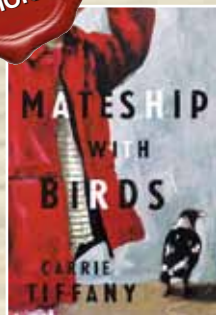




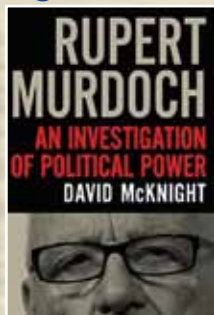
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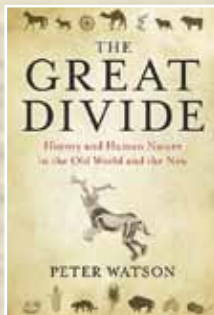
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**FICTION**  
**Five Bells** Gail Jones  
**Foal's Bread** Gillian Mears  
**Caleb's Crossing** Geraldine Brooks  
**The Street Sweeper** Elliot Perlman

**NON FICTION**  
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**A Private Life** Michael Kirby  
**After Words: Post Prime Ministerial Speeches** Paul Keating  
**Worse Things Happen at Sea** William McInnes & Sarah Watt

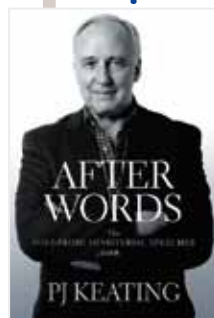
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**All That I Am** Anna Funder  
**Roving Party** Rohan Wilson  
**Past the Shallows** Favel Parrett  
**Watercolours** Adrienne Ferreira

**CHILDREN**  
**Jewel Fish of Karnak** Graeme Base  
**The 13-Storey Treehouse** Andy Griffiths  
**Little Refugee** Anh & Suzanne Do & Illus. Bruce Whatley  
**The Coming of the Whirlpool: Ship Kings #1** Andrew McGahan

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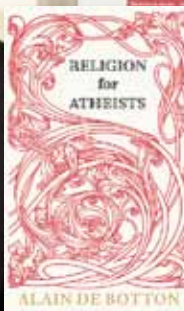
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#### A Non-believer's Guide to the Uses of Religion

The boring debate between fundamentalist believers and non-believers is finally moved on by this inspiring new book which boldly argues that the supernatural claims of religion are of course entirely false - and yet that religions still have important things to teach the secular world. Rather than mocking religions, de Botton believes agnostics and atheists should instead steal from them - because they're packed with good ideas on how we live and arrange our societies. Blending deep respect with total impiety, he proposes we look to religions for insights into how to build a sense of community, make our relationships last, get more out of art, overcome feelings of envy and inadequacy, and much more. For too long non-believers have faced a stark choice between either swallowing peculiar doctrines or doing away with consoling and beautiful rituals and ideas. Here is a far more interesting and helpful alternative. 320pp Hb \$35



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## The Future of Us

Jay Asher & Carolyn Mackler

Emma gets a new computer from her father as a sort of consolation prize because he's moved to Florida with his new family. Her used-to-be best friend and neighbour Josh gives her a CD-Rom with 100 free hours of the new fad, Internet. When Emma loads it, she stumbles across a Facebook entry. Which wouldn't surprise, except it's 1996, and Emma is suddenly reading about her future! As the two discover, they can see 15 years into the future - for themselves and their friends - and not everything seems to be what they thought they might get - so, of course, they try to change the present. Clever and entertaining for readers 14+. 356pp Pb \$16.99

## Sea Hearts

Margo Lanagan

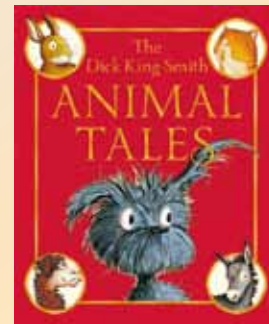
Best known for her thoughtful, interesting and slightly surreal short stories, this full-length novel contains elements that Lanagan's fans will recognise. On the island of Rollrock, young boys gather sea hearts for their mothers to eat. They have no sisters, and their fathers are mostly fishermen, but their mothers are all beautiful women with a sense of mystery about them. Misskaella is ugly, but she has what every man on the island needs - the power to bring them sea-wives, and she uses this to bind them all to her. A beautifully rendered and lyrically written tale that takes the myth of the Selkies, and breathes delicate and strange new life into it. Any age from 14 up. 360pp Pb \$19.99



## Animal Tales

Dick King-Smith

This lovely edition contains five charming illustrated stories. *All Because of Jackson* is about a rabbit who wants to sail the seas - and ends up in Australia. *The Catlady* is about Miss Ponsonby, an old lady who keeps many cats and believes in reincarnation. *The Guard Dog* tells of a scruffy little mutt with a loud and awful voice, and how he finds a home. *Hairy Hezekiah* is a Bactrian camel who finds a perfect place and great friend because politeness doesn't cost anything. *Horse Pie* tells of Jenny the donkey who saves the horses that bully her from being stolen. Suitable for confident readers 6-8. 370pp Hb \$24.95



## My Sister Lives on the Mantelpiece

Annabel Pitcher

When Jamie was five, his older sister Rose died in a terrorist attack. Five years on, his parents have split, Rose's twin sister Jasmine is a sullen, pink-haired teenager, and his father has taken them to the country to get away from London and what happened. Life is difficult enough, navigating through everyone else's grief, but then Jamie makes a new friend, one he can't tell his family about - a young Muslim girl. Although this sounds quite grim, it is a warm and honest book about grief, letting go when it's right, and growing up - for the adults as well as Jamie. 12+ readers. 232pp Pb \$14.99

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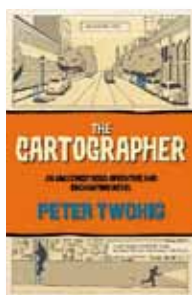
"It's funny. It's truthful. It lives off the page. It has a warmth you can hark in; an honesty you can cut with a knife" Guardian

## AUSTRALIAN FICTION

### The Cartographer

Peter Twohig

The back streets of Richmond, Melbourne, in 1959 are full of dangers and wonders if you're a boy who inhabits the role of superhero - one with an absent father, a grief-stricken mother who can barely look at him, and the only adult who listens to him being a petty-criminal grandfather. Having seen his twin brother Tom die in a tragic accident, he wanders his suburb aimlessly, exploring and taking advantage of open doors (and closed ones, as well) climbing fences and spying into windows. On one of his nocturnal adventures, he witnesses a vicious murder - and the killer sees him watching. From then on, the boy is both drawn back to the house, and tries to avoid the places he has seen the murderer. To this end he draws a map, and takes on the role of The Cartographer, leading him to more mysteries as he observes Richmond's underlife. His acute observations are tempered by his innocence, and the reader understands more than he does... I thoroughly enjoyed this novel. The language is grounded in the vernacular of the time and is highly entertaining, but there is a thread of sorrow and darkness beneath the exuberance. *Lindy* 400pp Tp \$29.99



### The Longing

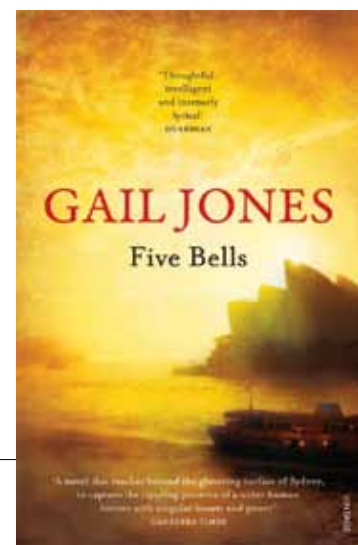
Candice Bruce

Cornelia is working as an assistant curator on an exhibition for a painter, S P Hart, who breezed into Victoria in the 1850s leaving behind exquisite sketchbooks and a number of paintings which record the properties of landowners. When her supervisor is involved in an accident, she undertakes to interview owners of some of the paintings in the hope of finding out more about the artworks and perhaps acquiring them for the gallery. This story is intertwined with that of Ellis McRorie, the wife of the original land holder. Ellis is isolated in a loveless marriage, has suffered difficult pregnancies and the death of babies, and her only companion is an indigenous woman who has lost more than the well-meaning Ellis can conceive of. When the charming Sanford Hart is commissioned to paint Strathcarron, she feels love and hope for the first time; and Louisa is given the means to preserve her own memories. An interesting and thoughtful novel. *Lindy* 368pp Tp \$32.95

### Five Bells

Gail Jones

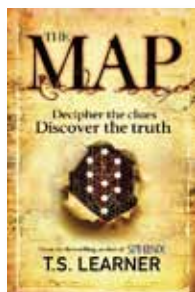
One fine and shining Saturday, four people find themselves at Circular Quay. Ellie and James, who were teenaged lovers, are meeting for the first time in years to have lunch. Catherine has recently moved from Ireland to take up a new job, so she's doing the tourist thing. Pei Xing, who suffered dreadfully in China's Cultural Revolution, is catching a ferry to visit someone she knows on the North Shore. Each character is struggling with something from their past and, over the course of the novel, this is revealed. And beneath the brightness of the day in the heart of Sydney, there is a dark mystery in play which each of the four catch glimpses of... A lyrical novel, drenched in descriptions of Sydney Harbour and local colour, with some beautifully drawn characters. *Lindy* 288pp Pb \$19.95





## The Map T S Learner

August Winthrop, an American who fought with the International Brigade in 1937, is talked into returning a 17th century chronicle containing a great mystical secret. It means August must risk his life to return the book to the Basque family who have been safeguarding it for centuries. Meanwhile, three other parties seek both the chronicle and August - including a maverick CIA operative, a leader of a band of occultists and the MI5 who have become convinced August is a Soviet agent. 448pp Tp \$29.99



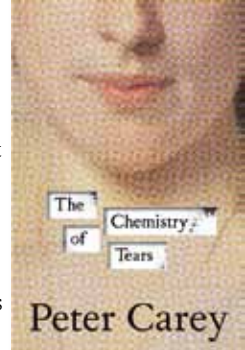
## The Festival by the Sea June Loves

With a brilliant job offer, Gina Laurel is ready to move on from her quiet life at Shelly Beach. But when her erstwhile lover and director of the inaugural *Shelly Beach Writers' Festival* takes a job in the city, Gina finds herself the last-minute fill-in as director of the chaotic seaside festival. Before she can rejoin the rat race, she must negotiate her way through celebrity author hissy fits, champagne galas, rogue pirates and giant mice... not to mention a love/hate relationship with the former festival director! 368pp Tp \$29.95



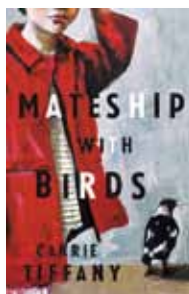
## The Chemistry of Tears Peter Carey

The long affair had been kept secret from their colleagues at London's Swinburne Museum and now she must grieve in private. Or almost. In an act of compassion, the head of her department gives Catherine a very particular project: a box of intricate clockwork parts that appear to be the remains of a 19th century automaton, a beautiful mechanical bird. Once she discovers that the box also contains the diary of the man who commissioned the machine, one obsession merges into another... 272pp Hb \$39.95



## The Last Thread Michael Sala

This poignant, haunting and beautiful novel retells Sala's fascinating life through fiction. From his early years in the Netherlands, to moving to Australia in the 1980s, 'Michaelis' recalls the mysterious secret surrounding his estranged father, the relentless bullying of his stepfather, his mother's cheerful apathy and his own struggles to fit into a world that often made no sense. Pb \$27.95



## Mateship with Birds Carrie Tiffany

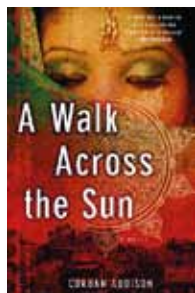
On the outskirts of an Australian country town in the 1950s, a lonely farmer trains his binoculars on a family of kookaburras that roost in a nearby tree. As Harry watches the birds, his next door neighbour has her own set of binoculars trained on him. Hard-working Betty has escaped to the country with her two fatherless children and is pleased that her son Michael wants to spend time with the gentle farmer next door. But when Harry teaches Michael about the opposite sex, boundaries are crossed. 224pp Tp \$27.99 **\$24.99**



## FICTION

### A Walk Across the Sun Corban Addison

After a tsunami rips through their Indian village, 17-year-old Ahalya and her sister Sita are the sole survivors of their family. Destitute, they hope to find refuge at a convent in Chennai, many miles away. A driver agrees to take them, but instead the sisters are sold. On the other side of the world, Washington DC lawyer Thomas Clarke accepts a position with the Bombay branch of the Coalition Against Sexual Exploitation, where he finds himself on a path that could save the sisters. 432pp Tp \$26.99



### Me & You Niccolò Ammaniti

Lorenzo doesn't have, nor want, any friends. His parents are unhappy about this, so he tells them he has been invited on a skiing holiday with a group from school. In fact, he is planning to spend the week happily ensconced in the cellar of their apartment building with a supply of canned tuna. But when his estranged older sister Olivia turns up in the cellar with her own issues, Lorenzo helps her through her heroin withdrawal. Forming an intense bond, Olivia reveals family secrets to Lorenzo. 128pp Pb \$17.95



### The Crown Nancy Bilyeau

London, 1537. When Joanna Stafford learns her cousin is about to be burned at the stake for rebelling against Henry VIII, she breaks the sacred rule of enclosure and runs away from Dartford Priory. But when Joanna and her father are arrested and sent to the Tower of London, she finds herself a pawn in a power struggle. Charged with a mission to find a hidden relic believed to possess mystical power, Joanna and the troubled Brother Edmund must seek answers across England. 416pp Tp \$29.99



### American Dervish Ayad Akhtar

Wisconsin, 1980s. The life of first generation American Hayat Shah brightens when his mother's best friend Mina arrives from Pakistan to rebuild her life after a vicious divorce back in her homeland. Beautiful, brilliant and devout, Mina teaches the 11-year-old Hayat about his Islamic faith, opening up a life that seems as wondrous as Mina herself. But when Mina falls in love with Nathan Wolff, a local Jewish intellectual and doctor, problems ensue... 368pp Tp \$29.99



### The Sense of an Ending Julian Barnes

Winner of the 2011 Man Booker Prize. Tony Webster and his clique were sex-hungry and book-hungry, navigating the girl-less 6th form together, trading in affectations, in-jokes, rumour and wit. They all swore to stay friends for life. Now Tony is retired. He's had a career, a single marriage and a calm divorce. He's certainly never tried to hurt anybody. Memory, though, is imperfect. It always throws up surprises, as a lawyer's letter is about to prove... 160pp Pb \$19.95



### One Hundred and One Nights Benjamin Buchholz

Alone in a new city, former Iraqi expatriate Abu Saheeh has exactly what he wants: freedom from his past. But then he meets Layla, a 14-year-old girl who enchants him with her love of American pop culture. Distracted by her stories, Abu begins rebuilding his life. But his alliance with a powerful merchant and his employment of a hot-headed young assistant reawakens painful memories. Not even Layla can save him from careening out of control and endangering all their lives... 320pp Pb \$22.99

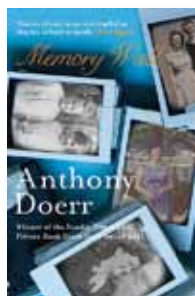




## Memory Wall

**Anthony Doerr**

I love the short story form and this collection is proof that it can be a perfect vehicle for expressing the human condition. The title story is almost a novella in length and is set slightly in the future, weaving themes of race, privilege, connection and longing into one woman's retrieval of her past as she drifts into dementia. In another, a man receives letters from his son at the demilitarised zone in Korea, who retreats from the awfulness of life there by birdwatching. An orphan finds herself relocated to Lithuania to live with her grandparents and in the small village realises the world is bigger than she understood. A Chinese woman who has continued her family's tradition of seedkeeping watches her way of life disappear as the Three Gorges Dam is built; and an elderly Holocaust survivor is haunted and ultimately consoled by visions of girls she knew in her childhood. Finely crafted, beautifully realised, highly recommended! **Lindy** 300pp Pb \$19.99



## The Wild Rose

**Jennifer Donnelly**

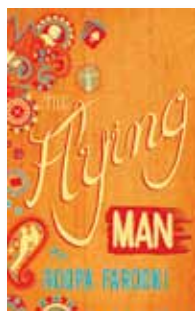
London, 1914. WWI looms on the horizon, women are fighting for the right to vote and explorers are pushing the limits of endurance in the most forbidding corners of the earth. In this volatile era live three exceptional people. Seamus Finnegan and Max von Brandt both loved Willa Alden and both men lost her. Neither expect to see her again. But when a catastrophic event calls Willa home to London, expectations are smashed, promises are broken and life will never be the same. 640pp Tp \$29.99



## The Flying Man

**Roopa Farooki**

An old man spends his last days in a seedy, rundown hotel in Biarritz at the unfashionable time of year. Maqil has lived on his luck from the day he was born... and his twin brother was not. Favoured by circumstance, background and tradition, he has the additional fortune of being handsome, clever and irresistibly charming. He cruises through life, changing his name to suit the country he's in, becoming Mikey, Mehmet, Mikhail and Miguel, and always gambling, making fortunes and losing them with insouciance. With a string of wives and lovers behind him and nothing that looks like a regret to his name, Maqil is about to gamble one last time. A wonderfully entertaining novel and quite delightful! **Lindy** 352pp Tp \$29.99



## The Captain's Daughter

**Leah Fleming**

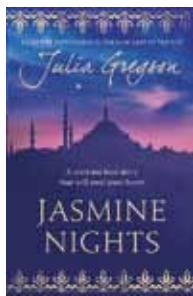
When the 'unsinkable' *Titanic* hits an iceberg, May Smith jumps from the sinking ship, losing sight of her husband Joe and baby girl Ellen. Pulled into a lifeboat, she is handed a baby swaddled in blankets who she believes to be Ellen. This rescue is witnessed by fellow survivor, Celeste Parkes. At dawn, the two women are rescued by the *Carpathia* and a friendship is formed - one which will transcend the Atlantic and last a lifetime. But May will make a shocking discovery... 576pp Tp \$29.99



## Jasmine Nights

**Julia Gregson**

At 23, Saba Tarcan is a talented singer with big dreams. So when the opportunity arises to entertain the troops in the Middle East, she jumps at the chance, cutting short a burgeoning love affair with a young RAF pilot, Dom, who follows Saba to Cairo to resume their affair. But Saba has been chosen for a secret mission of international importance and she is forced to conceal her new role from Dom. It's a move that could jeopardise her own safety, as well as the love of her life... 416pp Tp \$29.99



## The Woman in Black

[Film Tie-in]

**Susan Hill**

Junior solicitor Arthur Kipps is summoned to attend the funeral of Mrs Alice Drablow, the sole inhabitant of Eel Marsh House. Unaware of the tragic secrets hidden behind the shuttered windows, it is not until he glimpses a young woman dressed all in black at the funeral that a creeping sense of unease begins to take hold. The feeling is deepened by the reluctance of the locals to talk about the woman in black - and her terrible purpose. 208pp Pb \$19.95



## The Origin of Violence

**Fabrice Humbert**

During a school trip to Buchenwald concentration camp, a French teacher comes across a photograph of a man whose resemblance to his own father, Adrien, is uncanny. But the man has a different name and died in 1942. Returning to France, he embarks on a search for the photograph's subject, leading him to the Buchenwald archives and the heart of the Nazi machine - where he is drawn into the dark heart of his family and brought face-to-face with his own capacity for violence. 256pp Tp \$29.99



## The Snow Child

**Eowyn Ivey**

Alaska, 1920s. Jack and Mabel hope that a fresh start will put the strain of their childless marriage behind them. But the northern wilderness proves as unforgiving as it is beautiful. Not long after the first snow falls, they discover a child running through the spruce trees. Gradually this elusive, untameable little girl enters their lives. But as their love for the snow child grows, so does their awareness that she may break their hearts... 432pp Hb \$29.99



## Perdition

**The Crusaders' Last Stand**

**James Jackson**

Almost 200 years have passed since the Crusader armies took Jerusalem. Now it is the turn of the Saracen to seek vengeance against the last Christian enclave in the Holy Land. In Acre, the defenders await their fate. William of Beaujeu, Grand Master of the Templars, will stop at little to secure the city and preserve his military order. Deserted by the pope and the princes of Europe, it seems as if Acre faces annihilation. But perhaps something can still be salvaged from perdition... 384pp Tp \$32.99



## All the Flowers in Shanghai

**Duncan Jepson**

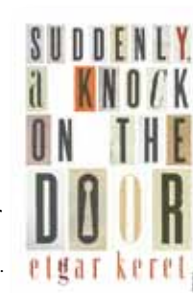
Shanghai, 1930s. Feng is the bride of a wealthy businessman in an arranged marriage. In the enclosed world of the Sang household, fulfilling her duty means bearing a male heir. The life that has been forced on her makes Feng bitter and resentful and she plots vengeance. But the passing years brings a reckoning and Feng must reconcile the sacrifices and terrible choices she has made to assure her place in the family, even as the tide of revolution engulfs her country... 320pp Pb \$24.99



## Suddenly a Knock on the Door

**Etgar Keret**

A man barges into a writer's house and, holding a gun to his head, demands that he tell him a story. A pathological liar discovers one day that all the lies he tells come true. A young woman finds a zip in her boyfriend's mouth and when she opens it she finds a completely different man inside. Long a household name in Israel, Keret has been acknowledged as one of the country's most radical and extraordinary writers. 304pp Pb \$19.95



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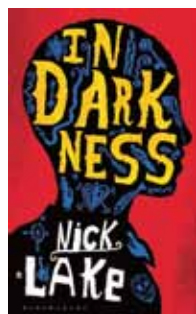




### I've Got Your Number Sophie Kinsella

Poppy Wyatt is about to marry the ideal man - but then she loses her engagement ring, as well as her phone. When she spots an abandoned phone in a bin, she decides to keep it. But the phone's owner,

businessman Sam Roxton, wants his phone back and doesn't appreciate Poppy reading all his messages and wading into his personal life. What ensues is a hilarious turn of events as Poppy and Sam upend each other's lives through emails and text messages. 368pp Tp \$32.95



### In Darkness Nick Lake

In the aftermath of the Haitian earthquake, a boy is trapped beneath the rubble of a ruined hospital. 'Shorty' is a teenage boy who has been drawn into the world of the gangsters that rule Site Soleil. But Shorty has a secret: he

harbours vengeance and a burning wish to find the twin sister he lost five years ago. And he is marked. Marked in a way that links him with Toussaint L'Ouverture, the Haitian rebel who led the slave revolt against Napoleon 200 years ago... 352pp Pb \$24.99

### What Remains Denise Leith

On her very first trip into a war zone, journalist Kate Price meets legendary photographer Pete McDermott. From a cynical beginning, to grudging respect, to something much more precious, their meetings and growing attraction frame the danger of their working lives. In a world that no longer makes sense, Kate questions everything she has ever believed in. The answers, when they come, will show her the way - but they cannot protect her from what she both longs for and fears. 384pp Tp \$29.99



### The Roundabout Man Clare Morrall

The man who calls himself 'Quinn' doesn't look like a tramp, yet he lives on a roundabout in a caravan and survives on the leftovers from a nearby service station. What he hopes no one will discover is that he's the real Quinn, immortalised as a child by his mother in her world-famous tales about a little boy's adventures with his triplet sisters. When Quinn's reclusive existence is invaded, he must face his past and all the uncomfortable truths it contains about himself and his family. 324pp Tp \$29.99



### The Ruins of Us Keija Parssinen

More than 20 years after moving to Saudi Arabia and marrying Abdullah Baylani, Rosalie discovers that her husband has taken a second wife. The discovery plunges the powerful family into chaos as Rosalie grapples with leaving Saudi Arabia and her family behind. Meanwhile, Abdullah and Rosalie's personal entanglements blind them to the crisis approaching their 16-year-old son Faisal, whose resentment towards their lifestyle has led to his growing involvement with a controversial Sheikh. 336pp Tp \$29.99



### The Underside of Joy Sere Prince Halverson

Ella has everything she wants - a loving husband, two adorable stepchildren she's helped raise, an extended family who unconditionally accept her. But one morning her husband drowns. At his funeral, the mother of his children appears and she wants them back. Struggling with grief, the realisation that Joe wasn't exactly truthful about his finances and the disintegration of everything important to her, Ella is faced with impossible choices. For fans of Jodi Picoult and the like, this is a good strong read. **Lindy** 384pp Pb \$24.99



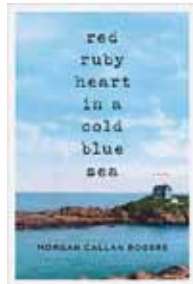
### My Policeman Bethan Roberts

When Tom returns home from National Service to be a policeman, Marion is determined to win him. Unable to acknowledge the warning signs, she plunges into marriage. But Tom has another life with the besotted Patrick, a curator at the Brighton Museum. In an age when those of 'minority status' were condemned by society and the law, it is safer for Tom to wed Marion. Patrick and Marion must share him... until one of them breaks and three lives are destroyed. 352pp Tp \$29.95



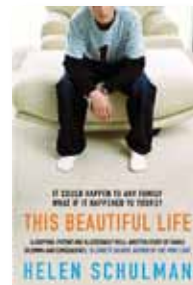
### Red Ruby Heart in a Cold Blue Sea Morgan Callan Rogers

Maine, 1963. 12-year-old Florine Gilham lives in a fishing village on the coast with her parents. But when her mother disappears without a trace, she and her grief-stricken father must move on with their lives, even as the mystery of what happened plagues them. Both nurtured and hindered by those she has always known, Florine finds her way to young adulthood while clinging to the hope that her mother will return and life will continue as before. 320pp Tp \$29.95



### This Beautiful Life Helen Schulman

When the Bergamots move to a new well-to-do neighbourhood, they're unsure how well they'll adapt. Soon enough, Richard is consumed by his executive role and Liz - who has given up her academic career - is playing mother to four-year-old Coco and 15-year-old Jake. But the day that Jake unthinkingly forwards his friends a sexually explicit email attachment from a young girl is the day that the Bergamots' comfortable middle-class existence is upturned... 288pp Pb \$24.99



### Squirrel Seeks Chipmunk A Wicked Bestiary David Sedaris

This collection of sharply observed animal-themed tales is a delight, told with the author's trademark blend of hilarity and goodnature. In *The Toad*, *the Turtle* and *the Duck*, three strangers commiserate about animal bureaucracy while waiting in a complaint line. In *Hello Kitty*, a cynical feline struggles to sit through his prison-mandated AA meetings. In *The Squirrel* and *the Chipmunk*, a pair of star-crossed lovers are separated by prejudiced family members. 192pp Pb \$19.99



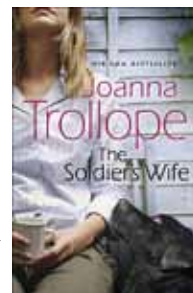
### The Sea on Our Skin Madeleine Tobert

Outwardly a paradise, a small South Pacific island community revolves around family with their traditional lives defined by the sea. Opposites in every way, Amalia is happy to be an island wife while her husband Ioane is compelled to leave. Their stories are both painful and loving, while the stories of their children are full of the rhythms of island life and the smell and sound of the sea as paradise begins to change... 336pp Tp \$29.99



### The Soldier's Wife Joanna Trollope

Dan Riley is a major in the British Army. After a six month tour of duty in Afghanistan, he is coming home to the wife and young daughters he adores. The outside world sees those reunions as a taste of heaven after months of hell. But can a man who is trained to fight readjust to family and domestic life? And can Dan's wife Alexa sacrifice her own needs to serve his commitment to a way of life that demands everything - not just of him, but of her and the children as well? 352pp Tp \$32.95



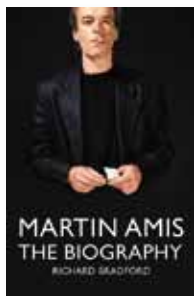




## Jack Holmes and His Friend Edmund White

Jack Holmes is in love. Sadly for him, his feelings are not returned - at least not in the way he would like them to be. Will Wright comes from old stock and aspires to be a writer. Like Jack, he works on the *Northern Review*. This is intense, literary 60s New York. Jack is living with three feisty girls from his college back in Michigan, while Will lives alone, writing his novel. The lives of Jack and Will intertwine, their loves come and go, but they will always be friends... 400pp Tp \$29.99

## BIOGRAPHY



## Martin Amis The Biography Richard Bradford

Martin Amis has forged a manner of writing that owes nothing to the style of his father Kingsley Amis. Martin relished and recorded the bizarre, turbulent atmosphere of Britain and the US during the 1970s and 80s,

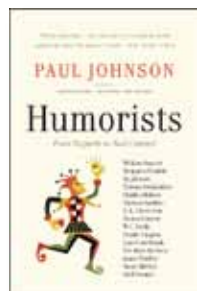
arguably the most transformative period of the 20th century. Of late, his reputation as a novelist has been matched by his outspoken writing on contemporary global politics. This fascinating biography discloses the autobiographical thread running through his books. 448pp Hb \$34.99

## Hemingway's Boat Everything He Loved in Life and Lost, 1934-1961

Paul Hendrickson

For the last 27 years of his life, Hemingway had one constant: his beloved boat, *Pilar*. Hendrickson has delved into Hemingway's life, presenting him to readers in a whole new light.

With poetic sensibility, tireless research and dazzling writing, he focuses on the period from 1934 to 1961, from the pinnacle of Hemingway's fame to his suicide. He also shows the close connection between Hemingway's life and the words that ended up on the pages of his books. 544pp Hb \$49.95



## Humorists From Hogarth to Noel Coward Paul Johnson

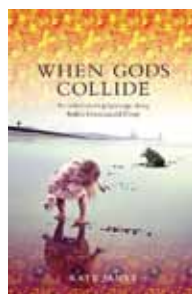
Johnson offers a survey across history that includes a diverse cast of legendary humorists who got a grand kick out of life, such as Benjamin Franklin and the Marx Brothers,

Charles Dickens and Damon Runyon, W C Fields and Samuel Johnson, William Hogarth and James Thurber. With dark humour, broad satire, bawdy wit and biting sarcasm, this entertaining collection showcases some of our sharpest minds imbued with the greatest of gifts: humour. 272pp Pb \$22.99

## When Gods Collide An Unbeliever's Pilgrimage Along India's Coromandel Coast

Kate James

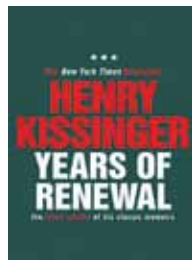
Still wrestling with her experience of growing up in India as the child of missionaries, James is haunted by the story of murdered compatriot Graham Staines, who was burned alive by Hindu fundamentalists. Part detective story, part personal journey, her engrossing reportage explores India's complex tapestry of religion and mysticism, assessing its Christian, Buddhist, Hindu and atheist heritage as she comes to terms with the faith she has rejected. 224pp Pb \$29.95



## Years of Renewal The Third Volume of his Classic Memoirs

Henry Kissinger

This third and final volume of memoirs begins with the resignation of Nixon, including Kissinger's final assessment of Nixon's tortured personality and the self-inflicted tragedy that ended his presidency, making Kissinger the most powerful man in American government. This book abounds in crisis - Vietnam, Watergate, the Cold War. Here are brilliant scenes, as only an insider could write them, of the high-level meetings that were to shape American foreign policy. 1,152pp Tp \$29.99

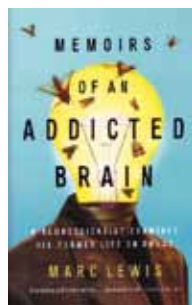


## Memoirs of an Addicted Brain

A Neuroscientist Examines His Former Life on Drugs

Marc Lewis

Lewis is a neuroscientist who studies the brains of troubled children. But he never forgets that he was once a troubled youth with a serious drug addiction. He recounts his relationship with drugs, explaining the chemical changes in his brain that sustained his addiction. This is not just the story of a man who found his calling while fighting a habit. It is also a powerful analysis of addiction, offering a fascinating insight into what drives the human brain to self-destruction. 320pp Tp \$29.95



## Secrets of a Lazy French Cook

Marie-Morgane Le Moel

When Marie, a French journalist, decides to try life as a foreign correspondent in Australia, it's a steep learning curve. How to get invited to the best election events, how to get a word in at press conferences when pushy Australian writers keep interrupting and how to make new friends when Immigration suggests your French-Canadian fiancé must go home. Will Marie ever feel that she belongs in her adopted country? You can take the girl out of France, but can you take France out of the girl? 288pp Pb \$29.99

## There Stands My House Hans Keilson

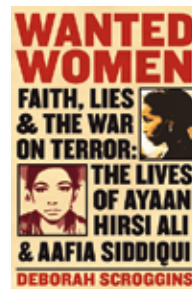
In this unique work, composed in the 1990s and only recently rediscovered, Keilson brings back a bygone era in snapshots from a life spanning 100 years. The external stations of this life - his youth in Brandenburg, his student in Berlin, his exile in Holland, his survival in hiding and the loss of his parents - are framed by economic crisis, anti-Semitism and war, but also by friendship, music and hope. He reveals these themes in gentle, quizzical reflections and fragments, producing an unforgettable portrait of his time. 128pp Pb \$24.95



## Wanted Women Faith, Lies & the War on Terror: The Lives of Ayaan Hirsi Ali & Aafia Siddiqui

Deborah Scroggins

A fierce critic of Islam, Ayaan Hirsi Ali is a Somali-born former member of the Dutch parliament, whose courage in the face of Islamist death threats made her an icon for millions of Westerners. An American-educated neuroscientist from Pakistan, Aafia Siddiqui is an anti-Western Islamist whose imprisonment by the CIA made her a heroine to millions of Muslims. Using the lives of these two women, journalist Deborah Scroggins unravels the sexual stereotypes that shape the battle between the West and Islam. 560pp Hb \$35.00

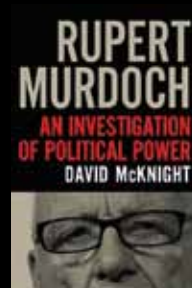


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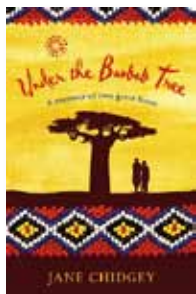
## Rupert Murdoch An Investigation of Political Power David McKnight

Rupert Murdoch's commercial success is obvious, but less understood is his successful pursuit of political goals using News Corporation as his vehicle. McKnight tracks Murdoch's influence - from his support for Reagan and Thatcher, to his attacks on Barack Obama and the Rudd and Gillard governments - all the while examining the secretive corporate culture of News Corporation. While the phone hacking crisis has tarnished his reputation, Murdoch's influence is far from finished. 296pp Tp \$32.99 **\$27.99**





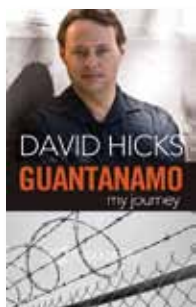
## AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHY



### Under the Baobab Tree *A Memoir of Two Great Loves* Jane Chidgey

Chidgey was an independent city-dweller when she met Peter Phillip, director of the mining company where she worked as a PA.

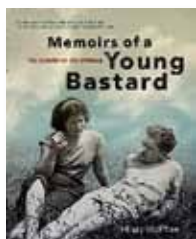
Seemingly overnight, she abandons her life in Melbourne to be with the man of her dreams in the Limpopo Valley, South Africa. With great honesty, wit and warmth, She tells of her transformation from independent career woman to 'Lady of the Lodge' on a wildlife reserve and the resultant culture shock. 336pp Tp \$29.99



### Guantanamo *My Journey* David Hicks

This is an autobiographical account of Hicks's young adulthood, the years leading up to his incarceration in Guantanamo Bay, his time in detention and his search for a normal life

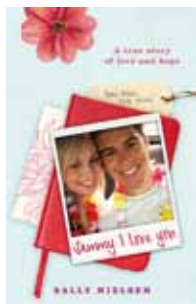
following his release from prison in late 2007. Hicks says: "This is the first time I have had the opportunity to tell my story publicly. I hope readers find the book is not only a story of injustice, but also one of hope." 480pp Tp \$34.95



### Memoirs of a Young Bastard *The Diaries of Tim Burstall* Hilary McPhee

Tim Burstall was a key figure in Australian postwar cinema, instrumental in

revitalising Australia's dying film industry and launching the careers of many well-known actors. But in 1953, before realising his cinematic aspirations, he kept a diary. He set himself the task of writing 500 words a day: storytelling, recording, observing and reflecting. A unique snapshot of 1950s Australian bohemian life, this is a refreshing contrast to an Australian backdrop often caricatured as dull, provincial and suburban. 368pp Hb \$59.99



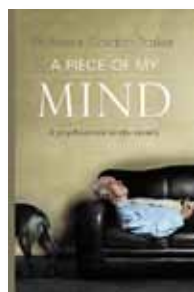
### Sammy, I Love You Sally Nielsen

Nielsen's life was turned upside down when her fiancé suffered a catastrophic stroke, leaving him completely dependent on her and his family for all his needs. While others said she should put him in a home and get on with

her life, Sally refused to abandon the love of her life. Writing a series of diaries about her hopes, her anger and her frustration, she recorded the highs of each small step in Sam's recovery and the plummeting lows of her own depression. 192pp Pb \$24.99

### A Piece of My Mind *A Psychiatrist on the Couch* Gordon Parker

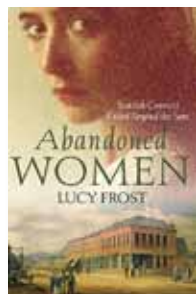
Gordon Parker AO, one of Australia's foremost clinical psychiatrists, is known for having strong and provocative views. In this autobiography, he recounts early formative experiences that eventually led to a career in psychiatry for over 40 years. He also records his concerns about the current models for diagnosing and managing mood disorders and their weighting to often politically-driven clinical guidelines. He also offers his views on 'good psychiatry' and its rewards. 352pp Tp \$32.99



## HISTORY

### Target Tirpitz *X-Craft, Agents and Dambusters - the Epic Quest to Destroy Hitler's Mightiest Warship* Patrick Bishop

The *Tirpitz* was Hitler's greatest weapon. Lurking off Norway, the largest battleship in Europe cast an almost supernatural shadow over the war effort. Nothing in the Allied armoury could compete. It was not until 1944 that a daring raid by the RAF finally destroyed it. Bishop brings to life one of the most dangerous missions of WWII! 448pp Tp \$35

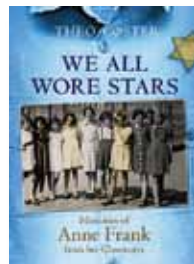


### Abandoned Women *Scottish Convicts Exiled Beyond the Seas* Lucy Frost

Anxious to quell the rising tide of petty crime, the Scottish authorities consigned women 'guilty' of theft and prostitution to the Australian colonies. Lucy Frost tells the story of a boatload of women and their children who arrived in Hobart in 1838, assigned as domestic servants and often ill-treated by their employers. Some managed to snare a good husband once they'd earned their tickets of leave, becoming solid citizens. For others, disaster continued to plague their lives... 240pp Tp \$29.99

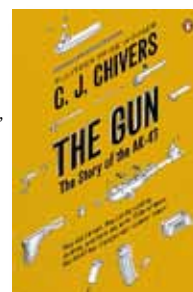
### We All Wore Stars *Memories of Anne Frank from Her Classmates* Theo Coster

Anne Frank was just 16 when she died in the concentration camp at Bergen-Belsen, shortly before the end of WWII. Through her diary she later became world famous. These are the stories of her classmates who survived and remained unknown. This book is based on the material that Coster and his crew shot for the award-winning documentary, *The Classmates of Anne Frank*, forming an important legacy for people of all ages. 224pp Pb \$24.99



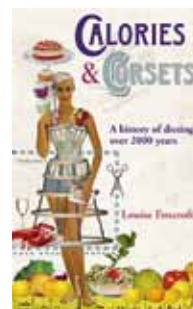
### The Gun *The Story of the AK-47* C J Chivers

The AK-47, or Kalashnikov, is the most abundant and efficient firearm on earth. It has transformed the way we fight wars and its story is that of modern warfare. This is an alternative history of the world as seen through these terrible weapons. The quest for ever greater firepower and mobility resulted in a weapon so remarkable that, 60 years after its invention and having broken free of all state control, it has become central to civil wars all over the world. 496pp Pb \$22.95



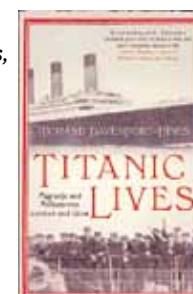
### Calories and Corsets *A History of Dieting Over 2,000 Years* Louise Foxcroft

This is the epic story of our complex relationship with food, the fashions and fads of body shape and how cultural beliefs and social norms have changed over time. Combining research from medical journals, letters, articles and dieting bestsellers, Foxcroft reveals the extreme lengths to which people will go to achieve the 'perfect body'. This unique history exposes the myths that drive today's dieting industry, offering a welcome perspective on how we can be healthy and happy in our bodies. 320pp Hb \$29.99



### Titanic Lives *Migrants and Millionaires, Conmen and Crew* Richard Davenport-Hines

On 14 April 1912, the seemingly unsinkable *Titanic* hit an iceberg midway through her maiden voyage, nose-diving to the bottom of the ocean only two hours later. Over 1,500 people perished in the freezing waters. Marking the centenary of the *Titanic* disaster, this is an utterly compelling exploration of the lives of the passengers and crew on board the most famous ship in history, which Davenport-Hines views as the paradigm of Edwardian society. 400pp Tp \$35

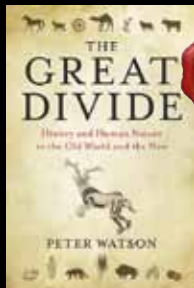


### Masters of the Post *The Authorized History of the Royal Mail* Duncan Campbell-Smith

The origins of the Post Office go back to the Tudor monarchy - later expanding to become the largest employer in the country and the face of the British state. But the Royal Mail has also faced the demands of an increasingly commercial marketplace. Today's debate over the future of the Royal Mail is shown to be another chapter in a centuries-old conflict between its role in raising revenue and serving the public. Will its employees remain 'servants of the Crown'? 880pp Hb \$49.95







## The Great Divide

*History and Human Nature in the Old World and the New*  
**Peter Watson**

Early humankind spread from Africa to populate the Earth. Arriving in Siberia during the Ice Age, they walked across the Bering Strait - a land bridge at that time - and entered the Americas. When the Ice Age ended and the Bering Strait re-filled with water, humans in the Americas were cut off. This history compares the development of humankind in the 'Old World' and the 'New' between 15,000 BC and 1500 AD - the year Christopher Columbus reached America. 640pp Hb \$49.99 **\$39.99**



## The Maid and the Queen

*The Secret History of Joan of Arc & Yolande of Aragon*  
**Nancy Goldstone**

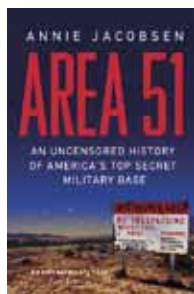
It's been almost 600 years since Joan of Arc heard the voices of angels that compelled her to summon and lead an army of French loyalists against the English, eventually leading to her capture, trial by inquisition and execution. This is the story at the core of centuries of myth-making. But what if we question the Heavens and demand a different narrative? This revisionist biography unearths the secular basis for Joan's heroic exploits: Yolande of Aragon, a forgotten mentor. 320pp Hb \$39.99

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*An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base*

**Annie Jacobsen**

It is the most famous military installation in the world. And no credible insider has ever divulged the truth about their time inside it. Until now. This is the first book based on interviews with scientists, pilots and engineers who provide an unprecedented look into the mysterious activities of a top-secret base, from the Cold War to today. With a jaw-dropping ending, it proves that facts are often more fantastic than fiction, especially when the distinction is hard to make! 528pp Pb \$22.99



## Surviving

*Griffith Review #35*

**Julianne Schultz**

Humans are buffeted by natural catastrophe, war, economic collapse, social implosion and private trauma. But behind the shocking headlines are stories of renewal and hope, of survivors who pick up the pieces and rebuild their lives and communities. Features new writing by Matthew Condon, Sophie Cunningham, David Francis, Michael Gawenda, Tom Griffiths, Ashley Hay, Lloyd Jones, Ian Lowe and Kathy Marks. 264pp Pb \$27.95



## The Golden Age

*The Spanish Empire of Charles V*

**Hugh Thomas**

This is the second volume of Thomas' history of the Spanish Empire and features Charles V, Emperor of Europe and the New World. Beginning with the return of the remnants of Magellan's expedition around the world in 1522 and ending with Charles' death in 1558, Thomas writes vividly on the conquest of the Americas, conveying the Spaniards' almost disbelieving sense of what they were achieving. This story brings alive an extraordinary and influential moment in world history. 720pp Pb \$24.95



## The SS

*A New History*  
**Adrian Weale**

The SS was an important institution of Third Reich Germany, yet it was also among the least understood. By the end of 1935, the SS controlled all police and internal security duties in Germany. The militarised Waffen SS had over 800,000 men serving in the field - in direct rivalry with traditional German armed forces. Making use of material previously unavailable, this history refocuses attention on the political fanatics responsible for one of the most appalling crimes in history. 496pp Pb \$29.99

## The Age of Chivalry

*The Story of Medieval Europe, 950 to 1450*

**Hywel Williams**

The mid-10th to the mid-15th centuries were a formative period in the history of Europe, with the consolidation of England, France and Spain, urbanisation, the expansion of trade and the founding of seats of learning in Paris, Oxford and Bologna. But it was also defined by the Crusades, the Hundred Years' War and the Black Death. In a sequence of articles accompanied by beautiful imagery, Williams sheds light on this rich and complex period of European history. 224pp Hb \$49.99

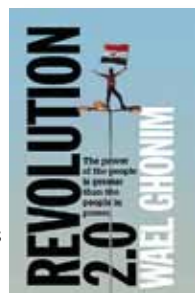


## Revolution 2.0

*The Power of the People Is Greater Than the People in Power*

**Wael Ghonim**

Ghonim used to be a man unwilling to publicly criticise the Egyptian regime. Like many, he was silenced by the fear of reprisals. But in January 2011, he decided he had seen too much oppression go unchallenged and began a Facebook page calling for people to protest. Ghonim gives unparalleled insight into why the Egyptian people finally rejected 30 years of oppression and found a voice. 320pp Pb \$29.99



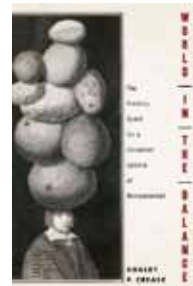
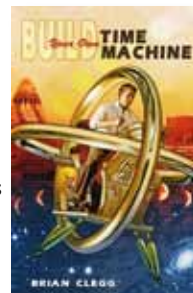
## SCIENCE

### Build Your Own Time Machine

*The Real Science of Time Travel*

**Brian Clegg**

Clegg takes inspiration from his childhood heroes of *Doctor Who* and H G Wells to explain the nature of time. How do we understand it and why do we measure it the way we do? How did the theories of one man change the way it was perceived by the world? And why wouldn't H G Wells' time machine have worked? By explaining the most famous of Einstein's theories, those of special and general relativity, Clegg demonstrates how possible time travel really is. 304pp Hb \$32.99



## World in the Balance

*The Historic Quest for an Absolute System of Measurement*

**Robert Crease**

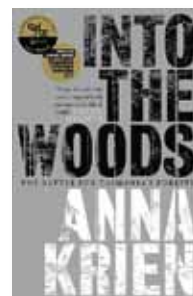
In this story of the invention of a global network of weights, scales and measuring instruments, Crease traces the evolution of the system - from the use of flutes to measure distance in ancient China, to the creation of the French metric and British imperial systems. Into this captivating history Crease weaves stories of colourful individuals, including Thomas Jefferson, an advocate of the metric system, and philosopher Charles S Peirce, the first to tie the metre to the wavelength of light. 317pp Tp \$32.95

## Into the Woods

*The Battle for Tasmania's Forests*

**Anna Krien**

For many years, the Tasmanian wilderness has been the site of a fierce struggle. At stake is the future of old-growth forests. Loggers and police face off with protesters in the forest, while political games are played in the courts and parliaments. Krien ventures behind the battlelines to see what it's like to risk everything for a cause, speaking to activists, premiers, sawmillers and whistle-blowers. This is a book about a company that wanted its way and the resistance that forced it to change. 320pp Pb \$19.95



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*Third Edition: Understanding Our Climate and How it Affects Us*

**Dick Whitaker**

This title is presented with plenty of information on topics that include the weather in our day to day lives, an in-depth explanation of Australia's weather, ozone depletion, the greenhouse effect and environmental disasters. Serving as a colourful overview of Australia's unique climate and weather, this book is written in an accessible way. Pb \$29.95

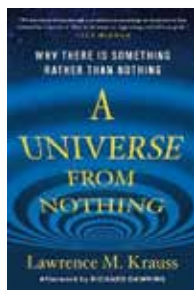


## A Universe From Nothing

*Why is There Something Rather Than Nothing?*

**Lawrence Krauss**

Theoretical physicist Krauss offers provocative, revelatory answers to the most basic philosophical questions: Where did our universe come from? Why is there something rather than nothing? And how is it all going to end? This book presents the most recent evidence that explains how our universe evolved and the implications for how it's going to end. Not only can something arise from nothing, something will always arise from nothing! 224pp Hb \$37.95



## TODAY'S WORLD

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*Woman and Mother*

**Elisabeth Badinter**

The pressure to be a perfect mother is overwhelming and it's frightening many women. And why wouldn't it, when the expectation is that your child will be your god and you its humble servant? Badinter, France's foremost feminist thinker, questions why our ideas of motherhood have been skewed by unachievable expectations that compromise notions of self and womanhood. No matter which side of the debate you stand on, this revelatory book is essential reading! 188pp Pb \$24.95



### Zona

*A Book About a Film About a Journey to a Room*

**Geoff Dyer**

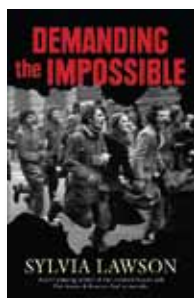
Dyer takes on his biggest challenge yet: unlocking the film that has obsessed him all his adult life: *Stalker*, by the great Russian director Andrei Tarkovsky. As

Dyer immerses us in the movie, it becomes apparent that *Stalker* is only the point of departure for a wonderfully digressive exploration of cinema, how we understand our obsessions and how we try to realise - and discover - our deepest wishes. 240pp Pb \$22.95

## Demanding the Impossible

**Sylvia Lawson**

Marking the centenary of Simone de Beauvoir's birth and the 40th anniversary of Paris's legendary political carnival in 1968, this book questions the ideal and the myth of resistance. Using the 1968 riots in France as a starting point in exploring other contemporary resistance movements, Lawson explains these stories in new contexts and submits history to the uses of the present and the future. 336pp Tp \$32.99

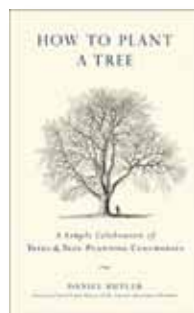


## How to Plant a Tree

*A Simple Celebration of Trees & Tree-Planting Ceremonies*

**Daniel Butler**

The earth's longest living organisms, trees exemplify nature's great strength and its majestic beauty. Serving as virtual lungs for our planet, trees provide us with food, medicine and versatile building material. With original black-and-white illustrations throughout, this book encompasses a wealth of useful and inspiring information including: fascinating miscellany on some of our most beloved tree species; how to calculate a tree's age; and how you can use trees to fight climate change. 128pp Hb \$19.99

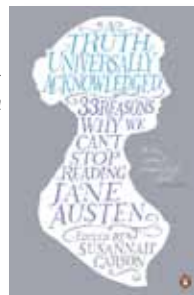


## A Truth Universally Acknowledged

*33 Reasons Why We Can't Stop Reading Jane Austen*

**Susannah Carson [Ed]**

This book brings together 33 writers on what it is about Jane Austen that continues to delight, amuse, console and provoke us. Whether discussing Austen's gift for comedy, why men and women respond to her differently, or why she would be an ideal dinner guest, this book shows there is much more to Jane than ladies in empire-line dresses admiring the roses - and reminds us why we still love the author who wrote about love better than anyone else in the world. 320pp Pb \$22.95

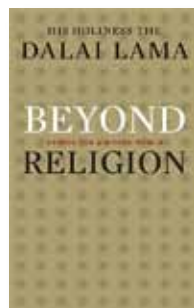


## Beyond Religion

*Ethics for a Whole World*

**The Dalai Lama**

The Dalai Lama enters the contemporary debate about religion versus atheism, arguing that religion is not a necessity for pursuing a spiritual life. Rather, focusing on tolerance and understanding between religions, as well as tolerance and understanding between believers and non-believers, is the way forward. The way to achieve such an approach, he proposes, is through a system of secular ethics grounded in a deep appreciation of our common humanity. 208pp Hb \$32.95

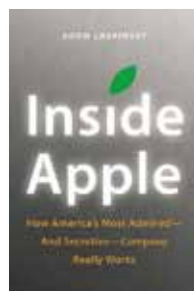


## Inside Apple

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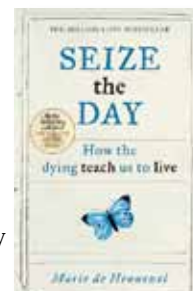


## Seize the Day

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To start off 2012 with a breath of fresh air we rearranged the History shelves to provide more shelf space for this large section of the shop, and also reduced the height of the stands so you can now see right through to the Children's section in the back corner, which has also gained more space for the wonderful selection there.

The Loeb Classical Library titles (\$44.95 Hb each) are also now easier to find, next to Classical Greek and Latin, followed by the Translated Classics from Penguin and other publishers. We have a new translation of Homer's **The Iliad** by Stephen Mitchell (\$35 Pb 528pp), so you might enjoy a new slant on this eternal story. Mitchell has previously won praise for his translations of **Gilgamesh**, **The Bhagavad Gita** and **Tao Te Ching**. Other Penguin **Black Classics** remain where they were on the other side of the store in our long row of Classics, both hardback and paperback, including Vintage and Everyman.

Remember when you click on subject headings at the top of email newsletters you can see new titles for that subject. It takes a little moment for the computer to compile, but it is very useful. Of course you can also filter a title search on the home page. Once you have entered a search, you can filter by Category, Availability, Format, Price or Publication Date. By doing this, I've just discovered a new **Concise History of Russia** by Paul Bushkovitch published by Cambridge University Press (\$39.95 Pb 480pp), which I hadn't previously noticed.

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I've had a marvellous time reading Claire Tomalin's latest biography. This time it is **Charles Dickens: A Life** (\$39.95 Hb 527pp incl index, bibliography, notes and illustrations). Of course Tomalin was already familiar with the life of Dickens because she wrote the groundbreaking **The Invisible Woman: The Story of Nelly Ternan and Charles Dickens** (\$26.95 Pb 352pp). In this new book, I discovered another author had previously written about Nelly Ternan. This was in Thomas Wright's **The Life of Charles Dickens**, published in 1935 and dismissed by Dickens' horrified admirers. The phenomenon that was Dickens takes a bit of unravelling. Tomalin's biography is both sympathetic and truthful, enlivened by many quotations from his novels and letters. I'm sure it will send you off to read some of his stories, all of which can be found at Abbey's. **David Copperfield** was Dickens' own favourite and there are several editions in Classics, and upstairs in Language Book Centre we also have an Oxford **Bookworm** edition (\$13 Pb) intended for English as a Second Language readers.

I discovered that Nelly's older sister Fanny became the second wife of Thomas Trollope, brother of the great Anthony Trollope and son of the successful novelist Mrs Frances Trollope, who wrote, amongst many other things, **Domestic Manners of the Americans**, which is still available in Penguin Classics. It is indent only so remains at the old price of \$24.95. This becomes rather confusing because Fanny wrote several novels which were published by Dickens in his magazine *All the Year Round* and the older Mrs Frances Trollope was often called Fanny. I think I'd like to read more about the older Mrs Trollope, who earlier set off to Memphis to assist in the founding of a Utopian city called New Harmony.

I am a great fan of Claire Tomalin, whose other biographies include **Katherine Mansfield: A Secret Life** (\$29.95 Pb 304pp), **Jane Austen: A Life** (\$26.95 Pb 384pp), **Samuel Pepys: The Unequal Self** (\$24.95 Pb 544pp) and **Thomas Hardy: The Time-Torn Man** (\$26.95 Pb 512pp). There are four or five other biographies which seem to be out of print, including my favourite, **Mrs Jordan's Profession**.

Here's an interesting book - **Running the Show: Governors of the British Empire** by Stephanie Williams (\$22.95 Pb 352pp). It is a fascinating account of some of those ordinary men in

strange places doing their best, and sometimes just having a good time! Williams has chosen some very different Governors, including William Bloomfield Douglas, who with an uncertain past (part of which was certainly spent helping Brooke become the first White Rajah of Sarawak) was Harbour Master of Adelaide when he was dispatched to found an outlet for the Northern Territory at Palmerston, later Darwin. He immediately called himself Governor and it was hell there. Contrast him to Lord and Lady Tennyson (son of the great Poet Laureate), who were appointed to South Australia from 1889 to 1903, and later to Victoria. They upheld all the Victorian values and were looked upon as close to royalty. Other characters include John Pope Hennessy in Hong Kong (1877-82) and Sir Frank Lugard and his famous wife Flora Shaw, who had been the Colonial Editor of *The Times*, and their exciting adventures in Northern Nigeria. What about Frank Athelstane Swettenham, who worked his way up and up in Malaya (1874-1903). And then there's a marvellous account of British East Africa (1909-12), and another (1877-80) of Sir Bartle Frere and his influential wife coping with the "washing of the spears". Then of course they had to go home, where nobody cared about them.

Jennifer Kloester must have had a hard time researching **Georgette Heyer: Biography of a Bestseller** (Hb 464pp currently an *Abbey's Choice* title at \$35). The prolific Queen of Regency Romance never gave an interview, but Kloester had access to all sorts of family records. Heyer's witty and stylish stories have it all – disgraced noblemen, notorious highwaymen, cheats and men of honour, and of course delightful heroines. We have a large selection of her books, some in Crime, some in Historical Fiction. These books were meticulously researched. Try one for an amusing time. I always thought the *Booker Prize* was partly funded by sales of Agatha Christie's novels, whose copyright they owned. Now it seems that Georgette Heyer also sold the rights to some of her crime stories to Booker-McConnell.

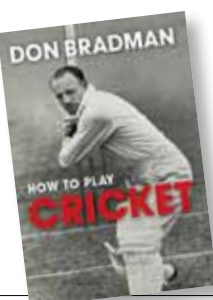
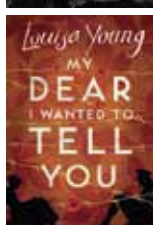
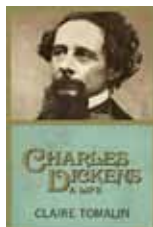
It seems unusual to be reading a new novel about the First World War, but I found Louisa Young's **My Dear, I Wanted to Tell You** (\$27.95 Pb 328pp) a very worthwhile read. She has taken her idea from the pre-printed card that soldiers were given so they could advise relatives they were wounded and, hopefully, in hospital (a far better place to be than in the trenches). The central character is a clever, aspiring young man from a poor family who is befriended by two rich and artistic families living nearby. There are overtones of A S Byatt's **The Children's Book** (\$19.95 Pb 624pp), but with more attention to the fighting and to the early work on facial surgery which took place at Frognal, in Sidcup, Kent. Coincidentally, Frognal is the family home of the Townshend family, as in **Lord Sydney: The Life and Times of Tommy Townshend** by Andrew Tink (\$39.95 Pb).

With all the cricket that has been on lately, it's a good time to remind you to read the second book in Steven Carroll's *Glenroy* novels, set in 1960 when the West Indies cricket team toured Australia. The central character of **The Gift of Speed** (\$24.95 Pb 350pp) is 16-year-old Michael, who dreams of bowling a very fast ball and being in the local cricket team. And for the aspiring young cricketer in your family, it's hard to go past **How to Play Cricket** by Don Bradman (\$19.95), a small hardback with photographs of The Don himself, which would make a nice little gift.

I've just received the brochure from the Cambridge Summer Schools in the UK, held this year from 8 July to 1 September. There is a copy at information in Abbey's, or you can visit [www.ice.cam.ac.uk/intsummer](http://www.ice.cam.ac.uk/intsummer). I really recommend these classes for a stimulating and relaxing holiday. And Wimbledon is on there too!

Keep well,

*Eve*





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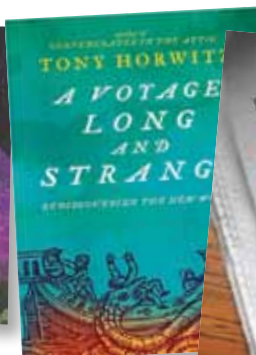
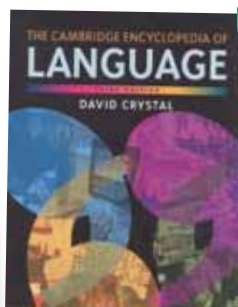
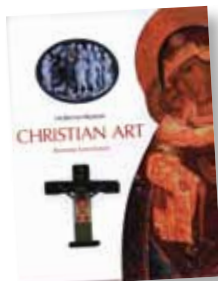
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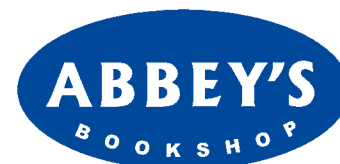
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