Egypt.



Boudica's Last Stand Britain's Revolt Against Rome AD60-61

John Waite Tp \$45

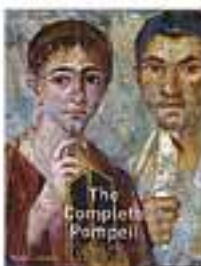
Nearly 2,000 years ago, the Queen of the Iceni took on the Roman army with her allies. The actual site is open to speculation and the outcome has fuelled legends and admiration for the uprising. Even in failure, the revolt was pivotal, whether it came about because of a desire for revenge or to overthrow tyranny. This immensely readable, well researched book is not a biography of Boudica, but a reassessment of the evidence of the revolt and a discussion of the most likely sites of the final battle. *Lindy*



Ancient Rome

Christopher Mackay Pb \$34.95

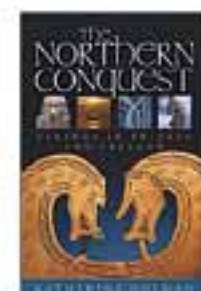
Outlining Rome's absorption of the Italian peninsula, Mackay explains how this conquest provided the Romans with the manpower to conquer the Mediterranean within 50 years. He details how the military responsibilities of empire undermined the political institutions of the Republic and how the Imperial adoption of Christianity as the state religion, as well as the military and economic pressures of the 3rd and 4th centuries, eventually led to the downfall of the western empire through invasion.



The Complete Pompeii

Joanne Berry Hb \$75

The buried city of Pompeii remains an endless source of fascination. This meticulously researched book describes both the city's afterlife as an archaeological site and the living city in all its growth and splendour, detailing inhabitants' daily lives, Roman society, Pompeii's economy, and religious and political history. Lavishly illustrated with fine, clear photographs. *Lindy*



The Northern Conquest Vikings in Britain and Ireland

Katherine Holman Tp \$39.95

The common conception of Vikings in Britain is of an orgy of slash and plunder, pillage and raid. This book challenges that idea of greedy brutality. Considering the whole of Britain, rather than specific places, it argues that the Viking presence in the British Isles and Ireland went on long after the Norman Conquest and that there was beneficial contact with Scandinavia for many years. Fresh, original and stimulating history.



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Diamonds, Gold and War The Making of South Africa

Martin Meredith Tp \$39.95

Until 1910, the country we now call South Africa was a place where great fortunes, great wars and great reputations were made and lost. Concentrating on the 40 years before Union, this book covers some extraordinary events – Rorke's Drift and the Zulu Wars, the Jameson Raid, the gold and diamond rushes at Kimberley and Witwatersrand, the Boer War and the fearsome struggle between arch-imperialist Cecil Rhodes and his rival Paul Kruger. A sweeping and compelling narrative. Due Dec

The Englishman, the Moor and the Holy City The True Adventures of an Elizabethan Traveller

Joan Taylor Hb \$49.95

Henry Timberlake was an Elizabethan sea captain and businessman. Naïve, inquisitive, hearty and vigorous, he set off in 1601 for Egypt on a perilous trading mission, only to find he couldn't sell his stock, so off he went on an amazing desert journey to Gaza and Jerusalem. Along the way, he meets a Moor going to Mecca who decides to accompany him and who saves his life twice. Timberlake chronicled their journey and friendship – a resonant story of compassion and endurance. A fabulous read about an extraordinary man! *Lindy*

The Inquisitors

John Edwards Pb \$24.95

Who made the Inquisition such a feared institution? From 1480 to 1834, thousands of Jews, Muslims and not-good-enough Christians were condemned to degradation, imprisonment and death. This book investigates the Inquisitors-General, both as characters – from psychopaths to soulless bureaucrats – and as actors in Spain's turbulent history. An absorbing study of psychology and personality.

The Story of Measurement

Andrew Robinson Hb \$59.95

Since the dawn of civilisation, mankind has had the desire to quantify – length, area, volume, angle, weight, value, language and time. This book explains the ideas behind units of measurement and the instruments and applications used. Part history, part cutting-edge science, it also explores everything measurable, from temperature to earthquakes, from the tiniest physical things to the unseen ones of the human mind. Plentifully illustrated and clearly explained.



The Interesting Bits The History You Might Have Missed

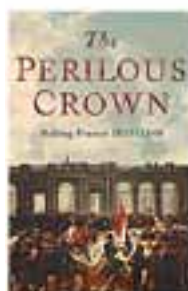
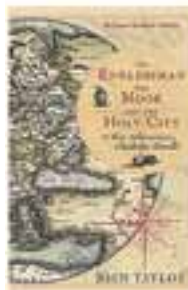
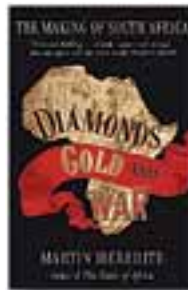
Justin Pollard Hb \$32.95

The main reason to read this book is for pleasure. Sure, you'll learn some peculiar and fascinating things, like which king rode over a cliff, and what Mrs Chubb got for her birthday in 1915, and which author's ashes were dumped at sea near Marseille, and which English king exploded, and what operation Louis XIV popularised, and even why Dick Whittington needed a magic cat. But read this mainly for the pure fun of discovering how the past is such a strange country, full of eccentric characters and intriguing, improbable, wonderful happenings! *Lindy*

The Perilous Crown

Munro Price Hb \$65

This book examines a period in French history that saw not one, but two, revolutions. The first, in 1830, put Louis-Philippe on the throne; the second, 18 years later, saw him exiled once more. Focusing mainly on Louis's sister, Madame Adelaide, Price uses unpublished letters and journals to reveal a remarkable woman of intelligence and tenacity who secured her brother the throne. An ambitious and exciting work on a tumultuous time in history.

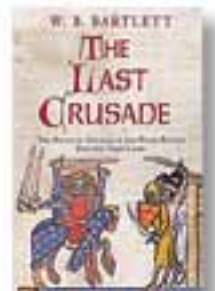


HISTORY

The Last Crusade The Sixth Crusade and the Final Battle for the Holy Land

W B Bartlett
Hb \$45

In 1248, the greatest crusading expedition set out from the West for the Holy Land. At its head was the pious, energetic and charismatic King Louis IX, one of the great figures of medieval history, who had assembled a mighty army to recover Jerusalem from the infidel. His leadership was not enough to head off the rivalries within such a large force. A riveting account from a prolific author on crusade history.



Lucia in the Age of Napoleon

Andrea di Robilant
Tp \$35

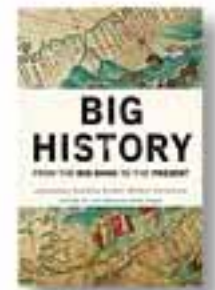
Lucia, daughter of a Venetian statesman, was married at 16 to the heir of the Mocenigo family. Her husband Alvise was too involved in politics to pay her much attention, although when it suited him she was useful for furthering his social ambitions. A vivacious, intelligent woman, she experienced the fall of the Serene Republic under Napoleon, thrived in Vienna close to the Hapsburgs, was lady-in-waiting in the Milanese court, lived in Paris as Napoleon's empire failed, and finally moved back to her beloved Venice where she became Byron's landlady. A sparkling portrait of an unusual woman. *Lindy*



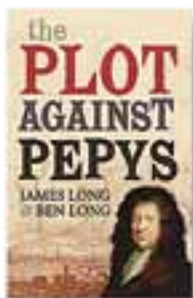
Big History From the Big Bang to the Big Present

Cynthia Stokes
Brown Hb \$49.95

Beginning with a universe no bigger than a single point the size of an atom and ending with a 21st-century planet inhabited by 6.1 billion people, this story takes in prehistoric geology, human evolution, the agrarian age, the Black Death, the voyages of Columbus, the industrial revolution and global warming. The author visits the Vikings, Mayas, Aztecs, Incas, Mongol empire and Islamic heartlands, along the way considering topics as varied as cell formation, population growth, global disparities and illiteracy. A stunning synthesis of historical and scientific knowledge that represents a distinctly new kind of history!



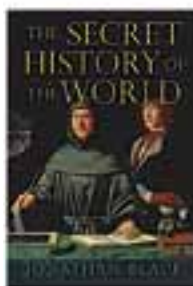
HISTORY



The Plot Against Pepys

James & Ben Long
Hb \$49.95

In 1679, Samuel Pepys, the Tory MP, was removed from Parliament and arrested. Falsely charged with treason, he faced execution. His accuser, John Scott – an amoral, unscrupulous conman – targeted Pepys as much for an imagined slight as for the fact that his patron, James, Duke of York and heir to his brother's throne, would not renounce his Catholic faith in a time of rabid anti-Catholic feeling. A fascinating account of this dangerous time and the unwitting involvement of Pepys in others' nefarious schemes. Thoroughly researched and written in an engrossing, lively style. *Lindy*



The Secret History of the World

Jonathan Black
Hb \$54.95

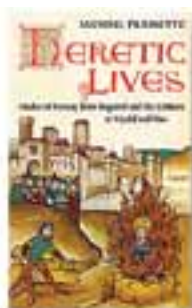
What have secret societies contributed to the world? The author believes they have given us an awareness of heightened or altered states of consciousness, and that these techniques have been used by an astounding roll-call of artists, scientists, politicians and philosophers over the centuries to create great works. A rather intriguing history, suggesting the world can be seen in quite a different light.



The Last Thousand Days of the British Empire

Peter Clarke
Hb \$69.95

Looking at the major participants and the politics involved, especially the role of the US during and after WWII, this weighty tome makes extensive use of letters, diaries and interviews to bring a truly personal view to a poignant time in history.



Heretic Lives Medieval Heresy from Bogomil and the Cathars to Wyclif and Hus

Michael Frassetto
Hb \$49.95

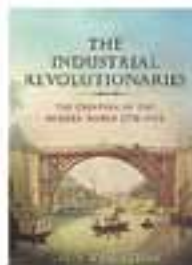
Medieval Europe seethed with dangerous, passionately-held and hopeful ideas that were deemed heretical by the Church. Frassetto brings alive these intellectual and personal turmoils by considering the lives and times of some of those accused of heresy. Consider Bogomil, a Balkan priest with 'Manichaean' tendencies, or Henry the monk who prepared Languedoc for Catharism, or Valdes renouncing his worldly wealth to form the Waldensian church, or gentle John Wyclif and his disciple Jan Hus heralding the Reformation. A vivid depiction of those complex times.



The Whisperers Private Life in Stalin's Russia

Orlando Figes
Hb \$65

Figes recreates the maze in which ordinary Russians lived during Stalin's regime, where something as innocuous as a badly-timed joke could destroy a family. Drawing on a huge range of letters, memoirs and conversations, he sheds a humanising light on informers, demonstrating how, in a repressive system, anyone can become a collaborator. A gripping and emotional history.



The Industrial Revolutionaries

Gavin Weightman
Hb \$49.95

Concentrating not just on the machines, but also on the men who made them, Weightman explores how inventions were utilised and helped shape the modern world, from the iron works in rural England to the weapons of WWI. We meet the giants – Stevenson, Watt, Edison – as well as some lesser-known characters who carried industrialism from one nation to another. The definitive account of this period of history.



Warrior King The Life of Henry V

Keith Dockray
Pb \$35

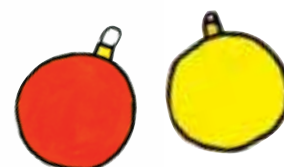
We are familiar with the wild, headstrong Henry who matures into the valorous warrior-king of Shakespeare's plays, but who was he really? His earliest biographer thought him a model Christian prince, obeying God's wishes. Writers after his death described him as pious, prudent and distinguished or as an energetic and shrewd military leader. A balanced and well researched account.

Katherine Swynford



Alison Weir
Hb \$59.95

This is one of the most remarkable love stories of medieval England. Swynford was the mistress, and later the wife, of John of Gaunt, Duke of Lancaster, and lived through the Hundred Years War, the Black Death and the Peasants' Revolt. Retrieved here from the footnotes of history, she is revealed as the mother of the Beauforts and, through them, the ancestress of the Yorkist Kings, the Tudors and the Stuarts, a legacy that shaped the history of Britain. Once again, Weir demonstrates a knack for combining detailed research with readability to produce one of the historical biographies of the year.



Rebel Journalism



George Burchett
& Nick Shimmin
(Editors)
Pb \$37.95

Wilfred Burchett was perhaps the greatest journalist and war correspondent that Australia ever produced, and certainly one of the most controversial. This anthology of his writing spans the breadth of his career, from WWII to Hiroshima, Eastern Europe, Korea, Russia, Laos, Cambodia, China, Vietnam, Angola and Rhodesia.



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From Venus to Antarctica The Life of Dumont d'Urville

John Dunmore Hb \$49.95

This is the first full-length English biography of d'Urville. Loved by his men, yet hated by his superiors, his passion for science was his chief motivation in exploring the Pacific. Travelling from Guam to Antarctica, from New Guinea to Chile, and using Hobart as one of his main bases, he is credited with making the single greatest contribution to perfecting the Pacific map. High adventure and drama involving a unique man.

The Fears of Henry IV

Ian Mortimer Hb \$65

An in-depth look at a king who has slipped through the cracks of history. Henry IV was held up as a saviour of the realm after removing King Richard II, but he soon found that, by making himself king, he allowed a torrent of criticism to follow. Threatened from both within the court and externally, he went from hero to murderer. Combining historical fact with fluid storytelling, this is a riveting biography of one of England's more forgotten kings.

Byzantium

Judith Herrin Hb \$49.95

There have been many books on the Byzantine Empire, notably the 3-volume study by John Julius Norwich, but Herrin takes a slightly different approach, presenting different themes in short, concise chapters – the great church of Hagia Sophia, the crusades, luxury silks, or simply an individual. Beautifully written and illustrated, this is fascinating history.

3 Para

Patrick Bishop Tp \$33

Afghanistan today is almost a forgotten battlefield, but there are some frightening engagements happening there. Britain's elite parachute regiment was deployed there in April 2006 to provide security for reconstruction efforts. However, in 50° heat, with insufficient supplies, they experienced nearly continuous combat for six months. A Victoria Cross and a George Cross were awarded posthumously. This bestselling author had unprecedented access to members of the regiment and the result is an extraordinary story of bravery, comradeship and endurance. Due Dec

Thames Sacred River

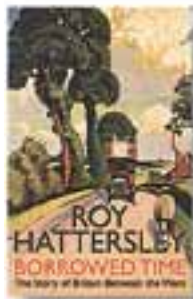
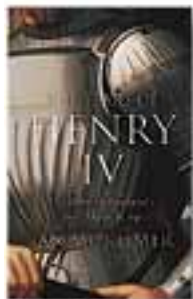
Peter Ackroyd Hb \$59.95

This book is worth its price for sheer presentation alone. From prehistoric times to the present, Ackroyd delves into the river's flora and fauna, geology, architecture and the numerous works of art to which it has played muse. Definitely one of the most attractive releases this Christmas!

Borrowed Time

Roy Hattersley Hb \$59.95

The time between the two world wars was a time of great uneasiness in Britain. A general strike, the worst economic depression in history, armed rebellion in Ireland and open revolt in India, the resignation of a Prime Minister and the abdication of a King – all this and more in 20 eventful years. The failures of politicians dominated the interwar years, but there were some minor triumphs, including sporting achievements and the establishment of the BBC. This illuminating social and political history is meticulously researched, yet a delight to read! Due Dec *Lindy*

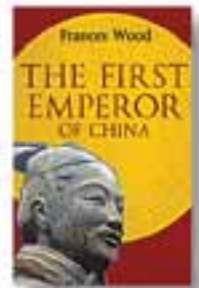


HISTORY

The First Emperor of China

Frances Woods
Hb \$49.95

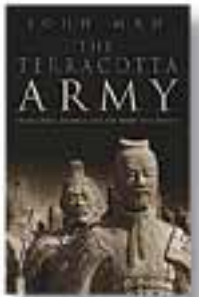
The First Emperor was an imposing man who unified (or destroyed) six states to form imperial China. A ruthless politician and bold military strategist, his name was not spoken and he was hidden from common view. We know him by his startling tomb containing the life-size Terracotta Warriors and by the Great Wall. Whether remembered as a law-giver or pitiless tyrant, the First Emperor was one of the most important men in Chinese history.



The Terracotta Army China's First Emperor and the Birth of a Nation

John Man
Tp \$35

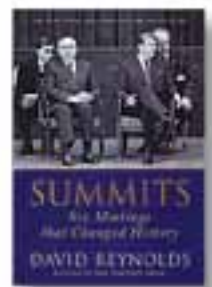
Discovered in 1974 by a local farmer, the Terracotta Army is one of the greatest archaeological finds of all time, and since most of the mausoleum remains unopened, there is much more to be revealed. This is the story behind the army and the man for whom it was created. As with his previous works – Kublai Khan and Genghis Khan (both \$27.95) – Man's informative and accessible style deeply immerses us in a distant time.



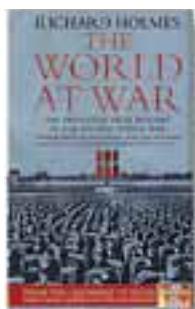
Summits

David Reynolds
Hb \$59.95

Reynolds looks at summits from Babylonian times to a meeting between Bush and Blair, focussing on six meetings and how they helped define the 20th century, including the meeting of Churchill, Roosevelt and Lenin at Yalta, the Camp David Agreement, Kennedy and Khrushchev, Nixon and Brezhnev. He examines the leaders involved, how each viewed his opponent, and how they knew when to play their hand. Written with insight and verve, this book lets us into the minds of the men whose decisions have affected us all.



HISTORY



World at War The Landmark Oral History from the Previously Unpublished Archives

Richard Holmes
Hb \$79.95

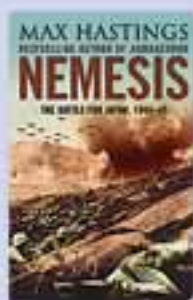
If, like me, you grew up haunted by the theme music of this landmark TV series and the timbre of Laurence Olivier's voice over the credits, you'll be very excited about this new release. Respected historian Richard Holmes weaves together all the material used, unavailable until now, to create a book as unique as the series from which it is drawn. Due Dec Greg

Churchill's Cigar



Stephen McGinty
Hb \$45

Churchill's cigar was such an important icon during the war that MI5 tested his supply on mice, rather than risk sabotage. With the help of archive material and interviews with Churchill's staff, we come to understand his passion for cigars and the comfort they offered him. McGinty also looks at Churchill's friendship with Cuban businessman Antonio Giraudies, who for 20 years stocked Churchill's humidor. A very different and unique Churchill book!



Nemesis The Battle for Japan 1944-45

Max Hastings
Tp \$40

The Allies fought the battle for Japan long after Europe was regained. This masterly history

shows how different a war it was, from the national strategic plans of Japan, US and Britain to the personal stories of the men involved. Covering the Battle of Leyte Gulf, the reconquest of Burma, the little-known war on Chinese soil, Iwo Jima, the atomic bombs dropped on Nagasaki and Hiroshima, the Soviet destruction in Manchuria and the final acts across Japanese-occupied Asia, this is a marvellous synthesis of in-depth research and gripping narration. Due Dec

The Greatest Battle



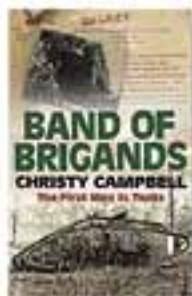
Andrew Nagorski
Hb \$49.95

The battle for Moscow involved 7 million troops. There were losses of 2.5 million, 80% Russian. Hitler hoped for swift victory, but the

Russians held him back, the first reverse of his campaign. But Stalin committed many errors, and the full story can only now be revealed after the opening of secret archives. An astounding, gripping historical narrative of the biggest battle of all time.

Band of Brigands The First Men in Tanks

Christy Campbell Hb \$50



The Heavy Branch, Machine Gun Corps was one of the many new forms of warfare in WWI. Packed in stifling, unwieldy armoured boxes, the men in tanks bulldozed a path through enemy lines so infantry could follow. The men of the British Tank Corps, as

it came to be known, were not professional soldiers, but rather motoring enthusiasts, mechanics, tradesmen and even circus performers. A dramatic and harrowing story! Due Dec



The Denazification of Germany

Perry Biddiscombe
Hb \$45

After the defeat of Germany came the immensely difficult task of restoring social order.

Compounding the chaos, the occupiers demanded the mass dismissal of Nazi Party members from government, so experienced and knowledgeable staff in services such as hospitals, schools, police and civic work were lost. This is the first history of that process, chronicling in thorough detail the clearance of a discredited political party from a nation haunted by its immediate past.



Lenin, Stalin and Hitler

Robert Gellately
Hb \$59.95

This ambitious work tells of the great social and political turmoil that engulfed Europe from 1914 to 1945, a period that saw world wars, the

Russian Revolution, the Holocaust and the rise and fall of the third Reich. Combining a compelling narrative with great insight, the author argues that these events were inextricably linked and explains how the ramifications of these struggles, particularly those involving Hitler and Stalin, are still being felt today.



Barbarism and Civilization A History of Europe in Our Time

Bernard Wasserstein
Hb \$89.95

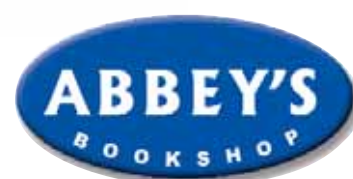
This massive tome chronologically covers the history of Europe from the eve of WWI – when Europe was the richest continent in terms of wealth and culture, and the world was still Eurocentric – to the collapse of communism and into the new millennium. This magisterial study shows how the 20th century contained some of the most brutal actions of humanity, as well as some of the most advanced improvements. Even-handed, exhaustively researched, but easily read. Compelling. *Lindy*



Their Darkest Hour People Tested to the Extreme in WWII

Laurence Rees
Tp \$35

For the last 20 years, Rees has met people who have been tested to the extreme. Taking 35 cases during WWII, he introduces us to people who have acted in extraordinary ways - some heroic, some cruel - under the most trying circumstances. These powerful testimonies reveal how humans behave in a time of crisis.



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Condoleezza Rice

Marcus Mabry
Pb \$29.95

Rice is the most powerful woman in the world, yet her rise to power is one of stark contrasts: a black woman surrounded by white Republicans who are many times wealthier

than her. In this authorised biography, Mabry had unfettered access to delve into a private life hitherto closely guarded. Her mentor, the father of Madeleine Albright, drove Rice on from her difficult childhood in militant, segregated Birmingham, where schoolmates were murdered in race riots. Having a love for 'bad boys', she forged a friendship with George W Bush and became an instant celebrity when she joined his campaign.

Antony and Cleopatra



Patricia Southern
Hb \$47.95

Antony and Cleopatra – the names alone are enough to evoke tragic, star-crossed lovers. Cleopatra wanted to reinstate the glories of Ptolemaic Egypt, while Antony was the legally

appointed ruler of the East. Of course, their relationship went well beyond politics. She bore him three children and, after their defeat by the forces of Rome, they committed suicide. An excellent joint biography and a very readable account of a tumultuous time.

Death and the Maidens Fanny Wollstonecraft and the Shelley Circle

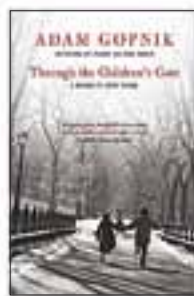


Janet Todd
Hb \$49.95

Fanny (Imlay) Wollstonecraft is the forgotten woman in the circle of females clustered around Percy Bysshe Shelley. The older half-sister of Mary Godwin Shelley (their mother was

Mary Wollstonecraft), step-sister of Claire Claremont, Fanny was also fascinated by Shelley as the embodiment of genius. Torn between duty to her step-father, the irascible William Godwin, and desire to be included in Shelley's circle, poor Fanny ended up suiciding (just before Harriet, Shelley's abandoned wife, also did so). This meticulous, finely written book untangles the skein of relationships and examines the effects of Shelley's fantastical notions on those around him, and how people could be destroyed by the conflicting pulls of idealism and societal expectations. *Lindy*

Through the Children's Gate

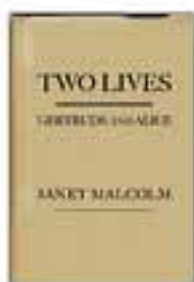


A Home in
New York

Adam Gopnik
Tp \$29.95

How do you uproot a child from the only culture they've known and transplant them into a soil as foreign as Manhattan? And how do

you cope when the towers come down? Gopnik and his wife return to New York after five years in Paris to give their son an American education and in the process learn another life themselves. Erudite, delightful, appealing and full of intelligent insights and anecdotes. *Lindy*

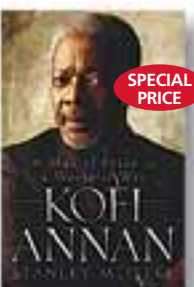


Two Lives Gertrude & Alice

Janet Malcolm
Hb \$32.95

A succinct and informative biography of two of literature's more eccentric characters. Stein was the more prominent

of the two, with Toklas happy to be her muse and more. However, this all changed when Stein wrote her autobiography, *The Autobiography of Alice B Toklas*. Malcolm shows the same depth of insight and understanding as for her previous subjects, Ted Hughes and Sylvia Plath.



Kofi Annan

Stanley Meisler
Hb \$37.95 \$26.95

This excellent biography traces Annan's unconventional rise from optimistic student to full-time manager of the world's crises, including a fascinating, behind-the-

scenes account of his 'non-campaign' for UN Secretary-General and an analysis of his 10 years in office, overseeing major events such as UN intervention in Kosovo and East Timor, and failed attempts to forestall the US invasion of Iraq.



Romulus, My Father

2-disc DVD \$34.95



Based on Raimond Gaita's critically acclaimed memoir (Pb \$24.95), this film tells the story of

Romulus, his beautiful wife Christina, and their struggle in the face of great adversity to bring up their son Raimond. A story of impossible love that celebrates the bond between father and son.

BIOGRAPHY

The Friendship Wordsworth and Coleridge

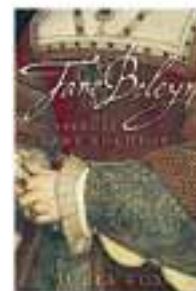
Adam Sisman
Pb \$25



The two giants of English Romanticism had an extraordinary relationship, one which is usually assumed to have been mutually beneficial to their work and lives. But this vivid joint biography argues that it may have been better if the two had never met, that Coleridge's failure as a poet resulted from Wordsworth's rejection, rather than his opium addiction, and that conversely his impossible ambitions for Wordsworth pushed the latter towards failure and disappointment. An illuminating examination of their friendship, ambitions, mutual influence, falling out and creative processes.

Jane Boleyn The Infamous Lady Rochford

Julia Fox
Hb \$55



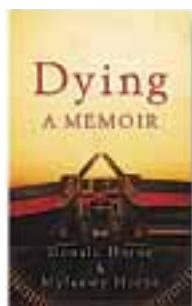
Jane Parker married George Boleyn and moved in the closest royal circles, even before her sister-in-law married Henry VIII. Throughout the centuries, Jane has been reviled for her treacherous actions against both Anne Boleyn and Katherine Howard (who was beheaded just before Jane was). This engaging book argues that Jane was a woman of her times who fended for herself in a politically unstable world and bore witness to extraordinary events. Draws on a wealth of primary sources to present an intriguing portrait.

The Letters of Noel Coward

Barry Day (Editor)
Hb \$65



There's something quite delicious about reading other people's private correspondence, and if the scribe is famous, and writing to other famous people, the pleasure is doubled! When the writer is Noel Coward – actor, composer, producer, war-time spy and general raconteur and bon vivant, and the letters are to and from people like Greene, Waugh, Garbo, Churchill, Shaw, Astaire, Dietrich, Roosevelt and the Queen Mum – then you won't be surprised at the crackling wit and vivacity of this correspondence! Due Dec

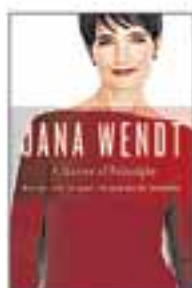


Dying

Donald & Myfanwy Horne
Hb \$35

This tells the story of Donald Horne's final eight months of life. Similar to Joan Didion's *The Year of Magical Thinking* (Pb

\$23), the big difference is that we hear the patient's voice as he explains what he's going through, then we hear Myfanwy recall how she dealt with her husband's illness. Both memoir and reflection, this deals compassionately with a subject that is uncomfortable for most of us.

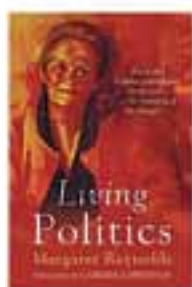


A Matter of Principle Meetings with the Great, the Good & the Formidable

Jana Wendt
Tp \$35

In this collection of interviews and

conversations, Wendt reveals the thoughts of a diverse range of people, including art critic Robert Hughes, Australian Federal Police Commissioner Mick Keelty, former US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage, former German foreign minister Joschka Fischer, writer David Malouf, actor Charlotte Rampling, architect Frank Gehry, artist Bill Henson and swimmer Shane Gould.



Living Politics

Margaret Reynolds
Tp \$34.95

Reynolds was Queensland's first female senator. Following her time as an apolitical student at university, she became a young mother and teacher in the UK,

where she witnessed great injustice in schools for handicapped children. Returning to Queensland, she climbed from local councillor to the federal Senate, where she served for 16 years, and is now President of the United Nations in Australia. An intimate portrait of a life lived in politics.



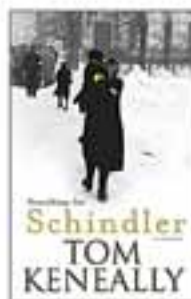
People Like Us

Wayleed Aly
Tp \$32.95

Born a Muslim in Australia, Aly can view the current debate from both sides. The book begins with the Danish cartoon fiasco, then moves on to

Women and Islam, the War of Jihad and local concerns such as the Cronulla riots. Aly believes that the problems experienced when confronting these issues comes from mutual ignorance and animosity. Yet it is our individual complexities, married with our different cultural backgrounds, that give us our uniqueness. This book will engage and possibly enrage. If you enjoyed *My Israel Question* or *Murder in Amsterdam* (both \$24.95), you'll find this equally thought-provoking. *Greg*

Searching for Schindler



Tom Keneally
Hb \$45

In 1982, Keneally won the Booker Prize for *Schindler's Ark* (\$16.95), which Steven Spielberg made into the Academy Award-winning film, *Schindler's List*. This is a memoir of Keneally's journey through Germany,

Austria, Poland, Israel and the US to interview survivors and discover the complete story of Oskar Schindler and those on his now-famous list.

The Times Great Lives A Century in Obituaries



Ian Brunskill
Tp \$35

Here are 100 obituaries of people who died in the 20th century, from Sigmund Freud to Princess Diana, together with a whole slew of scientists, sportspeople, writers, artists, politicians, military

men and musicians. Vastly entertaining and informative – not just potted biographies, but also fascinating for the opinions within! *Lindy*

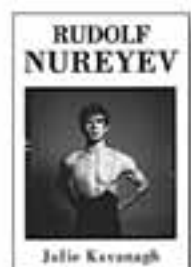
The Times Great Victorian Lives A Century in Obituaries



Ian Brunskill
Hb \$50

The Times has a reputation for providing obituaries with the most perceptive summations of lives and careers. Ordered chronologically and chosen according to their importance as perceived

in today's world, read about the achievements of eminent Victorians, from Isambard Kingdom Brunel to Charles Darwin, Disraeli to Gladstone, Florence Nightingale to Sarah Bernhardt. A fascinating insight into the Victorian world.



Rudolf Nureyev

Julie Kavanagh
Hb \$59.95

From his birth on a train in Siberia and his acceptance at Kirov's ballet school to his defection to the West, where he revolutionised the art form, this is the

definitive biography of an incredible man. Nine years in the writing, this mammoth book is epic in scope, with Kavanagh accessing private papers, diaries and home movies, and speaking with many friends and colleagues who have previously declined to be interviewed.



Gonzo

Jan Wenner & Corey Seymour
Tp \$35

Hunter S Thompson lived the fast life, on and over the edge of legality. A provocative stylist of words, he was a difficult friend to

have and keep, but someone with his own fascinating glamour. This portrait is compiled from interviews with family, friends and enemies, presenting a strange and juicy tale of a man who was never going to have an easy life! *Due Dec*



A Voyage Round John Mortimer

Valerie Grove
Hb \$55

Most people know Mortimer as the creator of the curmudgeonly Rumpole of the Bailey. A barrister and writer, Mortimer has

written his autobiography, but this promises to show the man as known by his friends and colleagues. It reveals his early attempts at writing, his professional life and his turbulent and passionate private life. A candid, extraordinary biography of a man who has experienced both the highs and lows of life. *Due Dec*



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Australian Classics

Janet Gleeson-White
Tp \$29.95

Don't you just love lists? This fascinating book celebrates classics of our national literature, including novels, poems, children's books and non-

fiction. Examples include Furphy's *Such is Life*, Turner's *Seven Little Australians*, Shaw Neilson's *Gentle Water Bird*, Pritchard's *Coonardoo*, Facey's *A Fortunate Life* and Slessor's *Five Bells*. Some of the books are like old and revered friends, some are surprising, but all are convincingly argued for. Famous contemporary writers, including Winton, Murray and Garner, also contribute pieces on their favourite books. Enjoy reading this, then try finding the originals! *Lindy*

Graham Greene

Richard Greene
(Editor)
Hb \$59.95

Greene was a prolific letter-writer and this annotated volume presents him via his correspondence with friends and family, giving

an entirely new perspective on a life that combined literary achievement, political action, espionage, travel and romantic entanglement. They describe his travels in Mexico, Africa, Malaya, Vietnam, Haiti, Cuba and other trouble spots, where he observed the struggles of victims and victors with a compassionate and truthful eye. Some letters reveal the agonies of his romantic life, especially his relations with wife Vivien and mistress Catherine Walston. Due Dec

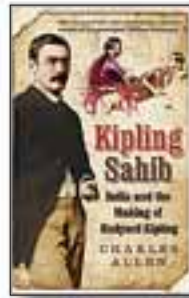


How to Talk About Books You Haven't Read

Pierre Bayard
Tp \$29.95

This overseas bestseller contends that you don't

have to have read a book to be cultured, but you do need to know the book's place in our culture. 'Non-reading' will help you understand and absorb books – those you've heard discussed, skimmed through, half-remembered or mostly forgotten. After reading this book, you'll never feel guilty about not reading those Great Books! Provocative, sparkling, mischievous...and a book you really do need to read! Due Dec

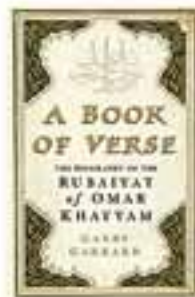


Kipling Sahib

Charles Allen
Hb \$59.95

Born in Bombay in 1865, Kipling was sent 'home' at the age of six for a British education. Desperately unhappy, he returned to Bombay 17 years later to

work on the *Civil and Military Gazette* for the next seven years. In that time, he became a popular, successful, sometimes controversial writer. This painstaking account, sympathetic to Kipling's faults, is an excellent reassessment of his influences and experiences. Due Dec



A Book of Verse

Garry Garrard
Hb \$59.95

This tells the engrossing and entertaining story of how a book of poetry has provided delight and fascination for centuries. It brings to life the evocative world of early Islamic Persia, and the

literary and artistic scene in England in the second half of the 19th century. From the sceptical and heretical author – and the complex and irritating, but endearing, translator – comes a work that still powerfully expresses the urge to seize the day and live in the here and now, not some lost past or unattainable future.

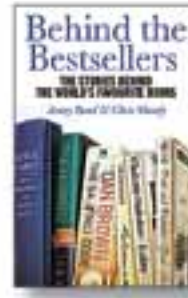


The Mitfords

Charlotte Mosley (Editor)
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Notorious and passionately opinionated, the Mitfords knew many of the key figures of

the 20th century. Whatever their personal differences, they always wrote to amuse each other. Of their 18,000 letters, about 600 are presented here (with disarming notes from the editor). You get a real sense of their characters and different obsessions, the psychology behind the beautiful faces – Nancy turning her life into bestsellers, Diana the divorced socialite and her fascist husband, Debo the pleasure-seeker becoming Duchess of Devonshire after her brother-in-law died at war, suicidal Unity worshipping Hitler, Pamela seeking the quiet life, or Jessica the runaway communist. *Lindy*



Behind the Bestsellers

Jenny Bond & Chris Sheedy
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A fascinating examination of 50 of the world's bestselling books, from *Jane Eyre* to *The Satanic*

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The Prince on the Art of Power

Niccolo Machiavelli
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Machiavelli believed that life is subject to change and winners will be those who are flexible enough to

adapt – one of many pertinent observations that have ensured *The Prince* (\$8.95) has never been out of print during its five centuries of existence. This sumptuous, fully-illustrated, satin-bound edition contains a new translation of his examination of moral goodness, legitimate authority and the timeless principles for pursuing power and fortune, using them to best effect to secure order and peace. A classic now given a beautiful treatment!

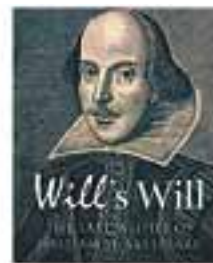


Machiavelli

Ross King
Hb \$30

Part of the *Eminent Lives* series, this distinguished biography treats its subject as a man, not a conniving monster. A successful courtier and

diplomat for the Republic of Florence, Niccolo Machiavelli was known for his bawdy plays and poems, but when the Medici gained power, he was summarily dismissed and exiled from Florence. A passionate scholar of antiquity, tireless traveller, keen-eyed observer of human nature and deep political thinker, Machiavelli is portrayed as a vibrant humanist who gave the world one of its most influential political tracts.



Will's Will

Simon Trussler
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In 1616, William Shakespeare signed his last will and testament, his only surviving signature. He died soon after and his

biographers have had a headache ever since! Using a complete reproduction of his will (with transcript), this reveals Shakespeare's England – country and town, family and lovers, money and inheritance, theatre and religion. A quirky, accessible exploration of Shakespeare and his time.



Why Not Catch-21?

Gary Dexter
Hb \$24.95

This wonderful little volume tells the stories behind the titles of 50 well-known books in Western culture. Plato would be horrified that his work is known as *The Republic*. Hamlet, Dr Faustus, the Duchess of

Malfi, Dorian Gray and Moby Dick were all real. Albee used a piece of graffiti for *Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?* and Fitzgerald agonised over many titles before choosing *The Great Gatsby*. And Catch-18, or 14, or 11 don't have quite the same ring, do they? A fascinating and delightful book! *Lindy*

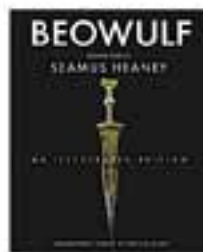


The Several Lives of Joseph Conrad

John Stape
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This welcome biography paints an intimate portrait of a writer who, writing in his third language, created novels and stories that have endured for over 100

years. Includes previously unpublished photographs of Conrad and his contemporaries.

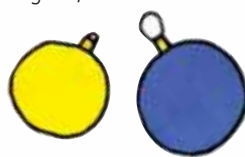


Beowulf

Seamus Heaney
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Composed at the end of the first millennium, *Beowulf* is the elegiac narrative of the Scandinavian hero who

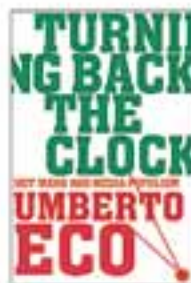
saves the Danes from the seemingly invincible monster Grendel, and later from Grendel's mother. Drawn to its immense emotional credibility, Heaney gives the great epic convincing reality, while his bestselling translation is brought to life by full-page illustrations – Viking warships, chain mail, lyres, spearheads, a reconstruction of a Great Hall – to make visible Beowulf's world and the themes of his story: death, divine power, horror, heroism, disgrace, devotion and fame. Due Dec



Other Colours: Essays and a Story Writings on Life, Art, Books and Cities

Orhan Pamuk
Hb \$45

The subtitle says it all in terms of subject matter, but Pamuk's new collection is a wonderful insight into his creative process. (Be aware that you'll want to re-read his entire oeuvre with fresh eyes, then discuss passionately with another who loves him). Encompassing autobiography, politics, culture and some adorably whimsical pieces, this book should be savoured at a leisurely pace. *Cara*



Turning Back the Clock

Umberto Eco
Hb \$55

A new collection of essays by Umberto Eco is always worth the wait. With his typical wit and unique

perspective, he tackles subjects from Iraq to creationism. Looking back over the last millennium, he laments the fact that mankind seems to have got stuck in reverse, calling for more progressive thinking to help jump-start this hopefully temporary stall.

The Book is Dead Long Live the Book

Sherman Young
Hb \$29.95

Books are at the heart of the grand human conversation, yet these fragile forms are vulnerable to death, decay and ignominy (much like ourselves). In today's competitive publishing

environment, countless books are never born, while anti-books – those marketing-driven confections – threaten to dilute book culture. This thought-provoking investigation proposes a disentangling of the ideas within books from the physical objects to immortalise them in a virtual 'heavenly library', envisaging more than just a paperless future, but a renaissance of the book, placing book culture over commerce. *Maryann*



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50/60/70 Iconic Australian Houses

Karen McCartney Hb \$69.95

During the 50s, 60s and 70s, a generation of Australian architects were influenced by Lloyd Wright, Gropius and van der Rohe. This gloriously illustrated book celebrates the beauty and diversity of domestic architecture using 15 outstanding examples by different architects, examining the relationship of building to site, social and historical context, and personal insights from owners and builders. A lovely source of dreams and inspiration for any fan of the modernist movements. *Lindy*



Arthur Boyd

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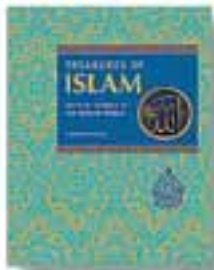
One of our best-loved artists, Boyd left a lasting legacy. Usually depicted as a creative genius from a grand family, this meticulous biography instead paints him as a social misfit haunted by eccentric relatives, a man who seemed gentle, yet could cause much harm, whose passions led to enormous personal angst and who was bedevilled by forceful personalities his whole life. A remarkably vivid portrait of a great man.



E O Hoppé's Australia

Graham Howe & Erika Esau Hb \$54.95

This collection of photography left me spellbound. Hoppé came to Australia in the 1930s and captured this continent in all its diversity like never before. He travelled to Sydney, Melbourne, Perth, Adelaide, Darwin and Canberra, chronicling the people and places as he saw them with a cool, observational eye. My favourite photo is of a car parked in the bush and draped over the bumper for passers-by to see are the latest Test match scores. This book is not to be missed. *Greg*



Treasures of Islam

Artistic Glories of the Muslim World

Bernard O'Kane Hb \$59.95

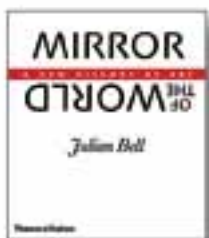
If you were fortunate enough to see the *Arts of Islam* exhibition, you'll want to have this book. (If you didn't see it, this is the next best thing!) Each chapter is devoted to a particular region, whether in the Middle East, Spain, India or China. The excellent text is very readable, but it's the clean, crisp photographs that say more about the astonishing wonders of Islamic art. A very beautiful book indeed. *Lindy*



The World of the Book

Des Cowley & Clare Williamson Hb \$59.95

Exquisite in design and presentation, this is a celebration of books from the Middle Ages to the present. With sections on book production and design, it looks at the many genres that books have embraced, including classics, and histories to graphic novels. Beautifully illustrated, this is highly recommended for the bibliophile in your family!



Mirror of the World

Julian Bell Hb \$75

If you're looking for an art book which is both a fabulous reference and a bright and entertaining read, this is it. Taking the theme that art history reflects world history, and that artistic changes relate to social, political, technological and religious changes, this chronological survey has a global perspective, so Western medievalism is juxtaposed with American, African, Indian, Chinese and Cambodian artworks, while recent indigenous Australian art is considered alongside contemporary Canadian and German works. A far-reaching conversation supported by beautifully crisp reproductions of the art. *Lindy*

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John Olsen Paintings and Drawings

Ken McGregor
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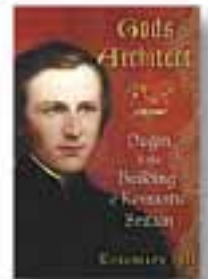
Created over four decades, here are several hundred of Olsen's paintings and drawings, accompanied by his comments. These glorious reproductions are certain to provide immense enjoyment and honour the artist in his 80th year.



God's Architect

Rosemary Hill
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The unique story of Augustus Welby Pugin, one of Britain's greatest architects, whose career was short, but dramatic. Learning a love for Gothic architecture from his father, Pugin became an artist and draughtsman. At the age of 19, he was employed to design furniture for Windsor Castle, but by 21 he had been shipwrecked, bankrupted and widowed, and he died 19 years later, insane and disillusioned. This biography draws on thousands of unpublished letters and drawings to recreate his life and work.



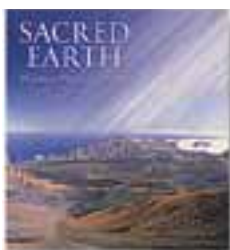
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Sacred Earth Places of Peace and Power

Martin Gray
Hb \$50

The author travelled
the world seeking out

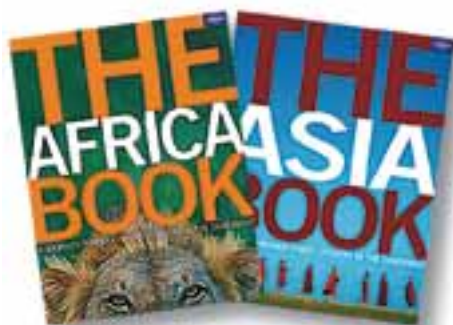
sacred sites of humanity and this is a record of his pilgrimage. Featuring over 130 places, with insightful commentary and striking photography, this is an excellent book for armchair travelling, perfect for contemplation and meditation on what makes a place so special. *Lindy*



Signspotting 2

Doug Lansky Pb \$19.95

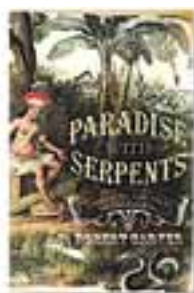
It brings joy to the traveller's heart when they find a bizarre sign, or one where the message is transformed by the vagaries of translation into something far funnier than intended. From the Lonely Planet stable, this collection of signs from around the world provides plenty of good-natured amusement...not that there's anything funny about "Ha Ha Cemetery". *Lindy*



The Africa Book The Asia Book

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Two fabulous and beautiful coffee-table books from Lonely Planet, profiling the countries of these two continents. Includes potted summaries, random facts, maps, essential experiences and suggested journeys for the intrepid traveller. Key regions are covered in depth and there are well-written essays on various aspects of the countries and cultures. But of course it's the colourful photographs – capturing the heart and soul of these exotic locations - that make these books such delightful additions to the bookshelf of any traveller (armchair or otherwise). Includes free Lonely Planet DVD, for a limited time. *Lindy*



Paradise with Serpents Travels in the Lost World of Old Paraguay

Robert Carver Pb \$25

Paraguay is the stuff of family legend to the author (his great-uncle disappeared there, although his battered gold watch eventually found its way back to England), so he sets off to explore it for himself. Paraguay is bilingual – the proudly mestizo inhabitants speak Spanish and Gurani, a legacy of a colony founded by Europeans in 1537, where there was a brief paradisiacal flowering of the Old World combined with the New. But there were serpents – mad dictators and demented rulers. A lovely read, full of penetrating insights, and leavened with humour.



Wildwood A Journey Through Trees

Roger Deakin Hb \$59.95

From the walnut tree by his Suffolk home, Deakin embarks upon a quest that takes him through Britain and Europe to Central Asia and Australia, meeting woodlanders of all kinds, in search of what lies behind man's profound and enduring connection with wood and trees. An autobiography, a traveller's tale and a work of natural history, this is a lyrical and intimate evocation of the spirit of trees: in nature, our souls, our culture and our lives.



Under the Spell of the Ages Australian Country Gardens

Trisha Dixon Pb \$49.95

In this lavishly illustrated book, experience 25 of Australia's most elegant and exquisite country gardens that are connected to famous writers, artists and photographers, including Patrick White, Banjo Paterson and Miles Franklin. Drawing on the National Library's collection of memoirs, diaries and letters, you get a sense of their importance and the relationship these influential figures had with their garden. *Christian*



Rhythms of the Kimberley

Russell Gueho Pb \$35

Travel through the stunning, dramatically changing and always surprising landscape of the Kimberley in this delightful book, featuring over 100 full-colour photographs. Gueho looks at both the monumental and the seemingly infinitesimal seasonal events, from the massive tides and cataclysmic cyclones to the flowering of plants and the impact of exotics on the environment. Includes fascinating information on local indigenous food calendars, the role of fire and seasonal indicators in the night sky.



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Richard l'Anson Hb \$79.95

The word 'stunning' is thrown around with careless abandon, but there is no more appropriate word to describe this glorious, limited edition book! For over 20 years, Richard l'Anson has photographed the landscapes and peoples of Nepal, particularly Kathmandu Valley, Chitwan, Annapurna, Mustang and Everest, and 400 of his beautiful images are gathered here. This is perfect for anyone who has visited Nepal or dreams of going there – and after looking through this book, that will be everyone! *Lindy*



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Whether you're dreaming or planning, this is the indispensable guide to the world next year! With contributions from authors, Lonely Planet staff and other travellers, it recommends the most interesting experiences you can have in a multitude of countries, including lots of great lists, hot tips and bits of trivia. This is the best book for the would-be or will-be traveller. The text is so interesting, you almost forget to enjoy the photos! *Lindy*

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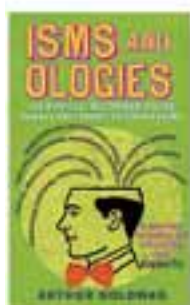
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Ad Infinitum

Nicholas Ostler
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Latin started as a dialect in a small southern city-state. It supplanted its neighbouring versions and expanded, through conquest and settlement, to cover swathes of Europe and north Africa. The Roman Empire declined and fell, but Latin survived. With the formidable combination of Greek theory and Roman practice, it became the foundation of Western civilisation. Christianity had its role to play too. Latin forms the basis of many European languages and survives in the legal codes of half the world, in medical and scientific terminologies, and in the Catholic liturgy up until 40 years ago. From the bestselling author of *Empires of the Word* (Pb \$40), this is an engaging and accessible study of why Latin survived and thrived, the one constant in our cultural history.



Isms and Ologies 453 Difficult Doctrines You've Always Pretended to Understand

Arthur Goldwag
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Some isms and ologies are easy to understand, but many in the tribe puzzle, bother or just plain don't make sense. This wonderful little book guides you through the torturous tangles of crackpot convictions, perplexing philosophies, tricky tenets and wacky Weltanschauungs in a clear and conversational tone. Enjoy some enlightenment with your enlightenment!



It's Not Rocket Science

Clive Whichelow &
Hugh Murray
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Every day we're assaulted by a range of annoying, trite and ubiquitous sayings. Here is a collection from the past few decades for your contemplation, whether you need reminding that your call is important to us, or you just need to get a life because you're gobsnacked by the high-octane caffeine-fuelled 24/7 pace. How good is that? What's not to like?

21st Century Latin From ASBO Teens to Being Green

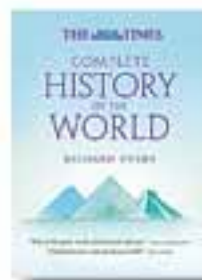
Sam Foster
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Perhaps it would be more bearable if your fellow commuter shouted into their mobile phone "Sum in longus quadrigarus." Much more refined than "I'm on the train." What about "Nuntiis meis non respondebat, ergo illam reliqui in LociMei." Or "She wasn't replying to my emails, so I dumped her on MySpace." Here are everyday phrases for contemporary life, rendered in Rome's finest! Due Dec



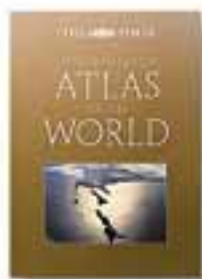
The Times Complete History of the World



Richard Overy
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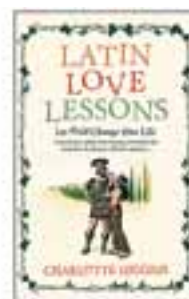
If you could only have one historical reference, this would have to be it! Now in its 7th edition, it is fully updated (and internet-linked) to include developments in Afghanistan, Iraq, Israel, the European Union, terrorism and environmental concerns. From our cave-dwelling ancestors to contemporary times, it covers the ages and stages of history, with 300,000 words of text edited by a leading modern historian, with sections by specialist contributors. Over 600 full-colour charts and maps make it a visual feast. Due Dec

The Times Comprehensive Atlas of the World



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The 12th edition of this prestigious atlas has been fully revised to reflect over 20,000 updates, including 3,500 place name changes, and the most recent geopolitical and geographical changes. The index contains 200,000 names (including former spellings). There are introductory essays from world experts on key issues such as global communications, energy resources, environmental threats and biodiversity. Includes satellite images, graphics and supporting photographs. And of course, the maps are as accurate as 50 dedicated cartographers can make them! *Lindy*

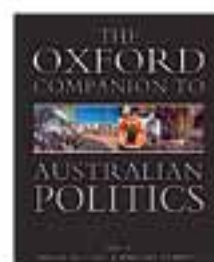


Latin Love Lessons

Charlotte Higgins
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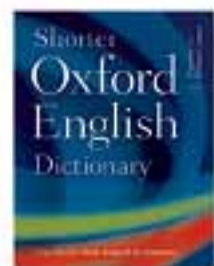
Latin translation always seemed to be centurions and battles and civic duties. But what about the interesting stuff? The fun parts! Forget conquests and spears. Rediscover all the best bits of Latin love poetry – from Ovid's tips on picking up girls and how to get away with cheating, to Catullus on how to deal with a broken heart, to Virgil's textbook case of how not to dump a girlfriend. Take tips from the original Latin Lovers and discover the words of true romance.

The Oxford Companion to Australian Politics



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Food

Paul Freedman
(Editor)
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Food is more than what we eat, it is a marker of society and civilisation. This fascinating, lavishly

illustrated book presents a comprehensive, chronological history of taste from prehistory to the present day. A banquet for the mind!



Tigger on the Couch

Laura James
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Just imagine if Tigger had been treated for ADHD, or Winnie-the-Pooh had overcome his addiction issues, or the Wizard of Oz

had therapy for his narcissistic tendencies. So many of our favourite childhood characters obviously suffered from various disorders, and this highly amusing book puts forward its diagnoses and suggested treatment plans. Just hope you didn't learn too much about life from these damaged characters!



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Ethan McClean
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The ultimate guide for anyone who wants to get

ahead, but isn't willing to put in the necessary hard work (98.4% of the population), this offers sly, sometimes surreal corner-cutting advice for the ambitious, lazy person. Due Dec



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Russ Radcliffe (Editor)
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Whatever Happened to Tanganyika? The Place Names that History Left Behind

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