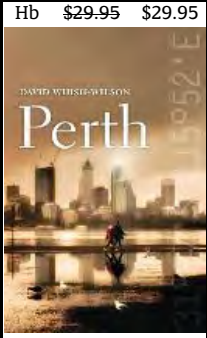



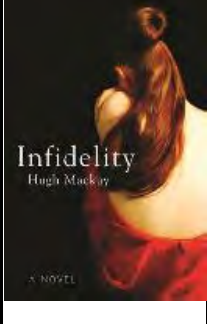


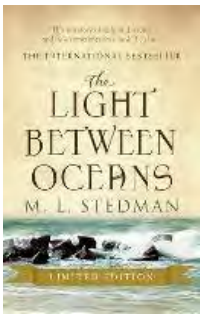

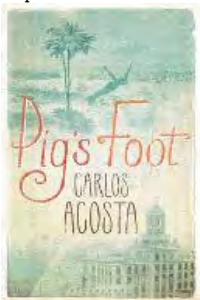


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Title	Author	Bind	Price	Description
ABBEY'S CHOICE				
Serving the Reich: The Struggle for the Soul of Physics Under Hitler	Philip Ball	Hb	\$49.95 \$42.95	This book tells the story of physics under Hitler. While some scientists tried to create an Aryan physics that excluded any 'Jewish ideas', many others made compromises and concessions as they continued to work under the Nazi regime. Among them were three world-renowned physicists. Max Planck, pioneer of quantum theory, regarded it as his moral duty to carry on under the regime. Peter Debye, a Dutch physicist, rose to run the Reich's most important research institute before leaving for the United States in 1940. Werner Heisenberg discovered the Uncertainty Principle and became the leading figure in Germany's race for the atomic bomb. After the war, most scientists in Germany maintained they had been apolitical or even resisted the regime. Debye claimed he had gone to America to escape Nazi interference in his research; Heisenberg and others argued they had deliberately delayed production of the atomic bomb.
Empires of the Dead: How One Man's Vision LED to the Creation of WWI's War Graves	David Crane	Hb	\$35.00 \$31.50	Shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson prize for non-fiction; the extraordinary and forgotten story behind the building of the First World War cemeteries, due to the efforts of one remarkable and visionary man, Fabian Ware. Before WWI, little provision was made for the burial of the war dead. Soldiers were often unceremoniously dumped in a mass grave; officers shipped home for burial. The great cemeteries of WWI came about as a result of the efforts of one inspired visionary. In 1914, Fabian Ware joined the Red Cross, working on the frontline in France. Horrified by the hasty burials, he recorded the identity and position of the graves. His work was officially recognised, with a Graves Registration Commission being set up. As reports of their work became public, the Commission was flooded with letters from grieving relatives around the world. Critically acclaimed author David Crane gives a profoundly moving account of the creation of the great citadels to the dead, which involved leading figures of the day, including Rudyard Kipling.
The Art of Australian Geographic Illustration	Alasdair McGregor	Hb	\$59.95 \$52.95	Twenty seven years of excellence in illustration is celebrated in this sumptuously illustrated book from Australian Geographic. The illustrator's art has been one of the cornerstones of Australian Geographic since Banjo the platypus graced the cover of the first issue in 1986. Photo-realistic illustrations of native fauna appeared on each cover for the first 83 issues. Inside the pages of Australian Geographic, illustration has been used to explain complex data, recreate scenes from our ancient past or simply to show us nature in all its detailed glory, and it continues to be a vital storytelling tool. This gorgeous book boasts 224 pages of beautiful images from many of Australia's finest natural history artists. Enjoy the chance to see many familiar scenes in a whole new light as they feature as artworks in their own right. The book is packed with depictions of Australian fauna and flora as rendered by the finest illustrators, and features words from award-winning writer and artist Alasdair McGregor.
Alphabetical: How Every Letter Tells a Story	Michael Rosen	Pb	\$35.00 \$31.50	Michael Rosen takes you on an unforgettable adventure through the history of the alphabet in twenty-six vivid chapters, fizzing with personal anecdotes and fascinating facts. Starting with the mysterious Phoenicians and how sounds first came to be written down, he races on to show how nonsense poems work, pins down the strange story of OK, traces our five lost letters and tackles the tyranny of spelling, among many many other things. His heroes of the alphabet range from Edward Lear to Phyllis Pearsall (the inventor of the A-Z), and from the two scribes of Beowulf to rappers. Each chapter takes on a different subject - whether it's codes, umlauts or the writing of dictionaries. Rosen's enthusiasm for letters positively leaps off the page, whether it's the story of his life told through the typewriters he's owned or a chapter on jokes written in a string of gags and word games. So if you ever wondered why Hawaiian only has a thirteen-letter alphabet, why X should mark the spot or became shorthand for Christmas or how exactly to write down the sound of a wild raspberry, read on...
The Rainborowes: Pirates, Puritans and a Family's Quest for the Promised Land	Adrian Tinniswood	Hb	\$55.00 \$45.00	This book bridges two generations and two worlds, weaving together the lives of the Rainborowe clan as they struggle to forge a better life for themselves and a better future for humankind in the New World. Starting with William Rainborowe, a prominent merchant mariner and shipmaster, and his equally formidable sons and daughters, between 1630 and 1660, we follow their astonishing story through the Civil War, the Putney debates and settling in America. This book explains America and mourns England's failed revolution. It spans oceans and ideologies and encompasses personal tragedies and triumphs, the death of kings and the birth of nations. Using rare printed material from the period and unpublished manuscripts from collections in Britain and America, it recreates day-to-day life on both sides of the Atlantic during one of the most tumultuous periods in Western history. In their efforts to build a paradise on earth, the Rainborowes and their friends encounter pirates and witches, prophets and princes, Moslem militants and Mohican Indians.






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Perth	David Whish Wilson	Hb \$29.95 \$29.95	 <p>David Whish-Wilson's Perth is a place of surprising beauty, of sand-swept peace and brilliant light, yet a place where the deeper historical currents are never too far beneath the surface. Like the Swan River that flows in two directions at once at certain times, with the fresh water flowing seawards above the salty water flowing in beneath it, Perth strikes perfect harmony with the city's contradictions and eccentricities. We look beyond shiny glass facades and boosterish talk of mining booms to the richness of the natural world and the trailblazers, the rebels, the occasional ghost and the ordinary people that bring Australia's remotest city to life.</p>
AUSTRALIAN FICTION			
Girl of Shadows	Deborah Challinor	Tp \$29.99	 <p>What had they done? What had she and Sarah and Friday done? 1830: Convict girls Friday Woolfe, Harriet Clarke and Sarah Morgan have been transported to Sydney from London. Sarah has been assigned to jeweller Adam Green, Harriet is a maid for the Barrett family, and Friday is working as a prostitute in a brothel. Each of them is struggling to forget the brutal crime they committed. But their fate is no longer theirs to control. Vicious underworld queen Bella Jackson holds the girls' futures in the palm of her hand, biding her time until she exacts payment for what she knows about their misdeeds. Harriet, racked with guilt, becomes convinced that their lost friend is haunting them, and while Friday succumbs to the bottle, Sarah has to fight for everything she holds dear. Once again, the girls must join forces to save one of their own. But which one? And in the background Bella Jackson waits and watches...</p>
Until the Little Bird Sings	Charles Granquist	Pb \$14.99	 <p>It's the year 2020, and in Sydney, John Dean is making plans – big plans. He's seen the writing on the wall. Temperatures of over 45 degrees are a regular occurrence and sea levels are rising; severe drought has meant harsh water restrictions, and the economy has slowed almost to a standstill. But John is not going to sit and suffer; he'll do whatever it takes to protect his family, and he's taking action. This is the story of how he moves his family away from a society on the brink of destruction to create a haven and make a fresh start. The Dean family and those who join them on their farm pull together to create a self-sufficient life as civilisation crumbles around them. They struggle to learn farming techniques and long-lost skills, but they survive. Then a threat comes from the north when refugees stream into northern Australia to escape heat, flooding and starvation. The Dean group must do the unimaginable: they must kill to defend the farm and their lives.</p>
Nine Days	Toni Jordan	Pb \$22.99	 <p>It is 1939. Deep in the working-class Melbourne suburb of Richmond Kip Westaway, failed scholar and stablehand, is about to live through the most important day in his young life as Australia hovers unknowingly on the brink of war. What happens that day is the catalyst for momentous events strung across eight more moments in time; love and deception, near-misses and misunderstandings, all centred around the terrible thing that happens to a young girl and the repercussions it will have on the lives of her family, even those not yet born. Toni Jordan's NINE DAYS is a beautiful, heartbreaking novel, a masterful piece of writing filled to bursting with warm, funny, spiky, lovable characters.</p>
Infidelity	Hugh MacKay	Tp \$29.99	 <p>Through a chance meeting at the Royal Academy, Tom Harper makes friends with Sarah Delacour. An esteemed scholar of children's rhymes, Sarah is beautiful, smart and charming. She is also the wife of a terminally ill millionaire, who keeps her close with the promise of a large inheritance. Tom falls deeply in love with the Sarah, and waits for her to reciprocate. But while Sarah is brilliant at playing the role of a woman in love, her ultimate commitment is to securing a life of wealth and comfort, and Tom finds he cannot compete with what she already has on offer. Compassionate, insightful and beautifully written, Infidelity is a story about how we lose ourselves when seeking a genuine connection from within the maelstrom of sexual passion.</p>

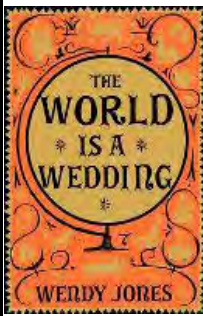


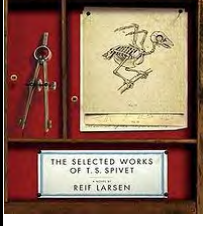

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The Light Between Oceans	M L Stedman	Hb \$27.95	 <p>They break the rules and follow their hearts. What happens next will break yours. 1926. Tom Sherbourne is a young lighthouse keeper on a remote island off Western Australia. The only inhabitants of Janus Rock, he and his wife Isabel live a quiet life, cocooned from the rest of the world. Then one April morning a boat washes ashore carrying a dead man and a crying infant - and the path of the couple's lives hits an unthinkable crossroads. Only years later do they discover the devastating consequences of the decision they made that day - as the baby's real story unfolds...</p>
One More Slip	Marion Von Adlerstein	Tp \$29.99	 <p>It is the sixties and times are changing. Hemlines are getting shorter, stockings are being discarded and women are doing it for themselves. At the advertising agency of Bofinger, Adams, Rawson & Keane, three women, Desi, Bea and Isabel, are making their way in a man's world. For them jingles and catchphrases are easy - having a life outside the office is so much harder. Adulterous affairs, pining for an overseas love and being used to exact revenge on a former fiancée all take their toll on these three fashionable women. But the changing social landscape means there are surprises in store and that love can be found in the most unexpected places.</p>
FICTION			
Pig's Foot	Carlos Acosta	Tp \$27.99	 <p>Oscar Mandinga, great-grandchild of the founders of a small hamlet of wooden shacks and red earth deep in the Cuban hinterland, is a sardonic teller of tales - some taller than others - of slavery, revolution, family secrets, love and identity, spanning four generations. One day Oscar Mandinga wakes to find himself utterly alone in the world. As the sole descendant of his family line he is not sure what to do or where he should go, but in the midst of this uncertainty, he holds fast to what his grandfather always told him: 'No man knows who he is until he knows his past, the history of his country.' As Oscar sets out to find his ancestral village of Pata de Puerco and the meaning of the magical pig's-foot amulet he has inherited, the search for his country's hidden history becomes entangled with his search for the truth about himself.</p>
The Aviator's Wife: A Novel	Melanie Benjamin	Pb \$24.95	 <p>For much of her life, Anne Morrow, the shy daughter of the U.S. ambassador to Mexico, has stood in the shadows of those around her. Then Anne, a college senior with hidden literary aspirations, travels to Mexico City to spend Christmas with her family. There she meets Colonel Charles Lindbergh, fresh off his celebrated 1927 solo flight across the Atlantic. Enthralled by Charles's assurance and fame, Anne is certain the aviator has scarcely noticed her. But she is wrong. Charles sees in Anne a kindred spirit, a fellow adventurer, and her world will be changed forever. The two marry in a headline-making wedding. Hounded by adoring crowds and hunted by an insatiable press, Charles shields himself and his new bride from prying eyes, leaving Anne to feel her life falling back into the shadows. In the years that follow, despite her own major achievements - she becomes the first licensed female glider pilot in the United States - Anne is viewed merely as the aviator's wife. The fairy-tale life she once longed for will push her to reconcile her need for love, independence, and to embrace life's infinite possibilities.</p>
Summer Lovin'	Liz Byrski	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Summer Lovin' brings you fourteen stories about love from some of Australia's best-known writers. From love found to love lost, from first times to second chances, in the city, on the land and through every chamber of the heart, these uniquely Australian stories are as moving as they are entertaining.</p>






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A Naked Singularity	Sergio De La Pava	Tp	\$32.99	 <p>Casi is a hotshot public defender working on the front line of America's War on Drugs. So far he's on the winning side. He's never lost a case. But nothing lasts forever and pride like his has a long way to fall. Funny, smart and always surprising, this novel speaks a language all of its own and reads like nothing else ever written. Casi's beautiful mind and planetary intelligence make him an inimitable and unforgettable narrator. The labyrinthine miseries of the New York justice system are as layered and diabolical as Dante's nine circles of Hell. But the Devil doesn't hog the best lines. There are plenty here to go around.</p>
The Circle	Dave Eggers	Tp	\$29.99	 <p>The Circle, run out of a sprawling California campus, links users' personal emails, social media, banking, and purchasing with their universal operating system, resulting in one online identity and a new age of civility and transparency. As Mae tours the open-plan office spaces, the towering glass dining facilities, the cozy dorms for those who spend nights at work, she is thrilled with the company's modernity and activity. There are parties that last through the night, there are famous musicians playing on the lawn, there are athletic activities and clubs and brunches, and even an aquarium of rare fish retrieved from the Marianas Trench by the CEO. Mae can't believe her luck, her great fortune to work for the most influential company in the world - even as life beyond the campus grows distant, even as a strange encounter with a colleague leaves her shaken, even as her role at the Circle becomes increasingly public. What begins as the captivating story of one woman's ambition and idealism soon becomes a heart-racing novel of suspense.</p>
The Sound of Things Falling	Juan Gabriel Vasquez	Pb	\$19.99	 <p>No sooner does he get to know Ricardo Laverde than disaffected young Colombian lawyer Antonio Yammara realises that his new friend has a secret, or rather several secrets. Antonio's fascination with the life of ex-pilot Ricardo Laverde begins by casual acquaintance in a seedy Bogota billiard hall and grows until the day Ricardo receives a cassette tape in an unmarked envelope. Asking Antonio to find him somewhere private to play it, they go to a library. The first time he glances up from his seat in the next booth, Antonio sees tears running down Laverde's cheeks; the next, the ex-pilot has gone. Shortly afterwards, Ricardo is shot dead on a street corner in Bogota by a guy on the back of a motorbike and Antonio is caught in the hail of bullets. Lucky to survive, and more out of love with life than ever, he starts asking questions until the questions become an obsession that leads him to Laverde's daughter. His troubled investigation leads all the way back to the early 1960s, marijuana smuggling and a time before the cocaine trade trapped a whole generation of Colombians in a living nightmare of fear and random death.</p>
The Hen Who Dreamed She Could Fly	Sun-Mi Hwang	Pb	\$16.99	 <p>This is the story of a hen named Sprout. No longer content to lay eggs on command, only to have them carted off to the market, she glimpses her future every morning through the barn doors, where the other animals roam free, and comes up with a plan to escape into the wild - and to hatch an egg of her own. An anthem for freedom, individuality and motherhood featuring a plucky, spirited heroine who rebels against the tradition-bound world of the barnyard, The Hen Who Dreamed She Could Fly is a novel of universal resonance that also opens a window on Korea, where it has captivated millions of readers. And with its array of animal characters - the hen, the duck, the rooster, the dog, the weasel - it calls to mind such classics in English as Animal Farm and Charlotte's Web. Featuring specially-commissioned illustrations, this first English-language edition of Sun-mi Hwang's fable for our times beautifully captures the journey of an unforgettable character in world literature.</p>
Saving Mozart	Raphael Jerusalmy	Pb	\$19.99	 <p>Time is running out for Otto Steiner, an elderly Jewish music critic who is languishing in a sanatorium in Salzburg on the eve of the Second World War. Music remains his only love, but the forces of darkness are closing in. Then Otto is asked to write the program notes for the approaching music festival. For a few evenings Salzburg will be the capital of the Reich and of music. He bears witness in his diary to the sinister sounds of Nazism, but also reveals his astonishing act of heroism. A hair's breadth away from changing the course of history, Otto Steiner makes music itself a powerful form of resistance. Saving Mozart is a literary gem and a fiercely subversive novel for our times.</p>

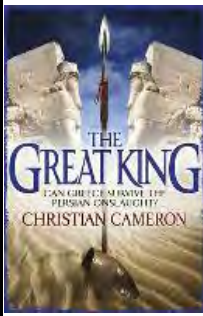
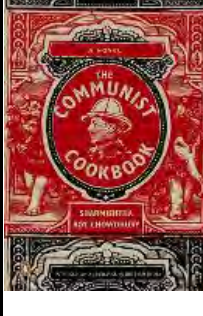
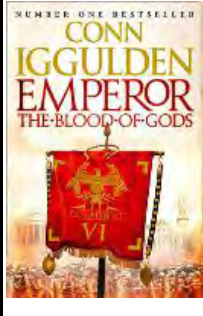
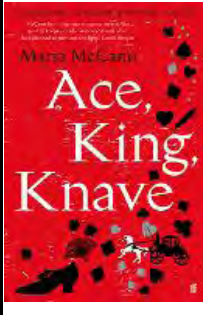
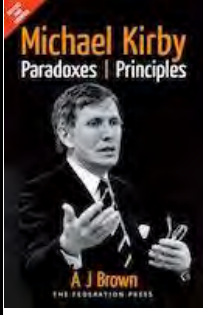
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The World is a Wedding	Wendy Jones	Hb \$24.99	 <p>It's 1926 and Wilfred Price, purveyor of superior funerals, is newly married to the beautiful Flora Myfanwy. His brief and painful marriage to Grace is in the past. He's busy with funerals - and preparing for fatherhood by reading a philosophy book and opening a paint and wallpaper business. As much as he loves Flora, he senses her distance from him - are marriage and fatherhood going to be very different from how Wilfred imagined? Grace has fled to from Narberth to London, where she is working as a chambermaid at the luxurious Ritz Hotel. But Grace has a secret, one that can't be hidden forever, and binds her to her old life in west Wales. Despite Wilfred's earnest effort to embrace the future, he is beginning to wonder if the past has too powerful a hold on him.</p>
A Man In Love: My Struggle #2	Karl Ove Knausgaard	Pb \$19.95	 <p>This is a book about leaving your wife and everything you know. It is about fresh starts, about love, about friendship. It is also about the earth-shattering experience of becoming a father, the mundane struggles of family life, ridiculously unsuccessful holidays, humiliating antenatal music classes, fights with quarrelsome neighbours, the emotional strains of childrens' birthday parties and pushing a pram around Stockholm when all you really want to do is write. This is a book about one man's life but, somehow, about everyone else's too.</p>
The Dinner	Herman Koch	Pb \$22.99	 <p>Paul Lohman and his brother Serge and their wives are going to dinner. Paul knows the evening will not be fun. The restaurant will be overpriced and pretentious, and almost everything the charismatic Serge does will infuriate him. But tonight's get-together will be worse than usual because there is something the two couples have to discuss. When the small talk is over, the conversation will turn to their teenage sons. And the terrible thing they have done. And how far the four of them will go to save their children from the consequences of their actions.</p>
The Selected Works of T S Spivet (Film Tie-In)	Reif Larson	Pb \$19.95	 <p>T.S. Spivet is a genius mapmaker who lives on a ranch in Montana. His father is a silent cowboy and his mother is a scientist who for the last twenty years has been looking for a mythical species of beetle. His brother has gone, his sister seems normal but might not be, and his dog - Verywell - is going mad. T.S. makes sense of it all by drawing beautiful, meticulous maps kept in innumerable colour-coded notebooks. He is brilliant, and the Smithsonian Institution agrees, though when they award him a major scientific prize they don't suspect for a moment that he is twelve years old. So begins T.S.'s life-changing adventure, travelling two thousand miles across America to reach the awards dinner, the secret-society membership and the TV interviews that beckon. But is this what he wants? Do maps and lists explain the world? And why are adults so strange?</p>
The Recipe Box	Sandra Lee	Pb \$27.99	 <p>Grace D'Angelo is a woman at her wits' end, trying to create a life from broken pieces. Recently divorced from her high school sweetheart, she is trying to make a new life for herself but her 14-year old daughter, Emma - resentful about being uprooted from her hometown and friends - is giving Grace a very hard time, skipping school and hanging with the wrong crowd. On top of all that, Grace's best friend Leeza is at the heartbreaking end stages of breast cancer back in their rural hometown of New London. When Leeza dies, Grace feels it is a bittersweet wake-up call that you don't get a second chance at life. Determined to get her life back on track and help her daughter do so as well, Grace and Emma return to New London for the summer, along with Grace's best friend, Ken. There, Grace works on reconciling with her own mother with whom she's been estranged over a secret that has haunted Grace her whole life. And when someone from Grace's past shows up at Leeza's funeral, Grace must confront a secret of her own.</p>



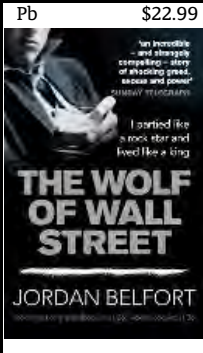
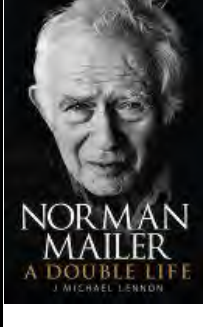
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Petit Mal	D B C Pierre	Pb \$27.99	 <p>If rape or arson, poison or the knife has wove no pleasing patterns in the stuff of this drab canvas we accept as life - It is because we are not bold enough! (Charles Baudelaire). If you are familiar with the explosive End Times Trilogy (Vernon God Little, Ludmila's Broken English, Lights Out in Wonderland) by DBC Pierre, you will be well-acclimatised to the heady heights traversed in this collection. Drawing on memoir and a life lived in pursuit of sensation, but always ignited by the flame of fiction, Petit Mallegories take us further into the imagination of one of the most radically original prose stylists of the past decade. Accompanied by dozens of illustrations and photographic 'evidence', the stories here inhabit worlds defined by appetite, excess and transcendence. Whether through food, drink, sex, drugs, or a fantastic cocktail of all four, the impulse in this book is towards epiphany. And the inevitable hangover that follows.</p>
The Thing About December	Donal Ryan	Tp \$32.95	 <p>He heard Daddy one time saying he was a grand quiet boy to Mother when he thought Johnsey couldn't hear them talking. Mother must have been giving out about him being a gom and Daddy was defending him. He heard the fondness in Daddy's voice. But you'd have fondness for an auld eejit of a crossbred pup that should have been drowned at birth.' While the Celtic Tiger rages, and greed becomes the norm, Johnsey Cunliffe desperately tries to hold on to the familiar, even as he loses those who all his life have protected him from a harsh world. Village bullies and scheming land-grabbers stand in his way, no matter where he turns. Set over the course of one year of Johnsey's life, The Thing About December breathes with his grief, bewilderment, humour and agonising self-doubt.</p>
Bellagrand	Paullina Simons	Tp \$29.99	 <p>From Paullina Simons who brought you the unforgettable The Bronze Horseman comes the much-anticipated sequel to Children of Liberty. They gave up everything to be together, but love was just the beginning ...Italian immigrant Gina, independent, compassionate and strong, desperately wants a family. Boston blue-blood Harry, idealistic and political, wants to create a better world. Bound together by tormented passion, they rail, rage, and break each other's hearts, only to come face to face with a stark final choice that will forever determine their destiny. Their journey takes them through four decades and two continents, through triumph and turmoil, from the wooden planks of the troubled immigrant town of Lawrence, Massachusetts, to the marble halls and secret doors of a mystical place called Bellagrand.</p>
The Secret Life of Walter Mitty (Film Tie-In)	James Thurber	Pb \$22.99	 <p>James Thurber is universally admired for his hilarious sense of humour, off-beat imagination, and unique take on the world around him. The Secret Life Of Walter Mitty, in which a young man's fantasies have a much more powerful hold on him than reality, is probably his best-known prose work but this selection also contains wonderfully entertaining essays, poetry and cartoons gathered from all of Thurber's collections. Poking fun at his own weaknesses and those of other people (and dogs) - the English teacher who looked only at figures of speech, the Airedale who refused to include him in the family, the botany lecturer who despaired of him totally - James Thurber is essential reading for everyone who loves to laugh.</p>
Black Roses	Jane Thynne	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Berlin, 1933. Warning bells ring across Europe as Hitler comes to power Clara Vine is young and ambitious, and determined to succeed as an actress. A chance meeting at a party in London leads her to Berlin, to the famous Ufa studios and, unwittingly, into an uneasy circle of Nazi wives, among them Magda Goebbels. Then Clara meets Leo Quinn who is undercover, working for British intelligence. Leo sees in Clara the perfect recruit to spy on her new acquaintances, using her acting skills to win their confidence. But when Magda Goebbels reveals to Clara a dramatic secret and entrusts her with an extraordinary mission, Clara feels threatened, compromised and desperately caught between duty and love.</p>
HISTORICAL FICTION			



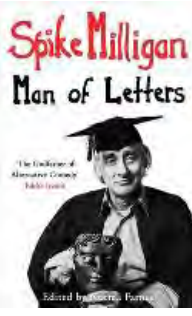

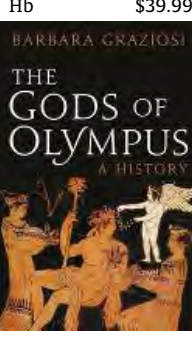
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The Great King: Killers of Men #4	Christian Cameron	Hb \$29.99		Close your eyes and you could be in fifth-century Egypt - with his trademark ability to step into the shoes of his fifth-century protagonists, once again Christian Cameron plunges us headlong into the thick of the action. This time, the indomitable Arimnestos of Plataea finds himself caught up in the ill-fated Spartan expedition to the land of the Sphinx, while on the horizon, forces gather for the colossal naval battle of Artemesium. Whether it's in the unforgiving furnace of the Egyptian desert or the blood-frothed seas off the coast of Greece, Christian Cameron brings these momentous events to thrilling life as we watch the epic story unfold.
The Communist Cookbook: A Novel	Sharmistha Roy Chowdhury	Pb \$19.99		As the Second World War draws to a close, George Clark finds himself beginning his regimental life with the British Army in the remote outpost of Bajapur. Battle-worn and boken-hearted, he is soon caught in a perilous tangle. Intelligence officer James Ruffington wants George to spy on local nationalist activists in order to please the paranoid and communist-obsessed Captain Dennis Porter. For this, George must not only betray his close friend Deborah Sunderland but also use Anna Benson, his new love, to infiltrate the local Congress networks. Set amidst the political unrest of 1940's India, The Communist Cookbook is an enthralling story of espionage and divided loyalties.
The Blood of Gods: Emperor #5	Conn Iggulden	Pb \$19.99		Julius Caesar has been assassinated. A nation is in mourning. Revenge will be bloody. Rome's great hero Julius Caesar has been brutally murdered by his most trusted allies. While these self-appointed Liberatores seek refuge in the senate, they have underestimated one man: Caesar's adopted son Octavian, a man whose name will echo through history as Augustus Caesar. Uniting with his great rival Mark Antony, Octavian will stop at nothing to seek retribution from the traitors and avenge his father's death. His greatest hatred is reserved for Brutus, Caesar's childhood friend and greatest ally, now leader of the conspirators. As the people take to the streets of Rome the Liberatores must face their fate. Some flee the city; others will not escape mob justice. Not a single one will die a natural death. And the reckoning will come for Brutus on the sweeping battlefield at Philippi.
Ace, King, Knave	Maria McCann	Tp \$29.99		Behind doors is another story. Behind doors you can do what you like. Sophia - rational, demure, and hiding a 'little weakness' - has recently married the charismatic Mr Zedland. But Zedland has secrets of his own and Sophia comes to suspect that her marriage is not what it seems. In cramped rooms in Covent Garden, Betsy-Ann shuffles a pack of cards. A gambler, dealer in second-hand goods, and living with a grave robber, her life could not be more different to Sophia's - but she too discovers that she has been lied to. As both women take steps to discover the truth, their lives come together through a dramatic series of events, taking the reader through the streets of 1760s London: a city wearing a genteel civility on its surface and rife with hypocrisy, oppression and violence lurking underneath.
AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHY				
Michael Kirby: Paradoxes and Principles	A J Brown	Tp \$39.95		This biography charts Michael Kirby's extraordinary public life from his first forays as a student politician in the early 1960s, to his appointments as foundation chairman of the Australian Law Reform Commission in 1975, President of the NSW Court of Appeal in 1984, and Justice of the High Court of Australia (1996-2009). Internationally, Kirby has been a leader in law reform and human rights with the OECD, UNESCO, UN Human Rights Commission and the WHO Global Program on AIDS. He is a former world president of the International Commission of Jurists, and in 1993-1996 was the first Australian to serve as a Special Representative of the UN Secretary-General for Human Rights. A J Brown reveals Kirby's difficult and often challenging personal path as judge, public intellectual and gay man. The slow coming together of his personal, professional and public lives culminates in sharp moments of truth - for Kirby, for powerful institutions, and for a society learning to cope with the challenges of change.

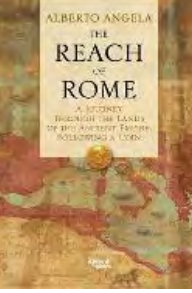

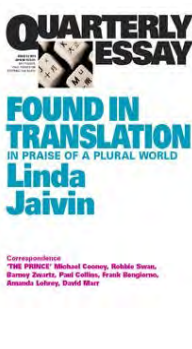

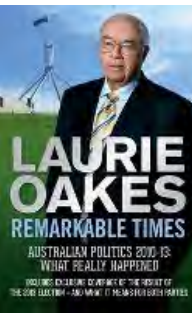
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Boganaire: The Rise and Fall of Nathan Tinkler	Paddy Manning	Tp \$29.99	 <p>Hunter Valley mine electrician Nathan Tinkler borrowed big in 2005, made a fortune from several speculative coal plays, and by 2011 was a self-made billionaire. He had gambled and won, but his volatility and reluctance to pay his debts were making him enemies. He lived the high life as only a young man would, buying luxury homes, private jets, sports cars and football teams, and splurging massively to build a horseracing empire. But Tinkler's dreams had extended beyond even his resources, and his business model worked only in a rising market. When coal prices slumped in 2012, Tinkler had no cash flow to service his massive borrowings and no allies to help him recover. Within months he was trying desperately to stave off his creditors, large and small, and fighting to save his businesses and his fortune. In this impressive new biography, leading business writer Paddy Manning tells the story of Tinkler's meteoric rise to wealth, and captures the drama of his equally rapid downfall.</p>
True North: The Story of Mary and Elizabeth Durack	Brenda Niall	Pb \$24.99	 <p>Growing up in suburban Perth in the 1920s, the two Durack girls were fascinated by tales of the pioneering past of their father and grandfather overlanding from Queensland in the 1880s and setting up four vast cattle stations in the remote north. A year spent together on the stations in their early twenties ignited in the sisters a lifelong love of the Kimberley, along with a growing unease about the situation of the Aboriginal people employed there. Through war, love affairs, children and eventual old age, the Duracks continued to write and paint - their closely intertwined creative lives always shaped by the enduring power of the Kimberley region. With unprecedented access to hundreds of private family letters, unpublished memoirs, diaries and family papers, Brenda Niall gets to the heart of a uniquely Australian story that spans the twentieth century.</p>
BIOGRAPHY			
The Wolf of Wall Street (Film Tie-In)	Jordan Belfort	Pb \$22.99	 <p>By day he made thousands of dollars a minute. By night he spent it as fast as he could, on drugs, sex, and international globe-trotting. From the binge that sunk a 170-foot motor yacht, crashed a Gulfstream jet, and ran up a \$700,000 hotel tab, to the wife and kids who waited for him for at home, and the fast-talking, hard-partying young stockbrokers who called him king and did his bidding, here, in his own inimitable words, is the story of the ill-fated genius they called... The Wolf of Wall Street. In the 1990s Jordan Belfort, former kingpin of the notorious investment firm Stratton Oakmont, became one of the most infamous names in American finance: a brilliant, conniving stock-chopper who led his merry mob on a wild ride out of the canyons of Wall Street and into a massive office on Long Island. Now, in this astounding and hilarious tell-all autobiography, Belfort narrates a story of greed, power and excess no one could invent.</p>
Marmee and Louisa: The Untold Story of Louisa May Alcott and Her Mother	Eve LaPlante	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Award-winning biographer Eve LaPlante mines the Alcotts' intimate diaries and other private papers, some recently discovered in a family attic and others thought to have been destroyed, to revive this remarkable daughter and mother. Abigail May Alcott - long dismissed as a quiet, self-effacing background figure - comes to life as a gifted writer and thinker. A politically active feminist firebrand, she fought for universal civil rights, an end to slavery, and women's suffrage. This gorgeously written story of two extraordinary women is guaranteed to transform our view and deepen our understanding of one of America's most beloved authors.</p>
Norman Mailer: A Double Life	J Michael Lennon	Hb \$45.00	 <p>Norman Mailer was one of the most famous writers of his generation. People who had never read a word that he wrote knew who he was because of his fame as a novelist or journalist, or his notoriety because of his womanising, his rivalries with other writers, his appearances on television, his political outspokenness and his prominence as a leading intellectual of his era. A provocative chronicler of the second half of the twentieth century, both as a journalist and a novelist works such as <i>The Naked and the Dead</i> and <i>The Executioner's Song</i> vividly define a moment in American history. J. Michael Lennon was authorised by Mailer to write his biography, and as such has had access to family and friends, and to unpublished documents and letters. <i>Norman Mailer: A Double Life</i> reflects Mailer's dual identities: journalist and activist, devoted family man and notorious philanderer, intellectual and fighter, writer and public figure, Jew and atheist.</p>

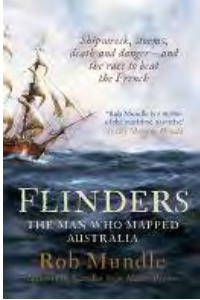
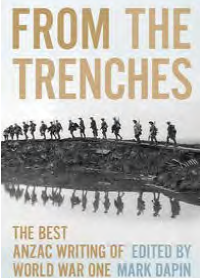
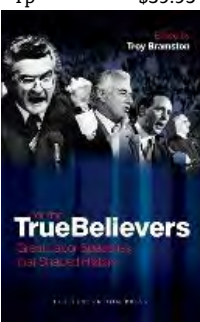
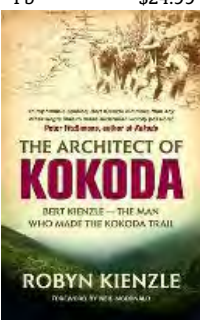
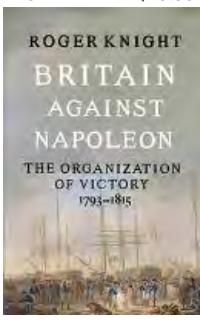
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Ammonites and Leaping Fish: A Life in Time	Penelope Lively	Hb \$35.00		A memoir that addresses aging, memory, time and a life in the 20th century, by one of our greatest writers, Penelope Lively. 'This is not quite a memoir. Rather, it is the view from old age. And a view of old age itself, this place at which we arrive with a certain surprise - ambushed, or so it can seem. One of the few advantages of age is that you can report on it with a certain authority; you are a native now, and know what goes on here.' In this charming but powerful memoir, Penelope Lively reports from beyond the horizon of old age. She describes what old age feels like for those who have arrived there and considers the implications of this new demographic. She looks at the context of a life and times, the history and archaeology that is actually being made as we live out our lives in real time, in her case World War II; post war penny-pinching Britain; the Suez crisis; the Cold War and up to the present day.
The Railway Man (Film Tie-In)	Eric Lomax	Pb \$19.95		During the Second World War Eric Lomax was forced to work on the notorious Burma Siam Railway and was tortured by the Japanese for making a crude radio. Left emotionally scarred and unable to form normal relationships, Lomax suffered for years until, with the help of his wife, Patti Lomax, and of the Medical Foundation for the Care of Victims of Torture, he came terms with what happened. Fifty years after the terrible events, he was able to meet one of his tormentors. The Railway Man is a story of innocence betrayed, and of survival and courage in the face of horror.
Spike Milligan: Man of Letters	Spike Milligan	Hb \$45.00		Spike Milligan: Man of Letters is a collection of the funniest, rudest and most revealing letters from one of the greatest comics of the twentieth century to some of its most famous personalities. Spike Milligan's letters reveal the private man behind public the mask. Unlike his scripts, poetry, fiction or even his unique war memoirs, sometimes cutting, frequently outrageous - a reflection of his complex personality. Spike Milligan: Man of Letters presents a rich selection of the funniest and most revealing of his missives - most of which have never been seen before. It includes correspondence with the most famous politicians, actors, celebrities and rock stars of his day, and takes the reader behind the scenes in his wrangles with producers, publishers, editors and his impervious manager-agent.
Bertie: A Life of Edward VII	Jane Ridley	Tp \$34.95		Edward VII, who gave his name to the Edwardian era but was always known as Bertie, was fifty-nine when he finally came to power and ushered out the Victorian age. The eldest son of Queen Victoria and Prince Albert, Bertie was bullied by both his parents. Denied any proper responsibilities, the heir to the throne spent his time eating (which earned him the nickname 'Tum Tum'), pursuing women (which Queen Victoria held to be the reason for Albert's early demise), gambling, going to house parties and race meetings, and shooting pheasants. His arranged marriage to the stunning Danish princess Alexandra gave him access to the European dynastic network; but his name was linked with many beauties, including Lillie Langtry and Winston Churchill's mother. This magnificent new biography provides new insight into the playboy prince while painting a vivid portrait of the age in all its excess and eccentricity.
HISTORY				
The Gods of Olympus: A History	Barbara Graziosi	Hb \$39.99		With their vast appetites, great beauty, and warlike tendencies, it's hard to resist their pull on the imagination - even though, in antiquity, the gods of Olympus were often seen as cruel, over-sexed, mad, or just plain silly. And yet they were survivors, whose story only began with classical civilisation. Masters of re-invention (though never too hard to identify), they began to resemble pharaohs in Egypt and lead respectable Roman citizens in orgiastic rituals of drink and sex. Under Christianity and Islam they went undercover as demons, allegories, and planets, waiting for a triumphant re-emergence in a Renaissance vision of ancient beauty. They travelled east along the silk route to the walls of cave-temples in China, and west, colonizing the Americas. They featured on Wedgwood teapots, attacked the poet Holderlin, haunted Nietzsche, and visited Borges in restless dreams. Barbara Graziosi deftly traces the travels and transformations of these pagan deities from the distant past to the present, showing that the gods of Olympus remain potent symbols that help us to feel ourselves part of a broad and fascinating humanity.






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<p>The Reach of Rome: A Journey Through the Lands of the Ancient Empire, Following a Coin</p>	<p>Alberto Angela</p>	<p>Hb \$45.00</p> 	<p>To see a map of the Roman Empire at the height of its expansion is to be struck by its size - from Scotland to Kuwait, from the Sahara to the North Sea. How were such diverse peoples united under one rule? This unconventional book explores this question through an ingenious lens: the path of a single coin as it changes hands and traverses the vast realms of the empire in the year 115. Following the coin, we touch every corner of that world and its people, from legionnaires and senators to prostitutes and slaves, discovering the vast Roman world and its remarkable modernity.</p>
<p>Dangerous Days in the Roman Empire: Terrors and Torments, Diseases and Deaths</p>	<p>Terry Deary</p>	<p>Hb \$22.99</p> 	<p>Infamy! Infamy! They've all got it in-for-me,' Julius Caesar cried as he fell under the thrusts of twenty daggers. Oh, all right, Caesar didn't cry that, Kenneth Williams did in the movie Carry on Cleo. But nor did he sigh 'Et tu, brute?' as Shakespeare would have us believe. The history we think we know is full of misconceptions, mischiefs, misunderstandings ...and monks who misused their spell-checkers. What the general reader needs is a history that explores our ancestors with humour and compassion. 'Humour' and 'history' are not two words you often see in the same sentence: our past was a dangerous and dirty place full of cruel rulers, foul food and terrible toilets. A short life, not a merry one, for most. Dangerous days in which to live and, inevitably, die. Die dreadfully too. 'Murder breathed her bloody steam.' That's what rhymester Byron said when he looked at the crumbling Coliseum. The Roman Emperors: they came, they saw, they left behind their bloody steam. This is their story - it could be the funniest history you'll ever read.</p>
<p>Quarterly Essay #52: Found in Translation - In Praise of a Plural World</p>	<p>Linda Jaivin</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>Whether we're aware of it or not, we spend much of our time in this globalised world in the act of translation. Language is a big part of it, of course, as anyone who has fumbled with a phrasebook in a foreign country will know, but behind language is something far more challenging to translate: culture. Linda Jaivin has been translating from Chinese for more than thirty years. While her specialty is subtitles, she has also translated song lyrics, poetry and fiction, and interpreted for ABC film crews, Chinese artists and even the English singer Billy Bragg as he gave his take on socialism to some Beijing rockers. In Found in Translation she reveals the work of the translator and considers whether different worldviews can be bridged. She pays special attention to China and the English-speaking West, Australia in particular, but also discusses French, Japanese and even the odd phrase of Maori. This is a free-ranging essay, personal and informed, about translation in its narrowest and broadest senses, and the prism - occasionally prison - of culture.</p>
<p>Bewitched and Bedevilled: Women Write the Gillard Years</p>	<p>Samantha Trenoweth</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95</p> 	<p>A selection of Australia's most influential, entertaining and controversial female voices examine the country's reaction to Julia Gillard and debate the successes and failures of her prime ministership. Bewitched and Bedevilled investigates Gillard's position at the receiving end of a barrage of sexism and misogyny; questions why she was so vehemently attacked; and discusses the role this played in her ultimate undoing. Bewitched and Bedevilled also uncovers the impacts (reinvigorating, divisive, disturbing) of the Gillard years on feminism, on the Australian community and on our image abroad. Packed with wit, ire and incisive comment, this is a compelling anthology for all those who were intrigued or outraged during Julia Gillard's tenure as Prime Minister. Contributors include: Tanya Plibersek, Jane Caro, Eva Cox, Clementine Ford, Kathy Lette, Chloe Hooper, Helen Razer, Shakira Hussein, Emily Maguire, Tracey Spicer, Ruth Hessey, Catharine Lumby, Helen Pringle, Carol Johnson, Claire Harvey and speeches from Anne Summers and Julia Gillard.</p>
<p>Remarkable Times: Australian Politics 2010-13 - What Really Happened</p>	<p>Laurie Oakes</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99</p> 	<p>From the very first days of the Gillard government to the carbon tax issue; and from the return of the ever-present Kevin Rudd to the machinations of the 2013 election campaign and its results, this book is both a record of, and a guide to, a unique time in Australian politics. See what makes Tony Abbott tick, read about life inside the Rudd bunker and understand the realities of Labor's crippling loss of competence, purpose and direction they are all detailed here. Laurie Oakes is respected across the political spectrum as the most trusted and independent commentator in the country. This collection of his columns, all written with his unbeatable combination of perspective and access, gives an unbiased and authoritative account of the turbulent times since June 2010, and looks at what the results of the 2013 federal election mean for the victor and the vanquished.</p>

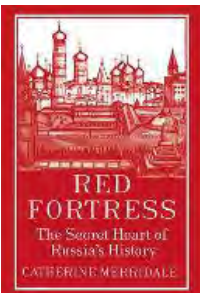

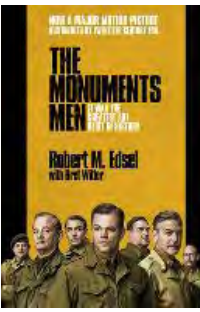
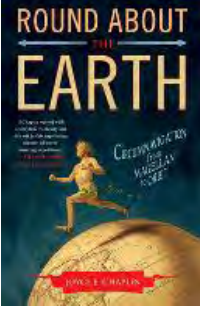
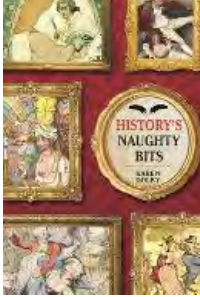
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Flinders: The Man Who Mapped Australia	Rob Mundle	Tp \$35.00	 <p>Matthew Flinders is a towering figure in Australian history - the first to chart our coastline and the leading champion for naming the country Australia. In 1801 he was made commander of the expedition of his life; the first close circumnavigation of Terra Australis. Famous for his meticulous charts and superb navigational skills, Flinders was a bloody good sailor. He battled treacherous conditions in a boat hardly seaworthy, faced the loss of a number of his crewmen and, following a shipwreck on a reef off the Queensland coast, navigated the ship's cutter over 1000 kilometres back to Sydney to get help. Rob Mundle brings Matthew Flinders fascinating story to life from the heroism and drama of shipwreck, imprisonment and long voyages in appalling conditions, to the heartbreak of being separated from his beloved wife for most of their married life. This is a gripping adventure biography, in the style of Bligh: Master Mariner.</p>
From the Trenches: The best ANZAC Writing of World War One	Mark Dapin (ed)	Hb \$39.99	 <p>In the Trenches is a collection of gripping, awe-inspiring and sometimes terrifying accounts of life at the front, recorded by those who lived through the fighting. Drawn from diaries, memoirs and letters, as well as poetry, reportage and prose, this writing reminds us that the Anzac legend is rooted in real and tragic circumstances on a heartbreakingly human scale. Belying the common perception of the laconic digger, these compelling voices convey the range of wartime experience, from the desolation and horror to the unbridled excitement and camaraderie. Through it all runs the bleak toll on young lives. Author and journalist Mark Dapin has selected writing from those on the frontlines as well as behind the scenes, from officers and soldiers to nurses, engineers and reporters, to create a volume that will be regarded as the definitive record of the personal experiences that forged the emerging national identities of Australia and New Zealand.</p>
For The True Believers: Great Labor Speeches that Shaped History	Troy Bramston (ed)	Tp \$39.95	 <p>This book brings together great Labor speeches that give voice to the party's enduring values and achievements, and place it and its principal figures at the centre of historic events. There are speeches that stir the imagination and inspire, or that appeal to humanity, speeches of sorrow and redemption, speeches that urge moderation and caution, that call for courage in the face of adversity, that seek to mute the trumpet sound of war, that attack the forces of conservatism, and which celebrate and mourn the party's fallen. Chris Watson articulates Labor's purpose as "a light upon a mountain" four decades before Ben Chifley's famed "light on the hill" speech; John Curtin tells a hushed parliament that "a great naval battle is proceeding"; Gough Whitlam declares "It's time" for a new Labor government; Bob Hawke urges South Africa's apartheid leaders to listen to "the spirit of men and women yearning to be free"; Paul Keating's belief in Labor as "the people who can dream the big dreams and do the big things"; while Kevin Rudd says "We are sorry" to the stolen generations of Aboriginal Australians.</p>
The Architect of Kokoda: Bert Kienzie - the Man Who Made the Kokoda Trail	Robyn Kienzie	Pb \$24.99	 <p>If one person 'made' the Kokoda Track - that man was Bert Kienzie. Part Samoan and German/English, born in Fiji and raised in Germany and Australia, he was managing a rubber plantation and gold mine in Papua New Guinea at the outbreak of World War II. He surveyed and established the Track, and spent more time on it than anyone else throughout the campaign - managing and organising the delivery of supplies and men along it. A unique story of a very special part of Australian history, told by his daughter-in-law with unique access to the central character, and access to all his records and photos. This is the untold story of a true Australian war hero.</p>
Britain Against Napoleon: The Organisation of Victory 1793-1815	Roger Knight	Hb \$49.99	 <p>For more than twenty years after 1793, the French army was supreme in continental Europe, and the British population lived in fear of French invasion. How was it that Britain survived and won a generation-long war against a regime which at its peak in 1807 commanded many times the resources and manpower? This book looks beyond the familiar exploits of the army and navy to the politicians and civil servants, and examines how they made it possible to continue the war at all. It shows the degree to which, as the demands of the war remorselessly grew, the whole British population had to play its part. The intelligence war was also central. Yet no participants were more important, Roger Knight argues, than the bankers and traders of the City of London, without whose financing the armies of Britain's allies could not have taken the field. The Duke of Wellington famously said that the battle which finally defeated Napoleon was 'the nearest run thing you ever saw in your life': this book shows how true that was for the Napoleonic War as a whole.</p>

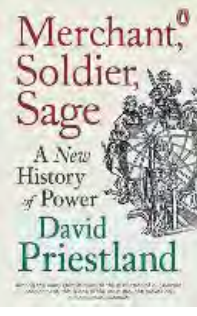
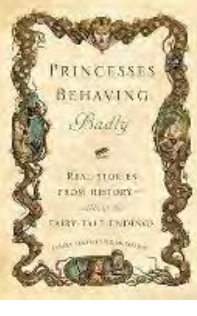



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Great Tales from British History: Was Queen Victoria Ever Amused? And 39 Other Intriguing Historical Questions Answered	Robert Gambles	Pb \$22.99	 <p>Did King Cnut really believe that he could turn back the tide? Was Robert Bruce inspired by the perseverance of a spider? Was Queen Victoria never amused? In the 2,000 years of recorded British history, numerous stories have emerged and been passed down through the generations. Some reinforce or add colour to a historically correct perception of a particular individual or event. Others may have been deliberately contrived or fabricated to conceal or distort the truth. Either way, these popular traditional tales are part of our historical heritage. They are ingrained in our understanding of our past and form part of our national identity. In this fascinating book, Robert Gambles traces the origins and tests the truth of forty of these enduring yarns of human strengths and weaknesses, of mystery, catastrophe and agonising dilemma.</p>
The Lost World of Bletchley Park: The Illustrated History of the Wartime Codebreaking Centre	Sinclair McKay	Hb \$39.99	 <p>The huge success of Sinclair's <i>The Secret Life of Bletchley Park</i> - a quarter of a million copies sold to date - has been symptomatic of a similarly dramatic increase in visitors to Bletchley Park itself, the Victorian mansion in Buckinghamshire now open as an engrossing museum of wartime codebreaking. Now, therefore, Aurum is publishing the first comprehensive illustrated history of this remarkable place, from its prewar heyday as a country estate under the Liberal MP Sir Herbert Leon, through its wartime requisition with the addition of the famous huts within the grounds, to become the place where modern computing was invented and the German Enigma code was cracked, its post-war dereliction and then rescue towards the end of the twentieth century as a museum whose visitor numbers have more than doubled in the last five years. Featuring over 200 photographs, some previously unseen, and text by Sinclair McKay, this will be an essential purchase for everyone interested in the place where codebreaking helped to win the war.</p>
Josephine: Desire, Ambition, Napoleon	Kate Williams	Hb \$52.95	 <p>Abandoned in Paris by her aristocratic husband, Josephine's future did not look promising. But while her friends and contemporaries were sent to the guillotine during the Terror that followed the Revolution, she survived prison and emerged as the doyenne of a wildly debauched party scene, surprising everybody when she encouraged the advances of a short, marginalised Corsican soldier, six years her junior. Josephine, the fabulous hostess and skilled diplomat, was the perfect consort to the ambitious but obnoxious Napoleon. With her by his side, he became the greatest man in Europe, the Supreme Emperor; and she amassed a jewellery box with more diamonds than Marie Antoinette's. But as his fame grew, Napoleon became increasingly obsessed with his need for an heir and irritated with Josephine's extravagant spending. The woman who had enchanted France became desperate and jealous. Until, a divorcee aged forty-seven, she was forced to watch from the sidelines as Napoleon and his young bride produced a child.</p>
Roads to Berlin: Detours and Riddles in the Lands and History of Germany	Cees Nootboom	Pb \$19.99	 <p>In <i>Roads to Berlin</i>, Nootboom's reportage, from a 1963 Khrushchev rally in East Berlin to the tearing down of the Palast der Republik, brilliantly captures the intensity of the capital and its 'associated layers of memory,' <i>The Economist</i> said. The book maps the changing landscape of post-World-War-II Germany, from the period before the fall of the Berlin Wall to the present. Written and updated over the course of several decades, an eyewitness account of the pivotal events of 1989 gives way to a perceptive appreciation of its difficult passage to reunification. Nootboom's writings on politics, people, architecture, and culture are as digressive as they are eloquent; his innate curiosity takes him through the landscapes of Heine and Goethe, steeped in Romanticism and mythology, and to Germany's baroque cities. With an outsider's objectivity he has crafted an intimate portrait of the country to its present day.</p>
The Hidden History of the JFK Assassination	Lamar Waldron	Tp \$32.95	 <p>Revealing information never published before, <i>The Hidden History of JFK's Assassination</i> pierces the enduring veil of secrecy to fully document the small, tightly held conspiracy that killed President John F. Kennedy. It explains why he was murdered and how it was done in a way that forced many records to remain secret for almost fifty years. The book draws on exclusive interviews with more than two dozen associates of John and Robert Kennedy, in addition to former FBI, Secret Service, military intelligence, and congressional personnel, who provided critical first-hand information. The book also uses government files - including the detailed FBI confession of notorious Mafia godfather Carlos Marcello - to simply and clearly reveal exactly who killed JFK. Marcello's confession is also backed up by a wealth of independent documentation.</p>

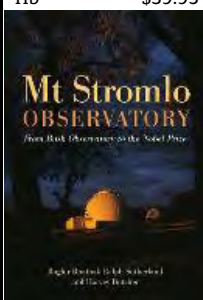

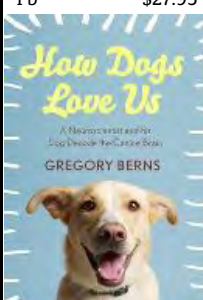
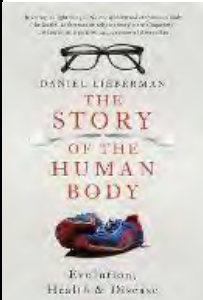
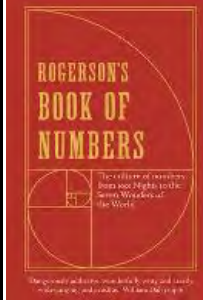
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Red Fortress: The Secret Heart of Russia's History	Catherine Merridale	Hb \$49.99		Both beautiful and profoundly menacing, the Kremlin has dominated Moscow for many centuries. Behind its great red walls and towers, many of the most startling events in Russia's history have been acted out. It is both a real place and an imaginative idea; a shorthand for a certain kind of secretive power, but also the heart of a specific Russian authenticity. This exceptional book revels in both the drama of the Kremlin and its sheer unexpectedness: an impregnable fortress which has repeatedly been devastated, a symbol of all that is Russian substantially created by Italians. The Kremlin is one of the very few buildings in the world which still keeps its original, late medieval function: as a palace, built to intimidate the ruler's subjects and to frighten foreign emissaries. This book brilliantly conveys this sense of the Kremlin as a stage set, nearly as potent under Vladimir Putin as it was under earlier, far more baleful inhabitants.
The Bombing War: Europe 1939-1945	Richard Overy	Hb \$55.00		The use of massive fleets of bombers to kill and terrorize civilians was an aspect of the Second World War which continues to challenge the idea that Allies specifically fought a 'moral' war. For Britain, bombing became perhaps its principal contribution to the fighting as, night after night, exceptionally brave men flew over occupied Europe destroying its cities. The Bombing War radically overhauls our understanding of the War. It is the first book to examine seriously not just the most well-known parts of the campaign, but the significance of bombing on many other fronts - the German use of bombers on the Eastern Front for example (as well as much newly discovered material on the more familiar 'Blitz' on Britain), or the Allied campaigns against Italian cities. The result is the author's masterpiece - a rich, gripping, picture of the Second World War and the terrible military, technological and ethical issues that relentlessly drove all its participants into an abyss.
The Monuments Men: Allied Heroes, Nazi Thieves and the Greatest Treasure Hunt in History	Robert Edsel	Pb \$19.95		Now a major film starring George Clooney, Matt Damon, Cate Blanchett, Bill Murray, John Goodman, Hugh Bonneville, Bob Balan, Jean Dujardin and Dimitri Leonidas. What if I told you that there was an epic story about World War II that has not been told, involving the most unlikely group of heroes? What if I told you there was a group of men on the front lines who didn't carry machine guns or drive tanks; a new kind of soldier, one charged with saving, not destroying. From caves to castles in a thrilling race against time, these men risked their lives daily to save hundreds of thousands of the world's greatest works of art. They were the Monuments Men, and This is their extraordinary true story.
Round About the Earth: Circumnavigation from Magellan to Orbit	Joyce Chaplin	Pb \$24.99		For almost 500 years, human beings have been finding ways to circle the Earth - by sail, steam or liquid fuel; by cycling, driving, flying or going into orbit. The story begins with the first centuries of circumnavigation when few survived the attempt. Starting with Ferdinand Magellan's dangerous voyage, Joyce Chaplin takes us on a trip of our own as we travel with Francis Drake, William Dampier, Louis-Antoine de Bougainville and James Cook. As sea travel grew safer and passengers came on board, circumnavigation became a fad, as captured in Jules Verne's classic novel Around the World in Eighty Days. Newspapers sponsored racing contests and people sought ways to distinguish themselves - by bicycling around the world, for instance, or by sailing solo. Finally humans took to the skies to circle the globe in airplanes. Not much later, Sputnik, Gagarin and Glenn pioneered a new kind of circumnavigation - in orbit.
History's Naughty Bits: Sex, Lust and Perversion from Ancient to Modern Times	Karen Dolby	Hb \$24.95		With each new generation we all tend to think of our predecessors as 'old-fashioned', 'conservative', 'prim', 'proper' - and downright dull. The sexual revolution happened in the 1960s, right? Wrong. History's Naughty Bits is full of incredible stories that would curl the hair of the most liberal-minded and sets the record straight with true stories of debauchery and titillation from Ancient history to the twentieth century. In it, you'll find a huge range of well-known figures, from the Borgias to various kings and queens, Popes and priests, Presidents and Prime Ministers, doctors, lawyers, saints and philosophers. Quite frankly, they were all 'at it' in one way or another, and have been since time immemorial. Fascinating, funny and mind-blowing in turn, this enlightening book will turn your preconceived view of history on its head... if that's your thing.

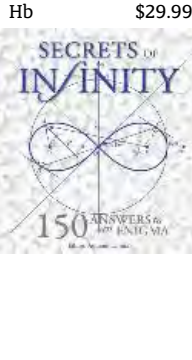
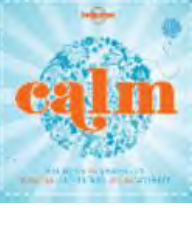
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Merchant, Soldier, Sage: A New History of Power	David Priestland	Pb \$22.99	 <p>This remarkable book proposes a radical new approach to how we see our world, and who runs it, in the vein of Francis Fukuyama's <i>The End of History</i>. Priestland argues for the predominance in any society of one of three broad value systems - that of the merchant (commercial and competitive), the soldier (aristocratic and militaristic), and the sage (bureaucratic or creative). These 'castes' struggle alongside the worker (egalitarian and artisanal) for power, and when they achieve supremacy, they can have such a strong hold over us that it is almost impossible to imagine life outside their grip. And yet there comes a point of drastic change, usually because one caste becomes too dominant. The result is economic crisis, war or revolution, and eventually a new caste takes over. Priestland argues we are now in the midst of a period with all the classic signs of imminent change. This book is both a masterful dissection of our current predicament and a brilliant piece of history.</p>
Princesses Behaving Badly: Real Stories from History without the Fairy-Tale Endings	Linda Rodriguez McRobbie	Hb \$27.95	 <p>You think you know her story. You've read the Brothers Grimm, you've watched the Disney cartoons, you cheered as these virtuous women lived happily ever after. But the lives of real princesses couldn't be more different. Sure, many were graceful and benevolent leaders - but just as many were ruthless in their quest for power, and all of them had skeletons rattling in their royal closets. Princess Stephanie von Hohenlohe was a Nazi spy. Empress Elizabeth of the Austro-Hungarian empire slept wearing a mask of raw veal. Princess Olga of Kiev murdered thousands of men, and Princess Rani Lakshmibai waged war on the battlefield, charging into combat with her toddler son strapped to her back. <i>Princesses Behaving Badly</i> offers minibiographies of all these princesses and dozens more. It's a fascinating read for history buffs, feminists, and anyone seeking a different kind of bedtime story.</p>
The Siege: Three Days of Terror Inside the Taj	Cathy Scott-Clark & Adrian Levy	Tp \$29.99	 <p>The Siege by Adrian Levy & Cathy Scott-Clark - a searing account of the 2005 terrorist attacks at Mumbai's famous Taj Hotel. On 26th November 2008 the Taj Mahal Palace hotel in Mumbai is besieged by Pakistani Islamists, armed with explosives and machine guns. For three days, guests and staff of the hotel are trapped as the terrorists run amok. On 29th November commandos launch Operation Black Tornado. The world holds its breath. The Siege is a helter-skelter thriller, threaded with powerful human stories. By turns tragic and heroic, the events are told through a cast of real characters, who were thrown together in the luxurious, century-old Taj: waiters, chefs, captains of industry, hedge funders, celebrities, tourists, policemen, special forces and terrorists. For the first time, this astonishing book takes us through the news footage and into the heart of the hotel. Each hostage has a choice: hide, run or fight. What would you do? This classic non-fiction account will grip readers of <i>No Easy Day</i> and <i>No Way Down</i> and will be enjoyed by fans of 'United 93' and 'The Towering Inferno'.</p>
The Story of Medicine: From Bloodletting to Biotechnology	Mary Dobson	Hb \$34.99	 <p>In <i>The Story of Medicine</i>, esteemed medical historian Mary Dobson charts the ways in which we have fought with disease and injury over several millennia - from the 'humours' of Hippocrates to Edward Jenner and the eradication of smallpox; and from Florence Nightingale's nursing reforms to Crick and Watson's DNA chain. Richly illustrated with paintings, illustrations and photographs, this volume is filled with the trauma as well as the triumph of medical science: including the pain of the surgeon's knife in the centuries before anaesthetics, the body-snatchers of the nineteenth century and the realities of battlefield surgery. Moving and revealing, here is a fascinating study of the glorious - and sometimes dangerous - pursuit of medical science.</p>
SCIENCE			
2014 Australasian Sky Guide	Nick Lomb	Pb \$16.95	 <p>Compact, easy to use and reliable, this popular guide contains everything you need to know about the southern night sky with monthly astronomy maps, viewing tips and highlights, and details of all the year's exciting celestial events. Wherever you are in Australia or New Zealand, easy calculations allow you to estimate local rise and set times for the Sun, Moon and planets. The 2014 Australasian Sky Guide also provides information on the solar system, updated with the latest findings from space probes. Published annually since 1991, the Sky Guide continues to be a favourite with photographers, event planners, sports organisers, teachers, students - and anyone who looks up at the stars and wants to know more.</p>

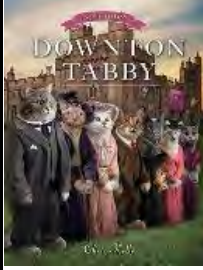
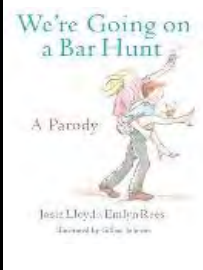

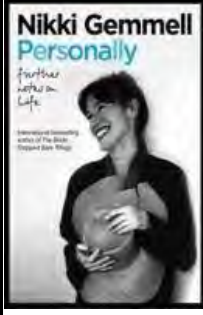
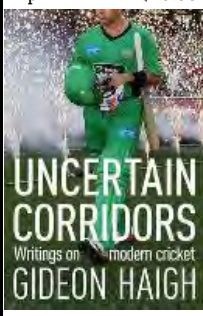
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Mt Stromlo Observatory: From Bush Observatory to the Nobel Prize	Ragbir Bhathal, et al	Hb \$39.95		This book tells the story of the Mt Stromlo Observatory in Canberra which began life as a government department, later becoming an optical munitions factory producing gun sights and telescopes during the Second World War, before changing its focus to astrophysics - the new astronomy. In the ensuing years programs were introduced to push the Observatory in new directions at the international frontiers of astronomy. The astronomers built new, better and larger telescopes to unravel the secrets of the universe. There were controversies, exciting new discoveries and new explanations of phenomena that had been discovered.
Nothing: From Absolute Zero to Cosmic Oblivion, Amazing Insights Into Nothingness	New Scientist	Pb \$19.99		Zero, zip, nada, zilch. It's all too easy to ignore the fascinating possibilities of emptiness and non-existence, and we may well wonder what there is to say about nothing. But scientists have known for centuries that nothing is the key to understanding absolutely everything, from why particles have mass to the expansion of the universe - so without nothing we'd be precisely nowhere. Absolute zero (the coldest cold that can exist) and the astonishing power of placebos, light bulbs, superconductors, vacuums, dark energy, 'bed rest' and the birth of time - all are different aspects of the concept of nothing. The closer we look, the bigger the subject gets. Why do some animals spend all day doing nothing? What happens in our brains when we try to think about nothing? With chapters by 20 science writers, including top names such as Ian Stewart, Marcus Chown, Nigel Henbest, Michael Brooks, Paul Davies and David Fisher, this fascinating and intriguing book revels in a subject that has tantalised the finest minds for centuries, and shows there's more to nothing than meets the eye.
How Dogs Love Us: A Neuroscientist and His Dog Decode the Canine Brain	Gregory Berns	Pb \$27.95		Emory University neuroscientist Gregory Berns had spent decades using imaging technology to study how the human brain works. That changed when he and his family adopted Callie, a shy, skinny terrier mix, who inspired Berns to tackle the question: 'What is my dog thinking?' Berns learned that military working dogs operate calmly in the most challenging environments, leading to a radical notion: Would it be possible to train dogs to hold completely still in an MRI scanner? If so, it might be possible to see how the canine brain actually works. Berns's colleagues dismissed the idea; everyone knew that dogs needed to be restrained or sedated for MRI scans. Berns refused to do either - instead, he painstakingly trained the dogs to sit still, even though it meant overcoming many administrative, technical, legal, and behavioural hurdles. The initial findings offer tantalising evidence on how dogs empathise with human emotions, how they love us, and why being the 'pack leader' with your dogs, as some experts suggest, is a mistake.
The Story of the Human Body: Evolution, Health and Disease	Daniel Lieberman	Tp \$29.99		Story of the Human Body explores how the way we use our bodies is all wrong. From an evolutionary perspective, if normal is defined as what most people have done for millions of years, then it's normal to walk and run 9-15 kilometers a day to hunt and gather fresh food which is high in fibre, low in sugar, and barely processed. It's also normal to spend much of your time nursing, napping, making stone tools, and gossiping with a small band of people. Our 21st-century lifestyles, argues Dan Lieberman, are out of synch with our stone-age bodies. Never have we been so healthy and long-lived - but never, too, have we been so prone to a slew of problems that were, until recently, rare or unknown, from asthma, to diabetes, to - scariest of all - overpopulation. Story of the Human Body asks how our bodies got to be the way they are, and considers how that evolutionary history - both ancient and recent - can help us evaluate how we use our bodies. How is the present-day state of the human body related to the past? And what is the human body's future?
Rogerson's Book of Numbers: The Culture of Numbers from 1001 Nights to the Seven Wonders of the World	Barnaby Rogerson	Hb \$19.99		Rogerson's Book of Numbers tells the stories behind our iconic numbers. It is based on a numerical array of virtues, spiritual attributes, gods, devils, sacred cities, powers, calendars, heroes, saints, icons and cultural symbols. It provides a dazzling mass of information for those intrigued by the many roles numbers play in folklore and popular culture, in music and poetry, and in the many religions, cultures and belief systems of our world. The stories unfold from millions to zero: from the number of the beast (666) to the seven deadly sins, the twelve signs of the zodiac to the four suits of a pack of cards. Along the way you will discover why Genghis Khan built a city of 108 towers, how Dante forged his Divine Comedy on the number eleven, and why thirteen is so unlucky in the west while fourteen is the number to avoid in China.

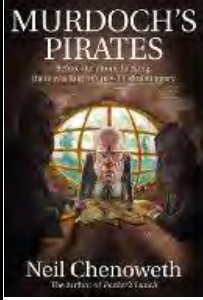


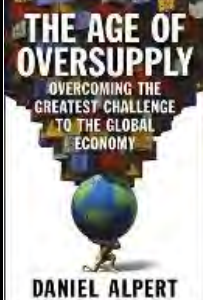
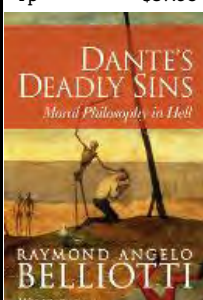
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Out of the Labyrinth: Setting Mathematics Free	Robert Kaplan & Ellen Kaplan	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Who hasn't feared the math Minotaur in its labyrinth of abstractions? Now, in Out of the Labyrinth, Robert and Ellen Kaplan - the founders of The Math Circle, the popular learning program begun at Harvard in 1994 - reveal the secrets behind their highly successful approach, leading readers out of the labyrinth and into the joyous embrace of mathematics. Written with the same wit and clarity that made Robert Kaplan's The Nothing That Is an international bestseller, Out of the Labyrinth offers an engaging and practical guide for parents and educators, and a delight for anyone interested in sharing the pleasures of mathematics. The Kaplans argue that math should be taught as the highest form of intellectual play, an endeavor to be explored and enjoyed by children (or adults) of any age. Enhanced throughout with puzzles, practical equations, and colorful anecdotes from their own classrooms, Out of the Labyrinth will allow students, parents, teachers, and others to wrestle with the accessible mysteries of math - and discover their inner math genius.</p>
Secrets of Infinity: 150 Answers to an Enigma	Antonio Lamua	Hb \$29.99	 <p>Secrets of Infinity examines infinity as it has been studied since antiquity, beginning with the classical figures from Greece and Rome. In an entertaining and practical way, readers will discover that infinity is not limited to the mathematical concept as represented by the symbol nor its metaphysical concept as the indefinable concept of eternity, but in fact, it resides in a variety of disciplines, a multitude of contexts and has a far-reaching influence on human existence. Secrets of Infinity organizes the 150 articles into six subject areas. Engaging and free of jargon, Secrets of Infinity helps to demystify the elusive infinity and bring it closer to modern concepts and understanding. Thinking readers and students will find enjoyment and insight on its pages.</p>
TODAY'S WORLD			
Toxin Toxout: Getting Harmful Chemicals Out of Our Bodies and Our World	Bruce Lourie & Rick Smith	Pb \$29.95	 <p>Two of the world's leading environmental activists give practical and often surprising advice for removing toxic chemicals from our bodies and homes. There are over 80,000 synthetic chemicals in commerce today, including hormone-disrupting phthalates and parabens, cancer-causing pesticides, heavy metals and air pollutants. Rick Smith and Bruce Lourie use their outrageous experiments (on themselves and their brave volunteers) to prove how easily our bodies absorb these chemicals from the foods we eat, the air we breathe, and the products we smear on our skin - day after day. Then they give us the good news about what is in our control and the steps we can take for reducing our toxic burden. They investigate the truth behind organic foods, which detox methods actually work, if indoor air quality is improving, and how we dispose of waste (where do those chemicals go?). The result is nothing short of a must-read prescription for a healthier life.</p>
Don't Quit Sugar: Why Sugars are Important for Your Health	Cassie Platt	Tp \$29.99	 <p>Eating habits should never be about what we CAN'T HAVE - that only leads to trouble. Food choices should be based on biological and metabolic needs. What we eat has to fuel our cells, facilitate growth and repair and, most importantly, enable our bodies to function at their very best. Sugar is our body's preferred source of energy and is absolutely critical to proper metabolic function. Eliminating it from your diet WILL do you harm. In Don't Quit Sugar, Sydney-based nutritionist Cassie Platt (M.Hum.Nutr) debunks all those myths that might have scared you into removing sugar from your diet, illustrates why it is so important for your health, and teaches you exactly how to use sugar to keep your body performing at its peak. Using science to explain your body's needs, Don't Quit Sugar is easy-to-understand information vital to being the best you can be. Includes fully illustrated recipes that show you how to stay healthy without eliminating all things sweet.</p>
Calm: Secrets to Serenity from the Cultures Of the World	Lonely Planet	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Learn to laugh down your fears at Halloween. Send your worries to Guatemalan worry dolls for them to look after for you. Step outside yourself at a Venetian masquerade ball. Focus on a single target like a Bhutanese archer. Access theta brain waves with Malian drumming. Become one with your natural environment like an Inuit kayaker. All around the world people find ways to contend with the stresses of daily life. Here are 50 of these calming cultural secrets, as well as methods for applying them at home. Bring a little slice of serenity to your busy life!</p>

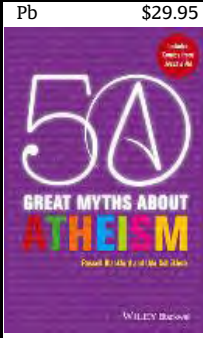
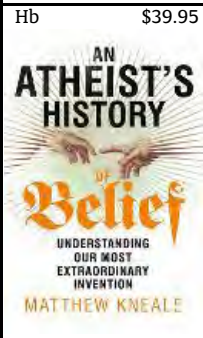
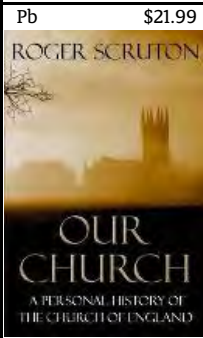
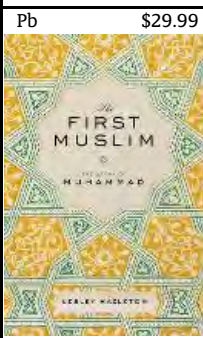
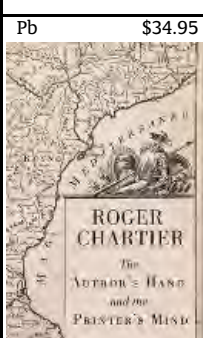
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Downton Tabby	Chris Kelly	Pb \$12.99	 <p>Welcome to Downton Tabby Here, the aristocrats of the animal kingdom dwell in stately splendor, sleeping, grooming, sleeping some more, and being fed by their downstairs cats, unaware that their way of life - providing work for others - is about to be swept away by the tides of history... and runaway cars. The fur will fly. This humorous parody provides essential information for preserving their Golden Age, including How to Keep a Secret at Downton Tabby, How to Argue with Lord Grimalkin About His Most Deeply Held Beliefs, and some Uninvited but Necessary Words from the Dowager.</p>
We're Going On A Bar Hunt: A Parody	Josie Lloyd & Emlyn Rees	Hb \$19.99	 <p>Bestselling authors Emlyn Rees and Josie Lloyd also happen to be parents, so they understand the complications of organising a rare night out. In this parody of the famous children's book, two parents set off for a night on the tiles, and encounter a series of watering holes and bars before an alarming encounter with a bear sends them running home to their children. Gillian Johnson is the author and illustrator of the successful Monster Hospital and Thora series for children. Her illustrations bring this story to life, gently parodying the original but adding an anarchic edge as the evening progresses. We're not going on a bar hunt again!</p>
iKevin: The PM Connects	Jonathan Biggins	Pb \$14.95	 <p>The emails, the tweets, the apps, the text messages that flowed in and out of the seat of power. The rise, the fall, the stealth campaign, the revenge and the triumphant return of a man who - win or lose the 2013 election - has staged the greatest comeback since Daryl Somers. And we all know how that panned out. Hacked by keen federal political observer Jonathan Biggins, the iPhone of the messiah from Nambour reveals the inner secrets of the strangest phenomenon to hit Canberra since the invention of the roundabout.</p>
Personally: Further Notes on Life	Nikki Gemmell	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Nikki Gemmell's columns in the AUSTRALIAN WEEKEND MAGAZINE have proved to be hugely popular, shrewdly observed and provocative. In PERSONALLY, she tackles a variety of subjects ranging from female bullying, tenderness, the urge to apologise and becoming an embarrassing parent, to celibacy and the tyranny of technology. Packed full of Nikki's trademark blistering honesty, insight and humour, this collection of columns and exclusive new essays will make you nod in recognition, disagree vehemently, laugh out loud and, above all, think.</p>
Uncertain Corridors: Writngs on Modern Cricket	Gideon Haigh	Tp \$29.99	 <p>Five years ago, Australia's cricket team led the world, holding the World Cup, the Ashes, and the Border-Gavaskar and Sir Frank Worrell trophies. Today, it languishes in mid-table and cricket itself is regarded as in crisis. How did we go so wrong? Gideon Haigh has had a front row seat on that decline and Uncertain Corridors collects the best of his despatches, narrating the collapse of cricket's traditional structures and the uneasy and troubled evolution of its new order, through the stories of Michael Clarke, Ricky Ponting, Mike Hussey, Shane Warne and others. As cricket worldwide grows richer and crazier, thanks to the financial might of the Board of Control for Cricket in India and the unstoppable spread of T20, this is the essential guide - sports journalism at its most informed, passionate and uncompromisingly independent.</p>


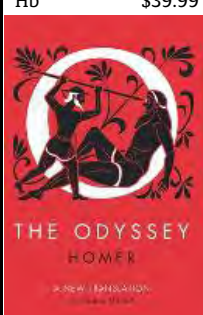
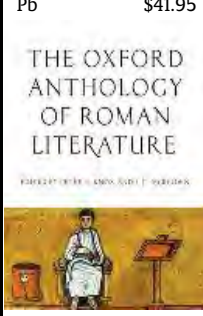

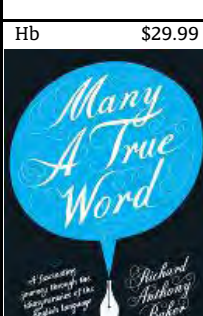
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Murdoch's Pirates: Before the Phone Hacking, There Was Rupert's pay-TV Skullduggery	Neil Chenoweth	Tp \$32.99	 <p>What happens when one of the biggest media groups in the world sets up its own private security force? What happens when part of this operation goes rogue? News of the World is not the first Murdoch company to be accused of skullduggery. Murdoch's Pirates is about the dark deeds of a secret division of News Corp, based in Jerusalem, operating in a combustible world of ambitious ex-Scotland Yard men and former French and Israeli secret service agents, who have one thing in common - they have all left their previous employment under controversial circumstances. Reading like a thriller, Murdoch's Pirates is set in the arcane world of hackers and pirates. There are mysterious deaths, break-ins and wild chases. Some of the individuals involved may well be amongst the brightest minds on the planet, but sometimes their rivalry can get out of hand and their impulsive behaviour can defy logic. Neil Chenoweth recounts this clandestine war with his customary lucidity, drollery and brio.</p>
Future Perfect: The Case for Progress in a Networked Age	Steven Johnson	Pb \$22.99	 <p>Combining the deft social analysis of Where Good Ideas Come From with the optimistic arguments of Everything Bad Is Good for You, New York Times bestselling author and one of the most inspiring visionaries of contemporary culture, Steven Johnson, maps the ways a connected world will be both different and better. Steven Johnson proposes that a new model of political change is on the rise transforming everything from local government to classrooms to health care. It's a compelling new political worldview that breaks with traditional categories of liberal or conservative thinking. Johnson explores this innovative vision through a series of fascinating narratives: from the Miracle on the Hudson to the planning of the French railway system; from the battle against malnutrition in Vietnam to a mysterious outbreak of strange smells in downtown Manhattan; from underground music video artists to the invention of the Internet itself.</p>
Exodus: Immigration and Multiculturalism in the 21st Century	Paul Collier	Hb \$39.99	 <p>Mass international migration is a response to extreme global inequality, and immigration has a profound impact on the way we live. Yet our views - and those of our politicians - remain caught between two extremes: popular hostility to migrants, tinged by xenophobia and racism; and the view of business and liberal elites that 'open doors' are both economically and ethically imperative. With migration set to accelerate, few issues are so urgently in need of dispassionate analysis - and few are more incendiary. Here, world-renowned economist Paul Collier seeks to defuse this explosive subject. Exodus looks at how people from the world's poorest societies struggle to migrate to the rich West: the effects on those left behind and on the host societies, and explores the impulses and thinking that inform Western immigration policy. Migration, he concludes, is a fact, and we urgently need to think clearly about its possibilities and challenges: it is not a question of whether migration is good or bad, but how much is best?</p>
The Age of Oversupply: Overcoming the Greatest Challenge to the Global Economy	Daniel Alpert	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Why Western capitalism is broken and how the U.S. can recover its global economic leadership status The governments and central banks of the developed world have tried every policy tool imaginable, yet our economies remain sluggish, or worse. How did we get here, and how can we emerge from the longest downturn in recent memory? Daniel Alpert, a progressive Wall Street banker and economist, argues that we are living in the age of oversupply. A global labor glut, a flood of excess productive capacity, and the persistent availability of cheap money have kept the developed world in a perpetual slump--which is unlikely to right itself without new policy solutions. For decades, economists and political leaders failed to see the signs of what became a cataclysmic shift in the global economy. Distracted by a technology boom and massive debt bubble, advanced nations failed to assess the full impact of the flood of labor and capital unleashed by the end of socialist economies until the most recent financial crisis exposed it.</p>
Dante's Deadly Sins: Moral Philosophy in Hell	Raymond Angelo Belliotti	Tp \$37.95	 <p>Dante's Deadly Sins is a unique study of the moral philosophy behind Dante's master work that considers the Commedia as he intended, namely, as a practical guide to moral betterment. Focusing on Inferno and Purgatorio, Belliotti examines the puzzles and paradoxes of Dante's moral assumptions, his treatment of the 7 deadly sins, and how 10 of his most powerful moral lessons anticipate modern existentialism. Analyzes the moral philosophy underpinning one of the greatest works of world culture Summarizes the Inferno and Purgatorio, while underscoring their moral implications Explains and evaluates Dante's understanding of the 'Seven Deadly Sins' and the ultimate role they play as the basis of human transgression. Provides a detailed discussion of the philosophical concepts of moral desert and the law of contrapasso, using character case studies within Dante's work Connects the poem's moral themes to our own contemporary condition</p>

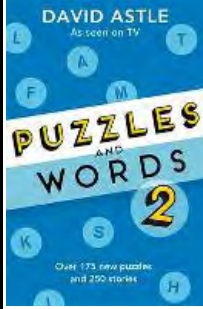


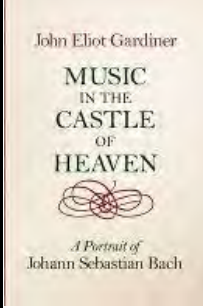

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50 Great Myths About Atheism	Russell Blackford & Udo Schuklenk	Pb \$29.95		Tackling a host of myths and prejudices commonly leveled at atheism, this captivating volume bursts with sparkling, eloquent arguments on every page. The authors rebut claims that range from atheism being just another religion to the alleged atrocities committed in its name. An accessible yet scholarly commentary on hot-button issues in the debate over religious belief. Teaches critical thinking skills through detailed, rational argument. Objectively considers each myth on its merits. Includes a history of atheism and its advocates, an appendix detailing atheist organisations and an extensive bibliography. Explains the differences between atheism and related concepts such as agnosticism and naturalism.
An Atheist's History of Belief: Understanding Our Most Extraordinary Invention	Matthew Kneale	Hb \$39.95		What first prompted prehistoric man, sheltering in the shadows of deep caves, to call upon the realm of the spirits? And why has belief thrived ever since, leading us to invent heaven and hell, sin and redemption, and above all, gods? Religion reflects our deepest hopes and fears; whether you are a believer or, like Matthew Kneale, a non-believer who admires mankind's capacity to create and to imagine, it has shaped our world. And as our dreams and nightmares have changed over the millennia, so have our beliefs - from shamans to Aztec priests, from Buddhists to Christians: the gods we created have evolved with us. Belief is humanity's most epic invention. It has always been our closest companion and greatest consolation. To understand it is to better understand ourselves.
Our Church: A Personal History of the Church of England	Roger Scruton	Pb \$21.99		For most people in England today, the church is simply the empty building at the end of the road, visited for the first time, if at all, when dead. It offers its sacraments to a population that lives without rites of passage, and which regards the National Health Service rather than the National Church as its true spiritual guardian. In Our Church, Scruton argues that the Anglican Church is the forlorn trustee of an architectural and artistic inheritance that remains one of the treasures of European civilization. He contends that it is a still point in the centre of English culture and that its defining texts, the King James Bible and the Book of Common Prayer are the sources from which much of our national identity derives. At once an elegy to a vanishing world and a clarion call to recognize Anglicanism's continuing relevance, Our Church is a graceful and persuasive book.
The First Muslim: The Story of Muhammad	Lesley Hazleton	Pb \$29.99		The extraordinary life of the man who founded Islam, and the world he inhabited--and remade. Muhammad's was a life of almost unparalleled historical importance; yet for all the iconic power of his name, the intensely dramatic story of the prophet of Islam is not well known. In The First Muslim, Lesley Hazleton brings him vibrantly to life. Drawing on early eyewitness sources and on history, politics, religion, and psychology, she renders him as a man in full, in all his complexity and vitality. Hazleton's account follows the arc of Muhammad's rise from powerlessness to power, from anonymity to renown, from insignificance to lasting significance. How did a child shunted to the margins end up revolutionizing his world? How did a merchant come to challenge the established order with a new vision of social justice? How did the pariah hounded out of Mecca turn exile into a new and victorious beginning? How did the outsider become the ultimate insider?
The Author's Hand and the Printer's Mind: Transformations of the Written Word in Early Modern Europe	Roger Chartier	Pb \$34.95		In Early Modern Europe the first readers of a book were not those who bought it. They were the scribes who copied the author's or translator's manuscript, the censors who licensed it, the publisher who decided to put this title in his catalogue, the copy editor who prepared the text for the press, divided it and added punctuation, the typesetters who composed the pages of the book, and the proof reader who corrected them. The author's hand cannot be separated from the printers' mind. This book is devoted to the process of publication of the works that framed their readers' representations of the past or of the world. Linking cultural history, textual criticism and bibliographical studies, dealing with canonical works - like Cervantes' Don Quixote or Shakespeare's plays - as well as lesser known texts, Roger Chartier identifies the fundamental discontinuities that transformed the circulation of the written word between the invention of printing and the definition, three centuries later, of what we call 'literature'.

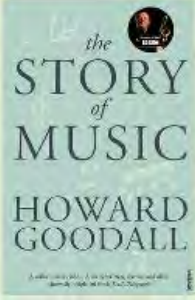

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The Book of Legendary Lands	Umberto Eco	Hb \$59.99		A fascinating illustrated tour of the fabled places in literature and folklore that have awed, troubled, and eluded us through the ages. From the epic poets of antiquity to contemporary writers of science fiction, from the authors of the Holy Scriptures to modern raconteurs of fairy tales, writers and storytellers through the ages have invented imaginary and mythical lands, projecting onto them all of our human dreams, ideals, and fears. In the tradition of his acclaimed History of Beauty, On Ugliness, and The Infinity of Lists, renowned writer and cultural critic Umberto Eco leads us on a beautifully illustrated journey through these lands of myth and invention, showing us their inhabitants, the passions that rule them, their heroes and antagonists, and, above all, the importance they hold for us. He explores this human urge to create such places, the utopias and dystopias where our imagination can confront things that are too incredible or challenging for our limited real world.
The Odyssey: A New Translation	Homer (translated by Stephen Mitchell)	Hb \$39.99		THE ODYSSEY, which tells of Odysseus's long voyage home after the battle of Troy, is one of the defining masterpieces of Western literature. Populated by one-eyed man-eating giants, beautiful seductive goddesses, and lavishly hospitable kings and queens, it is an extraordinary work of the imagination, the original epic voyage into the unknown that has inspired other writing down through the ages - from ancient poems to modern fiction and films. With its consummately modern hero, full of guile and wit, THE ODYSSEY is perfectly suited to our times. Thanks to the scholarship and poetic power of the highly acclaimed Stephen Mitchell, this new translation recreates the energy and simplicity, the speed, the grace, and continual thrust and pull of the original, so that THE ODYSSEY's ancient story bursts vividly into new life.
The Oxford Anthology of Roman Literature	Peter E Knox & J C McKeown	Pb \$41.95		Though the wonders of ancient Roman culture continue to attract interest across the disciplines, it is difficult to find a lively, accessible collection of the full range of the era's literature in English. This book provides a general introduction to the literature of the Roman empire at its zenith, between the second century BC and the second century AD. Two features of this extraordinarily fertile period in literary achievement are immediately clear: how similar the Romans' view of the world was to our own and, perhaps even more obviously, how different it was. Most of the authors included in this anthology wrote in Latin, but as the anthology moves forward in time, relevant Greek texts that reflect the cultural diversity of Roman literary life are also included, something no other such anthology has done in the past. Roman literature was wonderfully creative and diverse, and the texts in this volume were chosen from a broad range of genres: drama, epic, philosophy, satire, lyric poetry, love poetry.
Jibber Jabber and Giffle Gaffle: A Collection of Salacious Slang and Popular Profanities Through the Ages	Elanor Clarke	Hb \$24.99		Quip like a quill driver, banter like a bitch booby and swear like a shabbaroon with the help of this illustrated dictionary of long-lost words and phrases. This carefully compiled volume contains the most amusing and imaginative vocabulary from the murky Middle English of Chaucer right up to the most eloquent but equally obscure parlances of the early 1900s-essential for all lovers of weird and wonderful wordage!
Many a True Word	Richard Anthony Baker	Hb \$29.99		What are the top one hundred words we use the most? How should anchovy, chastisement and tryst be pronounced? How good are you at spelling the most commonly misspelt words and names? For the answers to these and questions and much more, sit back and let Richard Anthony Baker take you on a journey through the English language. Marvel at the richness of what we derive from French and German; bristle at the words banned in the Daily Telegraph; laugh at the officialese of corporate writers; bone up on our use of language from William Shakespeare (and the Bible) in our day-to-day talk; absorb Richard's master classes on how to win at Scrabble with devastating ease and how to complete cryptic crosswords with impressive alacrity; and test your linguistic agility by trying to answer the five questions which Google puts to job applicants.

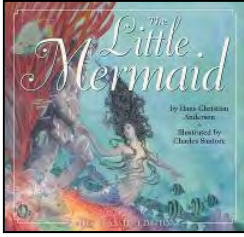
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Puzzles and Words 2	David Astle	Pb \$14.99	 <p>A second quirky dictionary and puzzle book in one pocket-sized volume. Word nerds and puzzle nuts welcome: this is a book to keep your mind tickled. It contains more than 150 original puzzles, from anagrams to riddles and quizzes, for all ages and all levels. Accompanying these are 200 of David's entertaining word stories - exploring what zemblanity means, how cosmic links to cosmetic, or where a seahorse sleeps each night with an almond.</p>
Two Girls, One on Each Knee: The Puzzling, Playful World of the Crossword	Alan Connor	Hb \$29.99	 <p>On 21 December 2013, the crossword puzzle will be 100 years old. In the century since its birth, it has evolved into the world's most popular intellectual pastime: a unique form of wordplay, the codes and conventions of which are open to anyone masochistic enough to get addicted. In Two Girls, One on Each Knee, Alan Connor celebrates the wit, ingenuity and frustration of setting and solving puzzles. From the beaches of D-Day to the imaginary worlds of three-dimensional crosswords, to the British school teachers and journalists who turned the form into the fiendish sport it is today, encompassing the most challenging clues, particular tricks, the world's greatest setters and famous solvers, PG Wodehouse and the torturers of the Spanish Inquisition, this is an ingenious book for lovers of this very particular form of wordplay.</p>
Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable	Ebenezer Cobham Brewer	Pb \$39.99	 <p>In this book: Much loved for its wit and wisdom since 1870, Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable takes you on a captivating adventure through its trademark blend of language, culture, myth and legend. Edited by Susie Dent, this new edition contains an intriguing supplement of Brewer's Gems - facts, fables and curiosities from Brewer collections of the past. Its pages brim with esoteric and entertaining entries - everything from curious customs to the world of newspapers and political alliances of yesteryear - all seen through the distinctive Brewer lens. This nineteenth edition of Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable encapsulates all the charm and wit that characterise its predecessors and maintains the standards of scholarship and eclecticism that have long been its hallmark. This unique edition has been thoroughly updated with over 100 new and revised entries - think crowdsourcing, cyberpunk, iPad and mash-up - guaranteed to delight, entertain and inspire in the best Brewer's tradition. Also included are twenty special entries that encapsulate the enticing spirit of the dictionary.</p>
Music in the Castle of Heaven: A Portrait of Johann Sebastian Bach	John Eliot Gardiner	Hb \$49.99	 <p>An unprecedented book about one of the greatest of all composers, by his greatest modern interpreter. Johann Sebastian Bach is one of the most famously unfathomable composers in the history of music. How can such sublime work have been produced by a man who (when we can discern his personality at all) seems so ordinary, so opaque - and occasionally so intemperate? John Eliot Gardiner grew up passing one of the only two authentic portraits of Bach every morning and evening on the stairs of his parents' house, where it hung for safety during the Second World War. He has been studying and performing Bach ever since, and is now regarded as one of the composer's greatest living interpreters. The fruits of this lifetime's immersion are now distilled in this remarkable book, which explains in wonderful detail how Bach worked, how his music is constructed, how it achieves its effects - and what it can tell us about Bach the man.</p>
Autobiography (Special Edition Hardback)	Morrissey	Hb \$50.00	 <p>Steven Patrick Morrissey was born in Manchester on May 22nd 1959. Singer-songwriter and co-founder of the Smiths (1982-1987), Morrissey has been a solo artist for twenty-six years, during which time he has had three number 1 albums in England in three different decades. Achieving eleven Top 10 albums (plus nine with the Smiths), his songs have been recorded by David Bowie, Nancy Sinatra, Marianne Faithfull, Chrissie Hynde, Thelma Houston, My Chemical Romance and Christy Moore, amongst others. An animal protectionist, in 2006 Morrissey was voted the second greatest living British icon by viewers of the BBC, losing out to Sir David Attenborough. In 2007 Morrissey was voted the greatest northern male, past or present, in a nationwide newspaper poll. In 2012, Morrissey was awarded the Keys to the City of Tel-Aviv. It has been said 'Most pop stars have to be dead before they reach the iconic status that Morrissey has reached in his lifetime.' Autobiography covers Morrissey's life from his birth until the present day.</p>

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The Story of Music	Howard Goodall	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Pb \$19.95 </div> 	<p>This accompanies BBC2's major new TV series and The Story of Music in 50 Pieces on Radio 3. In his dynamic tour through 40,000 years of music, from prehistoric instruments to modern-day pop, Howard Goodall leads us through the story of music as it happened, idea by idea, so that each musical innovation - harmony, notation, sung theatre, the orchestra, dance music, recording, broadcasting - strikes us with its original force. He focuses on what changed when and why, picking out the discoveries that revolutionised man-made sound and bringing to life musical visionaries from the little-known Perotin to the colossus of Wagner. Along the way, he also gives refreshingly clear descriptions of what music is and how it works: what scales are all about, why some chords sound discordant and what all post-war pop songs have in common.</p>
Lonely Planet's Best Ever Photography Tips	Lonely Planet	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> Pb \$14.99 </div> 	<p>Whether you're wielding a phone or a full-size DSLR, Lonely Planet's Best Ever Photography Tips will sharpen your skills and your pictures. Award-winning photographer Richard l'Anson has travelled the world for 30 years and founded Lonely Planet's image library. Follow his 55 essential steps to creating brilliant photographs worth sharing.</p>

Children's Books Recommended by Lindy



The Little Mermaid by Hans Christian Andersen (Hb ~~\$19.99~~ \$18.00)

Personally this has always been one of my favourite fairy tales, and this new edition is faithful to the original tale. It is beautifully illustrated by Charles Santore, an award-winning American illustrator, in a range of soft marine colours which perfectly complement the sad tale of the mermaid who gives up everything for love. It would be the ideal gift for any young girl who is ready for the real story, not the bawdlerised versions, or for the collector of classic children's literature.



Once Tashi Met a Dragon by Anna Fienberg & Barbara Fienberg (Hb ~~\$24.99~~ \$22.50)

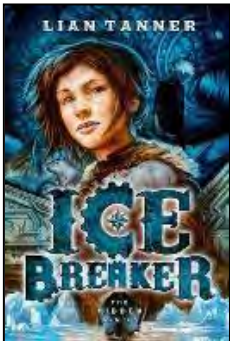
Tashi is a popular character in a range of little novels for newly confident readers, but this delightful picture book introduces him to slightly younger readers. Tashi has always heard tales about dragons, but no-one has ever met one. They bring the rains, and when one year the rains don't fall, Tashi sets out to discover why. A charming adventure to introduce one of the most enduring little characters of recent Australian children's books!



Everything We Ever Saw: From the Beach to the Bush and More! by Roland Harvey (Hb ~~\$19.99~~ \$18.00)

This is excellent value, containing as it does, complete but scaled-down versions of Harvey's best-selling holiday series. A family accompanies Uncle Kev to the beach, bush, city, farm, Top End, and all the way to W.A. Full of wonderfully detailed illustrations that keep youngsters absorbed for hours - the text is fun, but it is the humorous drawings depicting all sorts of extra stories that really appeal. There are also things to find and notice scattered throughout, adding an element of search and find to keep the reader

occupied. Ages 5-8



Ice Breaker: Hidden #1 by Lian Tanner (Pb ~~\$18.99~~ \$17.10)

Petrel lives between decks on an ancient Icebreaker, a ship that circumnavigates the southern polar regions, and has done for centuries. The crew are divided firmly into sections - Officer, Engineer, Cook - but Petrel belongs to none of the factions, and is disregarded or persecuted by them all. Her only friends are a pair of sleek, talking rats. One day a frozen boy is found on the ice, and when he is taken on board, he remembers nothing of how he got there - but is he telling the truth? Unbeknownst to the crew, he has been sent by their ancient enemies, the Anti-Machinists, with the goal to find something hidden away on their ship for generations. Petrel is drawn to help him before she discovers the truth - or is it before the boy discovers the truth? An exciting and absorbing novel with a very credible world, first in a new series. Ages 10-14



Jump: Twinmaker #1 by Sean Williams (Pb ~~\$18.99~~ \$17.10)

The world has adapted to a form of instantaneous transport using d-mat booths. Some people refuse to use them, thinking that it is an abomination to be copied by a machine and reassembled, but mostly people don't think about the consequences. Clair and her best friend Libby are in to Lucky Jumping, where the coolest people assemble for spontaneous parties, and when they manage to find a great location, they become small celebrities in the circle of cognoscenti. Unfortunately for Clair, she has fallen for Libby's boyfriend, and Libby has started to act strangely. When a secret code is offered that will help change your appearance as you use d-mat, Clair is repulsed, but Libby fascinated. What seems to be a simple thing turns out to be Clair's worst nightmare, and she finds herself on the run with a mob of Abstainers and with a mysterious on-line ally who isn't what they seem to be... A cracker of a novel, the first in a trilogy. 14+



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