
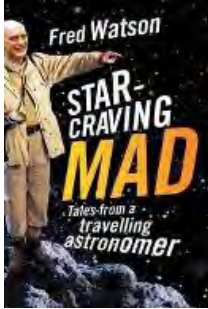

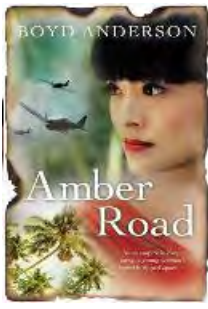
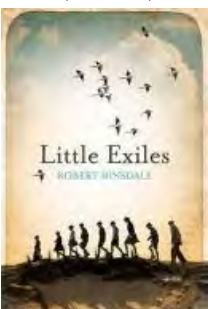






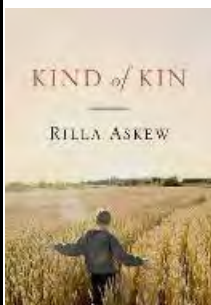
**ABBEY'S BOOKSHOP - NEW RELEASES - FEBRUARY 2013**

Title	Author	Bind	RRP	Price	Description
<b>ABBEY'S CHOICE</b>					
<b>Ten Things I've Learnt About Love</b>	Sarah Butler	Pb	\$29.99	\$24.99	 <p>Alice has just returned to London from months of travelling abroad. She is late to hear the news that her father is dying, and returns to the family home only just in time to say goodbye. Daniel hasn't had a roof over his head for over thirty years, but to him the city of London feels like home in a way that no bricks and mortar ever did. He spends every day searching for his daughter; the daughter he has never met. Until now...Heart-wrenching and life-affirming, this is a unique story of love lost and found, of rootlessness and homecoming and the power of the ties that bind. It is a story for fathers and daughters everywhere.</p>
<b>Star-Craving Mad: Tales from a Travelling Astronomer</b>	Fred Watson	Pb	\$24.99	\$21.99	 <p>It's surprising how many people outside the science world still harbour the romantic notion that astronomers spend every night with their eyes clapped to giant telescopes. The most frequent question astronomer Fred Watson is asked by members of the public is 'Have you found anything - recently?' Sadly, the answer is usually 'no'. That's because finding new things is only a small part of what astronomers do, compared with investigating things they already know about. People sense that there might be answers to some of the most profound questions we can ask: the nature of space and time, about our ultimate origins, the meaning of life, and perhaps even spirituality. Nevertheless, astronomy does provide a broader framework than most sciences for deliberations about issues big and small. And in Fred Watson, we have the most witty, funny and knowledgeable companion to take you on this ride through space, ruminating on Pluto's demotion from planetary status, Peru's ancient sky-watchers, sustainable space science, microbes, the sheer pleasure of an eternal quest for knowledge... and maybe the meaning of life...</p>
<b>Mad Girl's Love Song: Sylvia Plath and Life Before Ted</b>	Andrew Wilson	Hb	\$29.99	\$25.99	 <p>In 1956, twenty-three-year-old Sylvia Plath walked into a party and spotted Ted Hughes. Sylvia viewed Ted as something of a colossus, and to this day his enormous shadow has obscured Plath's life and work. The sensational aspects of the Plath-Hughes relationship have dominated the cultural landscape to such an extent that their story has taken on the resonance of a modern myth. After Plath's suicide in February 1963, Hughes became Plath's literary executor, the guardian of her writings, and, in effect responsible for how she was perceived. But Hughes did not think much of Plath's prose writing, viewing it as a 'waste product' of her 'false self', and his determination to market her later poetry - poetry written after she had begun her relationship with him - as the crowning glory of her career, has meant that her other earlier work has been marginalised. This book reclaims Sylvia Plath from the tangle of emotions associated with her relationship with Ted Hughes and reveals the origins of her unsettled and unsettling voice - a voice that, fifty years after her death, still has the power to haunt and disturb.</p>
<b>AUSTRALIAN FICTION</b>					
<b>Amber Road</b>	Boyd Anderson	Tp	\$32.95	\$29.65	 <p>It's 1941 and seventeen-year-old Victoria Khoo lives in luxury in colonial Singapore. Her carefree days are spent fantasising about marrying Sebastian Boustead, scion of a great British merchant family, and becoming mistress of his imposing mansion on Amber Road. Not even Sebastian's arrival from London with his new fiancée, Elizabeth Nightingale, can dampen her dreams... Then the war reaches Asia and 'Fortress Singapore' abruptly surrenders to the Japanese. As the inhabitants are deserted by Britain, Victoria is forced to protect both her family and her rival, Elizabeth, from the cruelty of the occupation. Victoria's old life has vanished in a heartbeat - but nothing will stand in the way of her destiny. Not the war. Not Elizabeth. And certainly not Joe Spencer, the charismatic Australian who both charms and infuriates her at every turn...</p>
<b>Little Exiles</b>	Robert Dinsdale	Hb	\$29.99	\$27.00	 <p>This tells the extraordinary story of the forced child migration between Britain and Australia that took place after World War II and how this flight from home shaped the identity of a generation of children. Jon Heather, proud to be nearly nine, knows that Christmas is a time for family. But one evening in December 1948, no longer able to cope, his mother leaves him by a door, above which the legend reads Chapeltown Boys' Home of the Children's Crusade. Several weeks later, still certain his mother will come back, Jon finds himself on a boat set for Australia. Promised paradise, Jon soon realizes the reality of the vast Australian outback is very different; its burnished desert becoming the backdrop for a strict regime of hard work and discipline. So begins an odyssey that will last a lifetime, as Jon Heather and his group of unlikely friends battle to make their way back home.</p>



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<b>Losing February</b>	Susanna Freyremark	Tp \$29.99 \$27.00 	Bernie, a divorced mother of three, lives on a hilltop in Byron Bay. She works part-time for the local paper. Bernie has an amicable relationship with her ex-husband and strong female friendships. While writing her first novel, she gets in contact with an old friend from university. Jack is married, has two children, and has never forgotten Bernie. A tortuous, intimate, passionate - yet frustratingly sexless - affair follows, fuelled by hundreds of confessional text messages and emails. When Jack ends the relationship, Bernie is so emotionally lost she seeks solace, via the internet, in a string of increasingly dangerous and twisted sexual encounters. 'Losing February' describes, in sometimes disturbingly graphic detail, what happens when a strong, energetic, capable woman in her early 40s loses her sense of self and mistakes punishment for grief.
<b>Cat and Fiddle</b>	Lesley Jorgensen	Pb \$29.95 \$26.95 	Cat and Fiddle centres on two families whose lives become entwined at the country estate of Bourne Abbey. While Dr Choudhury is busy advising Henry Bourne on the restoration of the abbey to its former glory, his wife's main concern is marrying off their three children, whose chances of good matches are dwindling by the day. Thankfully, for the royal family always seems to have a solution to her problems: how to find a wife for a reluctant son; how to manage a difficult father-in-law; and, of course, how not to deal an inter-faith relationship. Then there's the Bourne family. Henry's wife, Thea, is feeling lost, now that she's got the lifestyle she's always longed for. His elder brother, Richard, a successful London barrister, finds himself increasingly drawn to the family home - the inheritance that he's given up. Meanwhile, Henry just wants to keep the peace, but that's proving to be tricky. And finally, there's Bourne Abbey itself: the repository of an ancient mystery that links the histories and cultures of the Bournes and the Choudhury's in a way that no one could have anticipated.
<b>Harland's Half Acre</b>	David Malouf	Tp \$29.95 \$26.95 	Frank Harland's life is centred on his great artistic gift, his passionate love for his father and four brothers, and his desire to regain the Harlands' lost prosperity. Phil Vernon, growing up alone in the midst of a demanding family, is a boy when he first meets Frank Harland, but he is inexorably drawn into the Harlands' circle. Through the interlinked lives of the two families, David Malouf explores solitude and society, possession and dispossession, the obsessions and violence of family life and love, illuminating the larger world of events and imagination.
<b>The Lavender Keeper</b>	Fiona McIntosh	Pb \$9.99 \$9.00 	Lavender farmer Luc Bonet is raised by a wealthy Jewish family in the foothills of the French Alps. When the Second World War breaks out he joins the French Resistance, leaving behind his family's fortune, their home overrun by soldiers, their lavender fields in disarray. Lisette Forestier is on a mission of her own: to work her way into the heart of a senior German officer - and to bring down the Reich in any way she can. What Luc and Lisette hadn't counted on was meeting each other. When they come together at the height of the Paris occupation, German traitors are plotting to change the course of history. But who, if anyone, can be trusted? As Luc and Lisette's emotions threaten to betray them, their love may prove the greatest risk of all.
<b>Currawalli Street</b>	Christopher Morgan	Pb \$22.99 \$20.70 	In 1914, Thomas, the young rector, questions his faith and falls in love; his sister Janet, a dutiful spinster, hides a surprising secret; and their neighbour, Rose, is burdened with visions of the coming hell. In 1972, Jim, a soldier fresh from Vietnam, returns home to Currawalli Street to find that death has a way of seeping in everywhere; Patrick, looked after by his elderly wife, Mary, can't relinquish his former identity; and always there is the boy up in the tree, watching them all and keeping note. In only three short generations, working horses and wagons are lost to cars, wood-fired ovens are replaced with electric stoves, and the lessons learned at such cost in the Great War seem forgotten. But despite all the changes, the essential human things remain: there will always be families and friends reaching out for connection; people will always have secrets to keep hidden from view; and desire and love are as inevitable as war and violence.

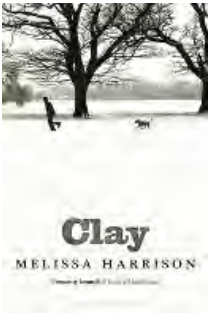


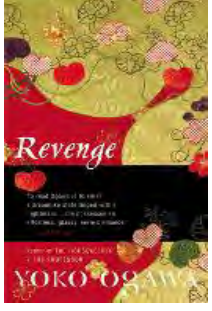
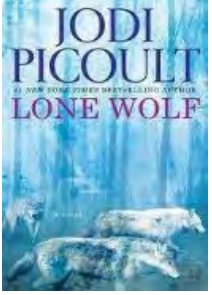
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<b>The Forgotten World</b>	Mark O'Flynn	Pb \$27.99 \$25.20 	Half-brothers Byron and Clancy Wilson are inseparable during their childhood. They run wild in the dark valleys of the Blue Mountains, run riot during their school years in Katoomba, and run afoul of the ogre of the town, Constable Barnaby Clout. But it is a love triangle between the brothers and emerald-eyed Violet Kefford, as well as a dramatic jewel heist, that ultimately tests their unconventional family. The Forgotten World is a breathtaking story that lyrically charts the landscape and people of the Blue Mountains in the late 1800s, and sees real characters in Australian history, such as Sir Henry Parkes, artist Julian Ashton and Lord and Lady Carrington dancing through its pages. Poignant and unforgettable, it plumbs the depths of family loyalty and betrayal.
<b>Belomor</b>	Nicolas Rothwell	Tp \$29.99 \$27.00 	A man seeks out the father figure who shaped his picture of the past. A painter seeks redemption after the disasters of his years in northern Australia. A student of history travels into the depths of religion, the better to escape the demons in his mind. A filmmaker seeks out freedom and open space, and looks into the murk and sediment of herself. Four chapters: four journeys through life, separate, yet interwoven as the narrative unfolds. In this entrancing new book from one of our most original writers, we meet European dissidents from the age of postwar communism, artists in remote Australia, snake hunters, opal miners and desert magic healers. Belomor is a meditation on time, and loss: on how the most bitter recollections bring happiness, and the meaning of a secret rests in the thoughts surrounding it.
<b>As the River Runs</b>	Stephen Scourfield	Pb \$26.95 \$24.25 	In the Kimberley region of Australia, water is plentiful, but in the city, it is precious and political. Government minister Michael Money has cooked up a secret plan to bring water from the monsoonal north of Australia to the south, but he needs to find out what opposition he might face around the river valley. He sends his chief of staff Kate Kennedy - young, focused, and well-versed in power play - and political fixer Jack Cole on a 'fact-finding' trip. Ex-greenie Dylan Ward is their guide; well-regarded by both the mining industry and Aboriginal elder Vincent Yimi. Dylan is unaware that he has been compromised until their journey takes some unexpected turns. As they travel through the wild river country, Kate begins to see Dylan in a new light. When she changes sides to be with Dylan and safeguard a precious and sensitive area that she has so quickly come to love, her political edge comes into play.
<b>The Rosie Project</b>	Graeme Simsion	Pb \$29.99 \$27.00 	The feel-good novel of 2013, The Rosie Project is a classic screwball romance. Rights sold into more than thirty countries. Don Tillman is getting married. He just doesn't know who to yet. But he has designed the Wife Project, using a sixteen-page questionnaire to help him find the perfect partner. She will most definitely not be a barmaid, a smoker, a drinker, or a late-arriver. Rosie Jarman is all these things. She is also fiery and intelligent and beautiful. And on a quest of her own to find her biological father-a search that Don, a professor of genetics, might just be able to help her with. The Wife Project teaches Don some unexpected things. Why earlobe length is an inadequate predictor of sexual attraction. Why quick-dry clothes aren't appropriate attire in New York. Why he's never been on a second date. And why, despite your best scientific efforts, you don't find love: love finds you.
<b>FICTION</b>			
<b>Kind of Kin</b>	Rilla Askew	Tp \$29.99 \$27.00 	Your Grandpa is a felon and a Christian. He says he's a felon because he's a Christian. So says Aunt Sweet to her nephew Dustin, when her father, who has been raising Dustin, is arrested for hiding migrant workers. The law that makes harbouring 'illegals' an offence is the brainchild of the ferociously ambitious Oklahoma politician Monica Moorehouse. Aunt Sweet takes Dustin in, but Dustin is bullied by her son Carl Albert, and goes on the run, aided by an illegal the sheriffs didn't find. Meanwhile, Sweet is asked by Dustin's married sister to hide her husband, Juanito, a Mexican without papers. As Grandpa Brown holds fast to his beliefs and Dustin remains missing, Aunt Sweet fights to hold the family together, and to do what seems right. In a gripping and compelling narrative, Kind of Kin lays bare the consequences of a law that exiles workers, turns friends into informers, and tears apart families. It also shows how some - and ultimately a whole town - will unite to protect their own.


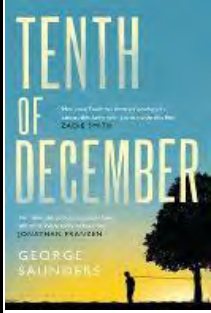



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<p><b>The Blind Man's Garden</b></p>	<p>Nadeem Aslam</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Jeo and Mikal, foster-brothers from a small Pakistani city, secretly enter Afghanistan: not to fight with the Taliban, but to help and care for wounded civilians. But it soon becomes apparent that good intentions can't keep them out of harm's way... From the wilds of Afghanistan to the heart of the family left behind - their blind father haunted for years by the death of his wife, by the mistakes he may have made in the name of Islam and nationhood, Jeo's steadfast wife and her superstitious mother - Aslam's prose takes us on an extraordinary journey, which culminates in a dazzling final third, a sustained and visionary passage of storytelling. Both lyrical and piercing, <i>The Blind Man's Garden</i> unflinchingly describes a specific yet timeless world, and powerfully evokes a place where the line between friend and enemy can be lost and where the desire to return home can burn brightest of all.</p>
<p><b>Chasing the Light: A Novel of Antarctica</b></p>	<p>Jesse Blackadder</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>It's the early 1930s. Antarctic open-sea whaling is booming and a territorial race for the mysterious continent between Norwegian and British-Australian interests is in full swing. Aboard a ship setting sail from Cape Town carrying the Norwegian whaling magnate Lars Christensen are three women: Lillemor Rachlew, who tricked her way on to the ship and will stop at nothing to be the first woman to land on Antarctica; Mathilde Wegger, a grieving widow who's been forced to join the trip by her calculating parents-in-law; and Lars's wife, Ingrid Christensen, who has longed to travel to Antarctica since she was a girl and has made a daunting bargain with Lars to convince him to take her. But none of the women are prepared for the reality of meeting the whaling fleet and experiencing firsthand the brutality of the icy world. As they head for the continent itself, the race is on for the first woman to land on Antarctica. None of them expect the outcome and none of them know how they will be changed by their arrival.</p>
<p><b>Y</b></p>	<p>Marjorie Celona</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Why would a mother give up her daughter? Can abandonment ever be an act of love? And could you ever forgive her? Abandoned as a newborn at the doors of the local YMCA and then bounced between foster homes, Shannon eventually finds stability in the home of Miranda, a single mother with a daughter of her own. But as Shannon grows, so do her questions. Will she ever belong? Who is her true family? And why would her parents abandon Shannon on the day she was born? The answers lie in the heartrending tale of her mother, a headstrong young woman trapped in a tragic series of events that will destroy her family and test the limits of her compassion and sacrifice.</p>
<p><b>Indiscretion</b></p>	<p>Charles Dubow</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>Harry and Madeleine Winslow are a devoted couple, blessed with talent, money and charm. At their cottage in East Hampton they entertain a vast coterie of friends who bask in the glow of their love for life and for one another. One weekend, Harry and Maddy, who are in their early forties, meet Claire and cannot help but be enchanted by her youth, intelligence and disarming naivety. Claire falls eagerly into the Winslows' welcoming orbit. But over the course of the summer, reverence transforms into dangerous desire. By Labor Day, it is no longer enough to just be one of their hangers-on. <i>Indiscretion</i> is a story of love, lust, deception, and betrayal told through the omniscient eyes of Maddy's childhood friend Walter, a narrator akin to Nick Carraway in <i>The Great Gatsby</i>.</p>
<p><b>The Universe Versus Alex Woods</b></p>	<p>Gavin Extence</p>	<p>Pb \$26.99 \$24.30</p> 	<p>Alex Woods knows that he hasn't had the most conventional start in life. He knows that growing up with a clairvoyant single mother won't endear him to the local bullies. He also knows that even the most improbable events can happen - he's got the scars to prove it. What he doesn't know yet is that when he meets ill-tempered, reclusive widower Mr Peterson, he'll make an unlikely friend. Someone who tells him that you only get one shot at life. That you have to make the best possible choices. So when, aged seventeen, Alex is stopped at Dover customs with 113 grams of marijuana, an urn full of ashes on the passenger seat, and an entire nation in uproar, he's fairly sure he's done the right thing...</p>


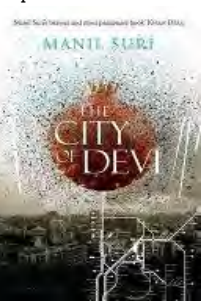



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<p><b>Clay</b></p>	<p>Melissa Harrison</p>	<p>Hb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>A boy creeps down from a high-rise block in the half-light of dawn to see the neat prints left by a fox on the frosty grass. He is TC, eight years old and skipping school to spend his time exploring the city's waste ground and long-forgotten wild corners. At school and at home he is barely missed. Sophia, seventy-eight and still wearing her dear dead husband's shoes, looks out through her kitchen window at the little city park outside her flat. She is writing her weekly letter to her granddaughter Daisy, whose privileged upbringing means she exists in a different world to that of TC, even though they live less than a mile apart. Jozef spends his days clearing houses and works night shifts at the local takeaway, but he is unable to forget the farm he left behind in Poland, the woods and fields he grew up with still a part of him, although he is a thousand miles away. When he meets TC in the little park one night he finds a kindred spirit, despite the forty years between them: both lonely, both looking for something, both lost.</p>
<p><b>Inheritance</b></p>	<p>Balli Kaur Jaswal</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>Set in Singapore between the early 1970's and 1990's, Inheritance follows the fissures that develop after the disappearance of teenage Amrit. Although her absence is brief, Amrit returns as a different person. As traditional Punjabis, the family struggles to cope with who Amrit is - her manic highs and lows, and her attempts to find solutions to a problem she doesn't fully understand. Narain, Amrit's brother and closest ally, also leads a secret life in order to avoid trouble with the government. But, although he knows his father is not proud, he is not ashamed of who he is. As the family awaits a transformation in Amrit, Singapore's political, social and cultural landscape rapidly changes, and while some in the family feel this as a loss, for some of them the future will be brighter - but it's a questions of whether the changes will arrive in time. With the traditional expectations of their country on the one hand, and their own volition on the other, how will this family avoid imploding?</p>
<p><b>A Teaspoon of Earth and Sea</b></p>	<p>Dina Nayeri</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Growing up in 1980s Iran, eleven-year-old Saba and her twin sister are fascinated by America, collecting contraband copies of Life magazine and Beatles cassettes. So when Saba suddenly finds herself alone with her father in Iran, she is certain that her mother and sister have moved to America without her. Over the next several years, as Saba falls in and out of love and struggles with the limited possibilities for women in Iran, she imagines a parallel life, a Western version, for her sister. But where Saba's story has all the grit of real life in post-revolutionary Iran, her sister's life as Saba envisions it gives her a freedom and control that Saba can only dream of.</p>
<p><b>Revenge</b></p>	<p>Yoko Ogawa</p>	<p>Tp \$29.95 \$26.95</p> 	<p>A woman goes into a bakery to buy a strawberry cream tart. The place is immaculate but there is no one serving so she waits. Another customer comes in. The woman tells the new arrival that she is buying her son a treat for his birthday. Every year she buys him his favourite cake; even though he died in an accident when he was six years old. From this beginning Yoko Ogawa weaves a dark and beautiful narrative that pulls together a seemingly disconnected cast of characters. In the tradition of classical Japanese poetic collections, the stories in Revenge are linked through recurring images and motifs, as each story follows on from the one before while simultaneously introducing new characters and themes. Filled with breathtaking images, Ogawa provides us with a slice of life that is resplendent in its chaos, enthralling in its passion and chilling in its cruelty.</p>
<p><b>Lone Wolf</b></p>	<p>Jodi Picoult</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Edward Warren, twenty-four, has been living in Thailand for five years, a prodigal son who left his family after an irreparable fight with his father, Luke. But he gets a frantic phone call: His dad lies comatose, gravely injured in the same accident that has also injured his younger sister Cara. With her father's chances for recovery dwindling, Cara wants to wait for a miracle. But Edward wants to terminate life support and donate his father's organs. Is he motivated by altruism, or revenge? And to what lengths will his sister go to stop him from making an irrevocable decision? Lone Wolf explores the notion of family, and the love, protection and strength it's meant to offer. But what if the hope that should sustain it, is the very thing that pulls it apart? Another tour de force from Jodi Picoult, Lone Wolf examines the wild and lonely terrain upon which love battles reason.</p>

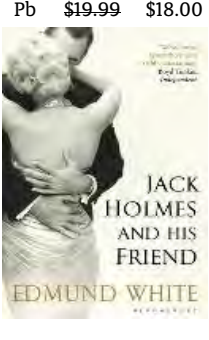


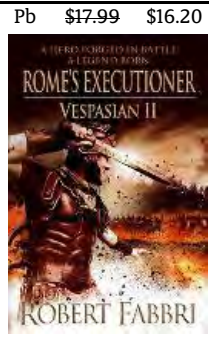
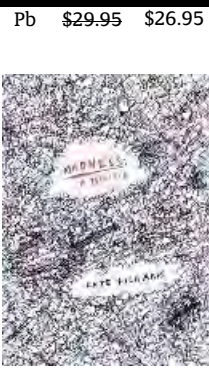
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<p><b>A Future Arrived</b></p>	<p>Phillip Rock</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>A Future Arrived is a novel of the young, born during or just after the war to end all wars. They grow to young adulthood as the inheritors of the hatred spawned by the Treaty of Versailles: Derek Ramsey, born only weeks after his father fell in France; the American writer, Martin Rilke, whose family roots in scandal entwine with those of the Stanmores, but who will conquer his questionable heritage by the worldwide fame that will soon come to him; the exquisitely beautiful Wood-Lacy twins, Jennifer and Victoria, and their passionate younger sister, Kate. In their heady youth and bittersweet growth to adulthood, they are the future-but the shadows that touched the lives of the generation before are destined to reach out to their own.</p>
<p><b>Tenth of December</b></p>	<p>George Saunders</p>	<p>Hb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>In this new collection of short stories, Saunders scratches away at the surface of worlds shot-through with confusion, illuminating figures lost in a labyrinth of troubling preoccupations. A family member recollects a backyard pole dressed for all occasions; Jeff faces horrifying ultimatums and the prospect of Darkenfloxx' in some unusual drug trials; Divisional Director Todd Birnie sends round a memo to employees he thinks need some inspiration; and in an auction of local celebrities Al Roosten hides his own internal monologue behind a winning smile that he hopes will make him popular. Although, as a young boy discovers, sometimes the voices fade and all you are left with is a frozen hill on a cold day in December... Laced with wry humour and stark sensitivity, Tenth of December is a masterly exploration of human experience, dazzling and disturbing in all its haunting eloquence.</p>
<p><b>Love is a Canoe</b></p>	<p>Ben Schrank</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Peter Herman is something of a folk hero. Marriage Is a Canoe, his decades-old guide to love and relationships, won the hearts of hopeful romantics and desperate cynics alike. But now it's 2010, and his wife has just died. He passes time with a woman he admires but doesn't love - and he begins to question the advice he's doled out for decades. Then he receives a call from Stella, an ambitious young editor who wants to celebrate the anniversary of Marriage Is a Canoe with a contest for struggling couples. The prize? An afternoon with Peter and a chance to save their relationship. The contest ensnares Stella in the opaque politics of her publishing house, and introduces a cast of unlikely and unstable couples. Then there's Peter, who must discover what he meant when he wrote Marriage Is a Canoe if he is going to find a way to love again.</p>
<p><b>The Art of Hearing Heartbeats</b></p>	<p>Jan-Phillip Sendker</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>A poignant and inspirational love story set in Burma, The Art of Hearing Heartbeats spans the decades between the 1950s and the present. When a successful New York lawyer suddenly disappears without a trace, neither his wife nor his daughter Julia has any idea where he might be - until they find a love letter he wrote many years ago, to a Burmese woman they have never heard of. Intent on solving the mystery and coming to terms with her father's past, Julia decides to travel to the village where the woman lived. There she uncovers a tale of unimaginable hardship, resilience, and passion that will change her life once more.</p>
<p><b>An Honourable Man</b></p>	<p>Gillian Slovo</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>It is 1884. In Khartoum, General Gordon stands on the roof of his fortress as the city is besieged. He has vowed to fight the Mahdi to the death. At his side is the boy he rescued from the English dockyardslums - his reluctant last ally. Approaching with the Camel Corps is a young doctor who has joined the expedition to rescue Gordon. As the men make agonising progress across the desert, John Clarke struggles to be the hero of his imagining, while his abandoned wife, Mary, troubles his conscience. Back in London, as controversy rages over the expedition, Mary finds herself adrift and isolated. Her only release comes from laudanum, an addiction that will take her into Victorian London's darkest corners. An Honourable Man is a novel of extraordinary power that combines the intimate and the epic, exploring the folly of Empire through the fine grain of human experience and emotion.</p>

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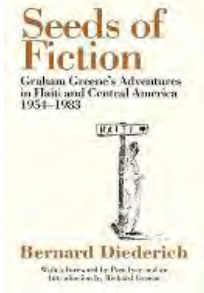
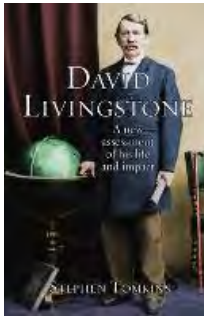
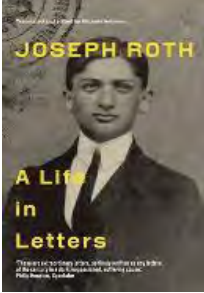

<p><b>Grace Grows</b></p>	<p>Shelle Summers</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Grace Barnum's life is precariously balanced on sensible choices and uncomfortable compromise. She dutifully edits textbooks that, she fears, may be more harmful than helpful to kids. She is engaged to a patent attorney who is sturdy and reliable. She has a cautious relationship with her fascinating father, a renowned New York artist. And she prefers her mom slightly drunk. Always a planner, Grace feels prepared for most eventualities. Until the responsibility-challenged Tyler Wilkie shows up. Fresh in town from the Poconos, Tyler has warm eyes, a country drawl, and a smile that makes Grace drop things. Worst of all, he writes devastating songs. About her. Tyler reaches something in Grace, something she needs but can't admit to. Something she wants but won't succumb to. Tyler Wilkie loves Grace Barnum and ruins everything. And Grace grows.</p>
<p><b>The City of Devi</b></p>	<p>Manil Suri</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>As Mumbai empties under the threat of imminent nuclear annihilation, statistician Sarita can only think of being reunited with her physicist husband. To find him, she must journey across the surreal landscape of a near-abandoned city, braving gangs of competing Hindu and Muslim hoodlums. Joining her is Jaza Muslim whose true religion has always been sex. Danger lurks around every corner, but so does the absurd: the patron goddess Devi Mahas even materialized on a beach to save her city. Sarita's search leads her to this beach, thrusting her into a trinity so mercurial, so consuming, that it will alter her life more fundamentally than any apocalypse.</p>
<p><b>Fish Change Direction in Cold Weather</b></p>	<p>Pierre Szalowski</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>When his parents split up, and his dad leaves home, a ten-year-old boy begs the sky to help him. The next day an ice storm covers his city. When the power goes out and the temperature drops, people must turn to each other to survive. But for one neighbourhood the catastrophe brings surprising new beginnings. Julie, the dancer who lives across the street, helps Boris, an eccentric Russian mathematician, save his fish from the cold weather. And the urbane Michel and Simon open their door to Alexis, their embittered neighbour, and his son. But will the ice storm bring the boy's parents back together? Hilarious and heartwarming, Fish Change Direction in Cold Weather reminds us that happy endings might still be possible.</p>
<p><b>Communion Town</b></p>	<p>Sam Thompson</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>The Man Booker longlisted Communion Town reveals the shadows and sinister inhabitants of a city that never appears the same way twice. On crowded streets, in the town squares and half-empty tower blocks, the lonely and lost try to make a connection. A weary gumshoe pounds the reeking sidewalks, seeking someone he knows he will never find. Violence loiters in blind alleys, eager to embrace the unsuspecting and the reckless. Lovers are doomed to follow treacherous paths that were laid long before they first met. This city is no ordinary place. Here, the underworld has surfaced; dreams melt into reality and memories are imagined before they are lived. Ghosts and monsters, refugees and travellers - the voices of Communion Town clamour to tell the stories of the city, stories that must be heard to be believed.</p>
<p><b>The Sound of Things Falling</b></p>	<p>Juan Gabriel Vasquez</p>	<p>Pb \$25.20 \$22.70</p> 	<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</p>

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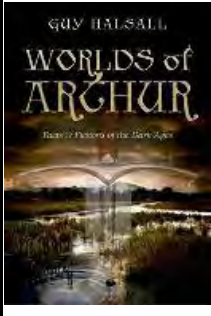


<p><b>Jack Holmes and His Friend</b></p>	<p>Edmund White</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Jack Holmes and His Friend charts the friendship of Jack Holmes and Will Wright from their arrival in New York on the eve of the wild 60s, over two decades through the first stirrings of gay liberation and the catastrophe of AIDS. Jack is gay, Will is straight, and Jack will always be devoted to Will, but he will also introduce him to women and help him explore a more free heterosexuality. Edmund White explores identity, sexuality, society, and the sweep of history in this sensitive story of a complicated intimacy.</p>
<p><b>Parade</b></p>	<p>Shuichi Yoshida</p>	<p>Tp \$32.95 \$29.65</p> 	<p>Four twenty-somethings share an apartment in Tokyo. In Parade each tells their story: their lives, their hopes and fears, their loves, their secrets. Kotomi waits by the phone for a boyfriend who never calls. Ryosuke wants someone that he can't have. Mirai spends her days drawing and her nights hanging out in gay bars. Naoki works for a film company, and everyone treats him like an elder brother. Then Satoru turns up. He's eighteen, homeless, and does night work of a very particular type. In the next door apartment something disturbing is going on. And outside, in the streets around their apartment block, there is violence in the air. From the writer of the cult classic Villain, Parade is a tense, disturbing, thrilling tale of life in the city.</p>
<p><b>HISTORICAL FICTION</b></p>			
<p><b>False God of Rome: Vespasian #3</b></p>	<p>Robert Fabbri</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Vespasian is serving as a military officer on the outskirts of the Roman Empire, suppressing local troubles and defending the Roman way. But political events in Rome - Tiberius' increasingly insane debauchery, the escalating grain crisis - draw him back to the city. When Caligula becomes Emperor, Vespasian believes that things will improve. Instead, he watches the young emperor deteriorate from being Rome's shining star to a blood-crazed, incestuous, all-powerful, profligate madman. Lavish building projects, endless games, public displays of his incestuous relationship with his sister, Drusilla, and a terrified senate are nothing to Caligula's most ambitious plan: to bridge the bay of Neapolis and ride over it wearing Alexander's breastplate. And it falls to Vespasian to travel to Alexandria and fetch it from Alexander's mausoleum. Vespasian's mission will lead to violence, mayhem and theft - and in the end, to an act of ultimate betrayal...</p>
<p><b>Rome's Executioner: Vespasian #2</b></p>	<p>Robert Fabbri</p>	<p>Pb \$17.99 \$16.20</p> 	<p>A hero forged in battle. A legend born. Thracia, AD30: Even after four years military service at the edge of the Roman world, Vespasian can't escape the tumultuous politics of an Empire on the brink of disintegration. His patrons in Rome have charged him with the clandestine extraction of an old enemy from a fortress on the banks of the Danube before it falls to the Roman legion besieging it. Vespasian's mission is the key move in a deadly struggle for the right to rule the Roman Empire. The man he has been ordered to seize could be the witness that will destroy Sejanus, commander of the Praetorian Guard and ruler of the Empire in all but name. Before he completes his mission, Vespasian will face ambush in snowbound mountains, pirates on the high seas, and Sejanus's spies all around him. But by far the greatest danger lies at the rotten heart of the Empire, at the nightmarish court of Tiberius, Emperor of Rome and debauched, paranoid madman.</p>
<p><b>AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHY</b></p>			
<p><b>Madness: A Memoir</b></p>	<p>Kate Richards</p>	<p>Pb \$29.95 \$26.95</p> 	<p>Madness is a real world for the many thousands of people who are right now living within it. It never apologises. Sometimes it is a shadow, ever present, without regard for the sun. Sometimes it is a well of dark water with no bottom, or a levitation device to the stars. Madness, a memoir is an insight into what it's like to live with psychosis over a period of ten years, in which bouts of acute illness are interspersed with periods of sanity. The world is beautiful and terrifying and sometimes magical. The sanctity of life is at times precious and at times precarious and always fragile. It's a story of learning to manage illness with courage and creativity, of achieving balance and living well. It is for everyone now living within the world of madness, for everyone touched by this world, and for everyone seeking to further his or her understanding of it, whether you think of madness as a biological illness of the brain or an understandable part of the continuum of the human condition. Kate Richards is a trained doctor currently working in medical research.</p>



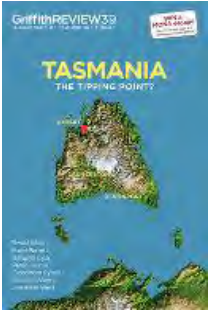

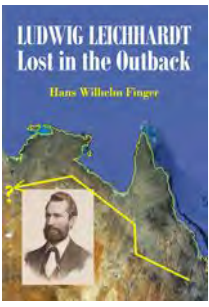

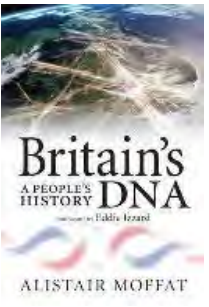
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<p><b>Perfect Stranger: A True Story</b></p>	<p>Kay Schubach</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Kay Schubach almost has it all - a great job, a beautiful apartment, a life of champagne and mixing it with Sydney's A-list, and a steady relationship. By chance she meets handsome and charismatic Simon. He sweeps her off her feet with promises the one thing her younger boyfriend won't give her - a baby. She takes the biggest risk of her life, leaving all certainties behind for love. All too quickly, the romance turns sour, and Simon goes from charming to controlling, from magnetic to threatening. By the time Kay uncovers his violent past, Simon has decided he will not let her go - and he's not a man to be argued with. Trapped in a terrifying relationship, isolated from friends and family, Kay must decide what she values most, and fight for it. A brutally honest cautionary tale, this is a true story of obsession and desire.</p>
<p><b>BIOGRAPHY</b></p>			
<p><b>Seeds of Fiction: Graham Greenes Adventures in Haiti and Central America 1954-83</b></p>	<p>Bernard Diederich</p>	<p>Pb \$39.99 \$36.00</p> 	<p>In 1965, Greene joined journalist Bernard Diederich in the Dominican Republic to embark on a tour of its border with Haiti, then ruled by Papa Doc Duvalier. They were accompanied by activist priest Jean-Claude Bajeux. Diederich had known Greene since the mid-1950s and had lived in Haiti for 14 years. He was a seasoned correspondent for the British and North American press and had reported many stories from the region, including Castro's triumph in Cuba and the death of the Dominican dictator, Trujillo. The famous novelist was 61 and depressed, having struggled to finish <i>A Burnt-Out Case</i>, and was being plagued by religious doubt; Bajeux, meanwhile, had been informed that his family had been disappeared by Duvalier's henchmen. As this trio traveled along the border they met a number of characters later fictionalized in Greene's most politically charged novel, <i>The Comedians</i>. This book tells the story of how a series of extraordinary journeys gave one of the greatest novelists of the 20th century new inspiration in his writing.</p>
<p><b>David Livingstone: A New Assessment of His Life and Impact</b></p>	<p>Stephen Tomkins</p>	<p>Pb \$16.99 \$15.30</p> 	<p>David Livingstone has gone down in history as a fearless explorer and missionary, hacking his way through the jungles of Africa to bring light to the people - and also to free them from slavery. But who was he, and what was he actually like? 'He was an extraordinary character' according to biographer Stephen Tomkins 'unbelievably bad at personal relationships, at least with white people, with infinite self-belief, courage and restlessness. He was also a complete failure as a missionary, and so became an explorer and campaigner against the slave trade, hoping to save African souls that way instead. He helped, however unwittingly, to set the tone and the extent of British involvement in Africa. He was a flawed but indomitable idealist.' Fascinating new evidence about Livingstone's life, and his struggles have come to light in the letters and journals he left behind, now accessible to us for the first time through spectral imaging. These form a significant addition to the source material for this excellent biography, which provides an honest and balanced account of the real man behind the Victorian icon.</p>
<p><b>Joseph Roth: A Life in Letters</b></p>	<p>Joseph Roth</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Roth, a transcendent novelist who also produced some of the most breathtakingly lyrical journalism ever written, is now being discovered by a new generation. Nine years in the making, this life through letters provides us with our most extensive portrait of Roth's calamitous life: his father's madness, his wife's schizophrenia, his parade of mistresses (each more exotic than the next), and his classic westward journey from a virtual Hapsburg shtetl to Vienna, Berlin, Frankfurt, and finally Paris. Containing 457 newly translated letters, along with eloquent introductions that richly frame Roth's life, this book brilliantly evokes the crumbling specters of the Weimar Republic and 1930s France. Displaying Roth's ceaselessly inventive powers, it finally charts his descent into despair at a time when the word had died, and men bark like dogs.</p>
<p><b>Shopping, Seduction and Mr Selfridge [TV tie-in]</b></p>	<p>Lindy Woodhead</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>In 1909, London's first dedicated department store opened in a glorious burst of publicity, surrounded by the largest advertising campaign ever mounted in the British press. Zola called Selfridges a 'great cathedral of shopping', and its high priest was Harry Gordon Selfridge, father of modern retailing, philanderer, gambler, dandy and the greatest showman the consumer world has ever known. The charismatic Selfridge had created nothing less than a lavish 'theatre of retail'. His talents were for shopping and seduction: and as his shop grew in success, so did his list of mansions, yachts, racehorses - and conquests. From humble beginnings, learning his trade in turn-of-the-century Chicago, the young Mr Selfridge came to London, where he lived through the turmoil of the First World War and the glittering excesses of the 1920s - when he lost millions at the gaming tables before being ousted from his store in 1939. To this irrepressible man 'the store was a theatre with the curtain going up at 9 o'clock': Mr Selfridge reveals the captivating story of what happened before the curtain fell.</p>


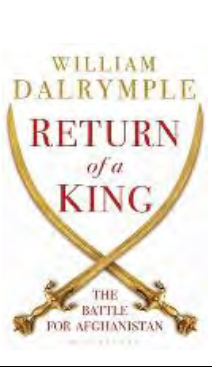

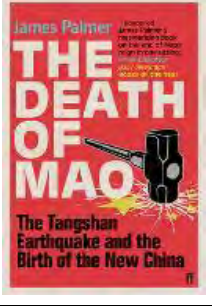

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<p><b>World is Moving Around Me: A Memoir of the Haiti Earthquake</b></p>	<p>Laferriere, Dany</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$22.99</del> \$20.70</p> 	<p>On January 12, 2010, novelist Dany Laferriere has just ordered dinner at a Port-au-Prince restaurant with a friend when the earthquake struck. He survived, but some 300,000 others did not. The quake caused widespread disruption and left over one million homeless; it also revealed flaws in the impoverished nation's infrastructure that will take a generation from which to recover. In a series of vignettes, Laferriere reveals the shock, rage, and grief experienced by those around him, the acts of heroism he witnessed, and his own sense of survivor guilt. This moving and revelatory book is an eyewitness account of the quake and its aftermath.</p>
<b>HISTORY</b>			
<p><b>Viking: The Norse Warrior's (Unofficial) Manual</b></p>	<p>John Haywood</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$24.95</del> \$22.45</p> 	<p>The fifth instalment in this popular and highly successful series, Viking follows on from Legionary, Gladiator, Knight and Samurai, your guide to the Norse world of the tenth century ad. Discover everything you will need to become a successful Viking warrior: how to join a war band; what to look for in a good leader; how to behave at a feast; what weapons and armour to choose; how to fight in a shield wall; where to go raiding; how to plunder a monastery and ransom a monk; how to navigate at sea; and what to expect if you die gloriously in battle. Modern reconstructions and ancient artefacts, including 16 pages of brilliant colour images, will immerse the reader visually in the Viking world. The humorous text peppered with quotes from sagas and chronicles will take you on an engrossing journey from joining a raiding party to how to die gloriously.</p>
<p><b>Worlds of Arthur: Facts and Fictions of the Dark Ages</b></p>	<p>Guy Halsall</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$38.95</del> \$35.05</p> 	<p>King Arthur is probably the most famous and certainly the most legendary medieval king. On the one hand is the traditional 'historical' Arthur, waging a doomed struggle to save Roman civilization against the relentless Anglo-Saxon tide during the Dark Ages. On the other is the Arthur of myth and legend - accompanied by a host of equally legendary people, places. The problem is that 'King Arthur' might well never have existed. And if he did exist, it's almost impossible to say anything about him. As this challenging new look at the Arthur legend makes clear, all books claiming to reveal 'the truth' behind King Arthur can safely be ignored. Not only the 'red herrings' in the abundant pseudo-historical accounts, even the 'historical' Arthur is largely a figment of the imagination: the evidence that we have - whether written or archaeological - is simply incapable of telling us anything detailed about the Britain in which he is supposed to have lived, fought, and died. The truth, as Guy Halsall reveals in this fascinating investigation, is both radically different - and also a good deal more intriguing.</p>
<p><b>Constantine the Emperor</b></p>	<p>David Potter</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$41.95</del> \$37.75</p> 	<p>No Roman emperor had a greater impact on the modern world than Constantine. Constantine's conversion to Christianity is but one feature of a unique administrative style that enabled him to take control of an empire beset by internal rebellions and external threats by Persians and Goths. The vast record of Constantine's administration reveals a government careful in its exercise of power but capable of ruthless actions. Constantine executed (or drove to suicide) his father-in-law, two brothers-in-law, his eldest son, and his once beloved wife. An unparalleled general throughout his life, even on his deathbed he was planning a major assault on the Sassanian Empire in Persia. Alongside the visionary who believed that his success came from the direct intervention of his God resided an aggressive warrior, a sometimes cruel partner, and an immensely shrewd ruler. These characteristics combined together in a long and remarkable career, which restored the Roman Empire to its former glory.</p>
<p><b>Future Proofing Australia</b></p>	<p>Brett Mason &amp; Daniel Wood</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$29.99</del> \$27.00</p> 	<p>Future Proofing Australia is a selection of essays by Australia's great thinkers and doers boldly confronting the future and mapping out a path for our country. The contributors desire to see Australia confront and overcome significant challenges affecting our country, so that future generations continue to enjoy the prosperity, opportunity and lifestyle that are much envied around the world. The contributors also understand that ideas matter. New, fresh ideas are the lifeblood of any successful society. Without those ideas, societies stagnate and then wither unable to either face or resolve problems confronting them. Future Proofing Australia was conceived to assist that blood flow. It is designed to inform, challenge, and lift the level of public debate.</p>

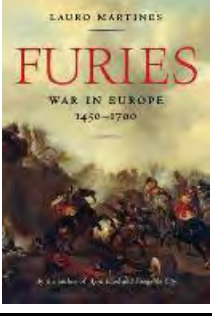
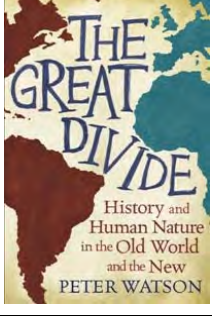
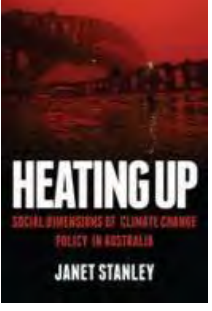
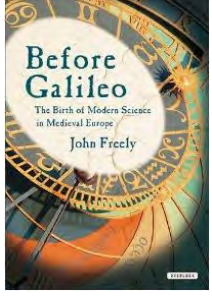

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<p><b>Griffith Review #39: Tasmania The Tipping Point</b></p>	<p>Julianne Schultz [ed]</p>	<p>Pb \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>A ground-breaking and topical edition of Griffith Review that will highlight rapid changes in Tasmania, past and present, by the state's best writers and thinkers. Tasmania, the smallest of Australia's states, has long been on the edge of national conversations about prosperity, equality and identity. In Tasmania: The Tipping Point? Griffith Review serves up strategic slices of Tasmania's past, present and future, prepared by many of the state's best writers. Thinkers and doers from Tasmania and beyond, including members of its diaspora, examine whether the island state has reached a 'tipping point'. Geographic isolation, a distinctive natural environment and small social scale are increasingly seen as blessings, presenting remarkable opportunities. Tasmania: The Tipping Point? challenges how Tasmania is seen by outsiders-and illuminates how Tasmanians see themselves, down home and in the world.</p>
<p><b>Landmarks: A History of Australia in 33 Places</b></p>	<p>National Museum of A</p>	<p>Pb \$29.95 \$26.95</p> 	<p>Through objects and stories from the National Museum of Australia's collections, Landmarks: A History of Australia in 33 Places traces how people have lived across the Australian continent since 1788. It explores how generations have made their homes here, nurtured families, established enterprises and shaped the places that define our lives today.</p>
<p><b>Ludwig Leichhardt: Lost in the Outback</b></p>	<p>Hans Wilhelm Finger</p>	<p>Pb \$34.95 \$31.45</p> 	<p>On 14 February 1842 Leichhardt arrived in Sydney, Australia. His aim was to explore inland Australia and he was hopeful of a government appointment in his fields of interest. In 1848 Ludwig Leichhardt and his companions vanished during his second attempt at crossing Australia from east to west. No trace of his expedition has been found. Nine separate extensive but unsuccessful searches were conducted over the next century. With no evidence whatsoever of Leichhardt's fate, his disappearance created heroic mythology and resulted in a number of poems and novels (in German also), including Nobel Prize winner Patrick White's Voss of 1957. Leichhardt left extensive and well-regarded records and publications about his travels. This is a sensitive and detailed account drawing on Leichhardts letters, journals, log books and personal diaries and covers his early years in Europe and his incredibly broad university education.</p>
<p><b>Undaunted: Stories About the Irish in Australia</b></p>	<p>John Wright</p>	<p>Pb \$39.99 \$36.00</p> 	<p>Undaunted is a collection of true stories about Irish men and women who traveled to Australia in search of a better life and battled the odds in a remote and harsh world. From 1788 when the first convict ships landed to the mid-20th century, these true stories about settlers, convicts, and their descendants highlight the best and worst of human behavior in the kinds of dilemma that faced newcomers. This book tells the story of the Irish contribution to this struggle.</p>
<p><b>Britain's DNA: A People's History</b></p>	<p>Alistair Moffatt</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99 \$36.00</p> 	<p>Hidden inside all of us - every human being on Earth - is the story of our ancestry. Printed on our DNA are the origins of our lineages, the time in history and prehistory when they arose, and the epic journeys people have made across the globe. Based on exciting new research involving the most wide-ranging sampling of DNA ever made in Britain, Alistair Moffatt, author of the bestselling The Scots: A Genetic Journey, shows how all of us who live on these islands are immigrants. The last ice age erased any trace of more ancient inhabitants, and the ancestors of everyone who now lives in Britain came here after the glaciers retreated and the land greened once more. In an epic narrative, sometimes moving, sometimes astonishing, always revealing, Moffatt writes an entirely new history of Britain. Instead of the usual parade of the usual suspects - kings, queens, saints, warriors and the notorious - this is a people's history, a narrative made from stories only DNA can tell which offers insights into who we are and where we come from.</p>

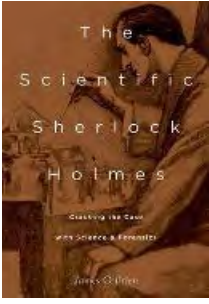

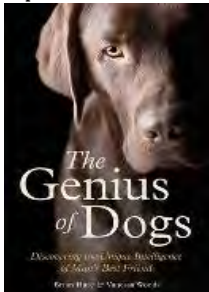
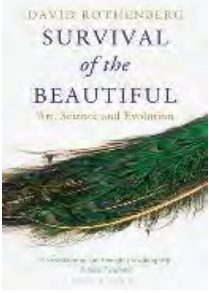

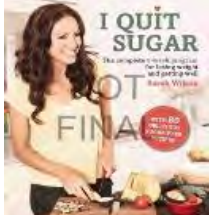
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<p><b>An English Affair: Sex, Class and Power in the Age of Profumo</b></p>	<p>Richard Davenport-Hines</p>	<p>Pb \$35.00 \$31.50</p> 	<p>Britain in the late 1950s was a highly regimented society, still dominated by the memory of two world wars. The Prime Minister, Harold Macmillan, was a patrician former publisher who was associated in the public mind with the grouse moor, and the Conservative Party he led favoured stability, hierarchy, traditional morality and a conservative resistance to change. But beneath the surface were pent-up social forces that burst into the open with the Profumo Affair. Here, Richard Davenport-Hines introduces us to a compelling cast of characters - among them the aristocrat Lord Astor, the society osteopath Stephen Ward, the call-girl Christine Keeler and Minister of War Jack Profumo - as the story builds to its gripping and deadly climax. He exposes the hypocrisy and prejudice of a country on the brink of a social revolution. The ramifications of the scandal were far-reaching. Directly they involved sex, drugs, the English class system, chequebook journalism, criminal underworlds, racism and the birth of Swinging London. Indirectly, they showed the state of England fifty years ago.</p>
<p><b>Return of a King: The Battle for Afghanistan</b></p>	<p>William Dalrymple</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>In 1839, British forces invaded Afghanistan, re-establishing Shah Shuja on the throne and ushering in a period of conflict over territory still unresolved today. In 1842, the Afghan people rose against the foreign occupiers, and the country exploded into violent rebellion. In what is arguably the greatest military humiliation ever suffered by the West in the East, more than 18,000 British troops, Indian sepoy and camp followers retreated through the icy mountain passes, and only one man, Dr Brydon, made it through to the British garrison at Jellalabad. An entire army of what was then the most powerful military nation in the world was utterly routed by poorly equipped tribesmen. The West's first disastrous entanglement in Afghanistan has clear and relevant parallels with the current deepening crisis today, with extraordinary similarities between what NATO faces in cities like Kabul and Kandahar, and that faced by the British in the very same cities, fighting the very same tribes, nearly two centuries ago. History at its most urgent, <i>The Return of a King</i> is the definitive analysis of the first Afghan war.</p>
<p><b>Party Time: Who Runs China and How</b></p>	<p>Rowan Callick</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Rowan Callick goes behind the scenes of contemporary China to reveal the workings of its political elite. Nearly a century after its underground beginnings in a Shanghai schoolroom, the Communist Party today exerts remarkable control. From neighbourhood disputes to the highest levels of the army, bureaucracy, commerce and the courts, it governs nearly every corner of Chinese life. Business deals require party approval; university courses reflect party doctrine; party families amass incredible wealth while other enterprises are squeezed out. This is also a colourful portrait of some of the party's 80 million members. Why and how do people join the party? What rituals and responsibilities are involved once they do? Who are the party's up-and-coming leaders, how are they educated and what plans do they have for China's future?</p>
<p><b>The Death of Mao: The Tangshan Earthquake and the Birth of the New China</b></p>	<p>James Palmer</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>In 1976, Mao lay dying, and China was struck by a great natural disaster. The earthquake that struck Tangshan, a shoddily built mining city, was one of the worst in recorded history, killing half a million people. But the Chinese Communist rulers in Beijing were distracted, paralysed by in-fighting over who would take control after Mao finally died. Would Mao's fanatical wife and her collaborators, the Gang of Four, be allowed to continue the Cultural Revolution, which had shut China off from the world and reduced it to poverty and chaos? Or would Deng Xiaoping and his reformist friends be able to take control and open China up to the market, and end the near permanent state of civil war? Palmer recreates the tensions of that fateful summer, when the fate of China and the world were in the balance - as injured and starving people crawled among the ruins of a stricken city.</p>
<p><b>The Sultan's Istanbul on Five Kurush a Day</b></p>	<p>Charles Fitzroy</p>	<p>Hb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>This entertaining and informative guide takes you on a journey back to the era of the Grand Tour, when Istanbul was a favourite destination for enterprising travellers. You can learn how to gain access to the heavily guarded Topkapi Sarayi and find out the truth behind all those rumours of the charms of the concubines in the sultans harem, and the eunuchs who guard them. You can discover how to haggle with the expert salesmen in the bustling bazaars, learn what excitements await you in a Turkish bath and attend the strange rituals of the whirling dervishes. Or watch the sultan, dressed in all his finery, taking to the Bosphorus in his splendid barge. Witty and fact-filled, <i>The Sultans Istanbul on Five Kurush a Day</i> will appeal to travellers, museum-goers and anyone who wonders what it would really have been like to visit the hub of the Ottoman Empire.</p>

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<p><b>Furies: War in Europe 1450-1700</b></p>	<p>Lauro Martines</p>	<p>Hb \$350.00 \$315.00</p> 	<p>The Renaissance was an age of constant, harrowing warfare. Armies, not philosophers, shaped the face of Europe as modern nation-states emerged from feudal society. This volume captures the dark reality of the period in a gripping narrative mosaic. As Lauro Martines shows us, total war was no twentieth-century innovation. These conflicts spared no civilians in their path. A Renaissance army was a mobile city-indeed, a force of 20,000 or 40,000 men was larger than many cities of the day. And it was a monster, devouring food and supplies for miles around. It menaced towns and the countryside with famine and disease, often more lethal than combat. Fighting itself was savage, its violence increased by the use of newly invented weapons, from muskets to mortars. For centuries, notes Martines, the history of this period has favored diplomacy, high politics, and military tactics. Furies puts us on the front lines of battle, and on the streets of cities under siege, to reveal what Europes wars meant to the men and women who endured them.</p>
<p><b>The Great Divide: History and Human Nature in the Old World and the New</b></p>	<p>Peter Watson</p>	<p>Tp \$34.99 \$31.50</p> 	<p>In 15,000 B.C. early humankind, who had evolved in Africa tens of thousands of years before and spread out to populate the Earth, arrived in Siberia during the Ice Age. Because so much water was locked up at that time in great ice sheets, the level of the world's oceans were much lower than they are today, and early humans were able to walk across the Bering Strait and enter the Americas. When the Ice Age came to an end, the Bering Strait refilled with water and humans in the Americas were cut off from humans elsewhere in the world. This division - with two great populations on Earth, each oblivious of the other - continued until Christopher Columbus 'discovered' America just before 1500 A.D. This book which compares and contrasts the development of humankind in the 'Old World' and the 'New' between 15,000 B.C. and 1500 A.D. This unprecedented comparison of early peoples means that, when these factors are taken together, they offer a uniquely revealing insight into what it means to be human.</p>
<p><b>SCIENCE</b></p>			
<p><b>Heating Up: Social Dimensions of Climate Change Policy in Australia</b></p>	<p>Janet Stanley</p>	<p>Tp \$34.95 \$31.45</p> 	<p>The primary challenge of responding to the present crisis of climate change and environmental damage has moved from the pure sciences to the domain of the social sciences. Transformational change across societal structures is needed within a short time frame. Yet, in Australia, political leadership and good policy, aided by a responsible media and a responsive research community and government bureaucracy, is deficient. These groups struggle to provide effective responses. There is an impasse about what processes and actions are needed for change. The Challenge of Climate Change for Australia and Its Leaders outlines social policy frameworks and sector responsibilities for action, particularly for those who now, and increasingly in the future, experience the greatest hardships associated with environmental destruction. Indeed, it is contended that equity in outcomes is crucial to any successful response to both climate change and environmental destruction.</p>
<p><b>Before Galileo: The Birth of Modern Science in Medieval Europe</b></p>	<p>John Freely</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Histories of modern science often begin with the heroic battle between Galileo and the Catholic Church that sparked the Scientific Revolution and led to the world-changing discoveries of Isaac Newton. In reality, more than a millennium before the Renaissance, a succession of scholars paved the way for the discoveries for which Galileo and Newton are often credited. In Before Galileo, John Freely investigates the pioneering research of the first European scientists, many of them monks whose influence ranged far beyond the walls of the monasteries where they studied and wrote. Before Galileo places the great discoveries of the age in their rightful context.</p>
<p><b>King of Infinite Space: Euclid and His Elements</b></p>	<p>David Berlinski</p>	<p>Hb \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>Geometry helps us make sense of everything from architecture to military science to fashion, and geometric forms define everything we observe - both natural and manmade - in the world around us. And for more than two thousand years, geometry has been equated with Euclid's Elements, the oldest complete text in the western mathematical tradition. Virtually nothing is known, however, about the life of the man who first organized geometric and mathematical knowledge into a system. Now, Berlinski provides the definitive story of this elusive mathematician and his path to becoming one of the foundational figures of modern mathematics. No other mathematician has so thoroughly transformed the future of the discipline, and Berlinski urges readers to take pleasure in the beauty and simplicity of Euclid's geometric system.</p>


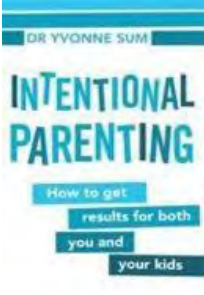

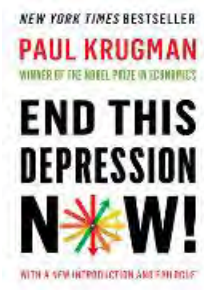
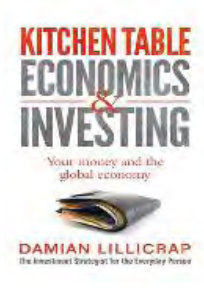
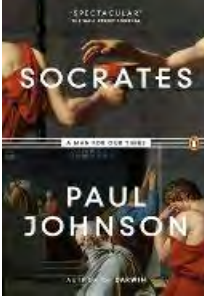
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<p><b>The Scientific Sherlock Holmes: Cracking the Case with Science and Forensics</b></p>	<p>James O'Brien</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$35.95</del> \$32.35</p> 	<p>Arthur Conan Doyle's enduringly popular Sherlock Holmes has his own undeniable place in the public eye. Holmes is often seen applying concepts of some branch of science in his work, discussing scientific matters with Watson, or is involved in situations where the applicability of the formal sciences is apparent. The Scientific Sherlock Holmes connects Holmes' vegetable poisons with concepts in botany, his use of fingerprinting with forensic science, and carbon monoxide poisoning and hemoglobin tests with concepts in chemistry, thus integrating the Holmes stories with all branches of science.</p>
<p><b>Wonders of Life</b></p>	<p>Brian Cox &amp; Andrew Cohen</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$45.00</del> \$40.50</p> 	<p>In this beautiful and definitive new book, Professor Brian Cox takes us on an incredible journey to discover how a few fundamental laws gave birth to the most complex, diverse and unique force in the Universe - life itself. There are thought to be as many as 100 million different species on Earth - each and every one governed by the same laws. Light, gravity, time, matter and energy are the fundamental building blocks of everything, from the smallest microbe on Earth to the biggest galaxy. What is true for a bacterium is true for a blue whale. This is the story of the amazing diversity and adaptability of life told through the fundamental laws that govern it. Through his voyage of discovery, Brian will explain how the astonishing inventiveness of nature came about and uncover the milestones in the epic journey from the origin of life to our own lives. From the vast networks of subterranean freshwater caverns of the Yucatan peninsula to the unique and precious island of Madagascar, Brian will seek out the places where the biggest questions about life may be answered...</p>
<p><b>The Genius of Dogs: Discovering the Unique Intelligence of Man's Best Friend</b></p>	<p>Brian Hare &amp; Vanessa Woods</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$44.95</del> \$40.45</p> 	<p>Is your dog purposefully disobeying you? Probably, and usually behind your back. What animal hasn't beaten dogs on any measure of intelligence? Apologies, but it's the cat. Why shouldn't you act like top dog to maintain control? You're better off displaying your friendliness. Starting with a landmark discovery in 1995 by evolutionary anthropologist Brian Hare, a wunderkind who now leads the field, scientists have learned how dogs think. Then, Hare proved that his family's dog was not only cleverer than any fox but also cleverer than any chimp. Now, Hare and science writer Vanessa Woods share all of the secrets of dogs' uniquely evolved intelligence, how your dog is a genius, and how to understand your dog's world.</p>
<p><b>Survival of the Beautiful: Art, Science, and Evolution</b></p>	<p>David Rothenberg</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.99</del> \$18.00</p> 	<p>The peacock's tail makes me sick! said Charles Darwin. That's because the theory of evolution as adaptation can't explain why nature is so beautiful. It took the concept of sexual selection for Darwin to explain that, a process that has more to do with aesthetic taste than adaptive fitness. Survival of the Beautiful is a revolutionary new examination of the interplay of beauty, art, and culture in evolution. Taking inspiration from Darwin's observation that animals have a natural aesthetic sense, philosopher and musician David Rothenberg probes why animals, humans included, have an innate appreciation for beauty - and why nature is, indeed, beautiful.</p>
<p><b>TODAY'S WORLD</b></p>			
<p><b>Kattertonia: The Wit and Wisdom of Bob Katter</b></p>	<p>Black Inc</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$9.99</del> \$9.00</p> 	<p>You've seen him wearing Top Gun sunnies, bringing a billy to boil, leaning on a bunch of bananas and addressing the 'Don't Meddle with Marriage' rally. But what's going on under that hat? In these pages we lift the brim and uncover the words of a true-blue Aussie who shoots from the hip. Bob Katter doesn't hold back when it comes to himself: 'There is a rage in my soul, a hatred in my soul.' Women: 'He said that I considered women second-class citizens. If they were staying at home and not working then I would not consider them second-class; I would consider them first-class citizens.' Environmental activists: '...not a race of people that I like in any way, shape or form.' Gay rights: 'If homosexuality is a fashion statement, it is a very dangerous fashion statement...' The live cattle trade industry: 'They're people that love their animals, sort of.' And that's just a taste of Kattertonia...</p>
<p><b>I Quit Sugar: The Complete Plan and Recipe Book</b></p>	<p>Sarah Wilson</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$29.99</del> \$27.00</p> 	<p>Sarah Wilson was a self-confessed sugar addict, eating over 30 teaspoons of sugar every day. She'd developed mood disorders, a weight issue, sleep problems and an overactive thyroid. She knew she had to make a change. In January 2011, she decided to quit sugar. What started as an experiment soon became a way of life, and she hasn't looked back since. This book outlines the dangers of sugar, provides a step-by-step guide to kicking the habit, and provides 80 delicious sugar-free recipes, including baking and dessert recipes. Packed with great advice, fun tips, personal stories and gorgeous photography, this is a sensible, simple and accessible guide to losing weight and getting well.</p>

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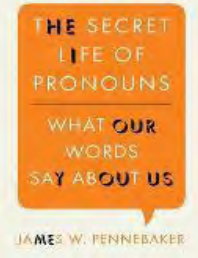
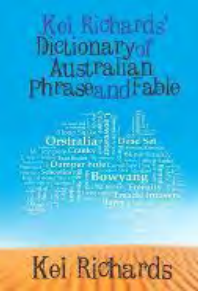


<p><b>What's Your Dog Teaching You?</b></p>	<p>Martin McKenna</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>Martin McKenna, the Dog Man, has learned plenty from the dogs he grew up with and from the dogs he now owns. He firmly believes that dogs hold the key to human happiness and well being and that they can help us to be better people - if we only learned how to learn from them. Over the years he has counselled countless people in doggy lore, in how to be more relaxed, more confident, less aggressive, more loyal, how to make the most out of life, how to use routine to clear your head - and many other useful modes of behaviour. In this book he runs through the many lessons dogs can teach us, via colourful anecdotes about hounds and their owners.</p>
<p><b>Extra Virginity: The Sublime and Scandalous World of Olive Oil</b></p>	<p>Tom Mueller</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>The best oils are made by authentic artist-craftsmen, who marry centuries-old agricultural wisdom with cutting-edge extraction technology, and now produce the finest oils in history. However, these producers are being steadily driven from the market: extra-virgin olive oil is difficult and expensive to make, yet alarmingly easy to adulterate. Skilled oil criminals are flooding the market with low-cost, faux extra-virgins, reaping rich profits and undercutting honest producers, whilst authorities in Italy, the US and elsewhere turn a blind eye. From the feisty pugliese woman of sixty struggling to keep the family business afloat to her industrialist neighbour who has allegedly grown wealthy on counterfeit oil, to Benedictine monks in Western Australia and poker-playing agriculture barons in northern California who make this ancient foodstuff in New World ways, Mueller distils the passions and life stories of oil producers, and explores the conflict, culinary vitality and cultural importance of great olive oil.</p>
<p><b>When Gadgets Betray Us: The Dark Side of Our Infatuation with New Technologies</b></p>	<p>Robert Vamosi</p>	<p>Pb \$21.99 \$19.80</p> 	<p>Technology is evolving faster than we are. As our smartphones, tablets, cars, and digital cameras become increasingly complex we understand less and less about how they work and what information they store. We demand intuitive interfaces that get us up and running right away, but how many of us actually stop to think about potential threats to our privacy? Here, Vamosi, a technology reporter and analyst who has been covering the internet age for over a decade, investigates the dark side of digital capability and convenience. He uncovers a secret world of privacy loss that most of us never consider - that is, until something goes terribly wrong. Vamosi helps us comprehend the technology in our everyday lives and develop a common sense approach about how to protect ourselves. An essential guide for understanding what we're really signing up for every time we log-in, When Gadgets Betray Us reveals the secret lives of our electronic devices so that we can all better manage the real risks.</p>
<p><b>The Wonderbox: Curious Histories of How to Live</b></p>	<p>Roman Krznaric</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>Showing the lessons that can be learned from the past, cultural historian Roman Krznaric explores twelve universal topics, from work and love to money and creativity, and reveals the wisdom that we've been missing. There is much to be learned from Ancient Greece on relationships, from the industrial revolution on job satisfaction, and from Ming-dynasty China on bringing up our children. Just as a Renaissance 'Wunderkammer' was a curiosity cabinet full of fascinating objects, each with a story behind it, The Wonderbox is full of stories and ideas from history, each of which sheds invaluable light on the decisions we make every day, whether we think about the different uses of the senses or changing attitudes to time. History is usually read for pleasure or for insight into current affairs, but The Wonderbox, stepping into the territory of Alain de Botton and Theodore Zeldin, is 'practical history' - using the past to think about our day to day lives.</p>
<p><b>Ultimate Wellness: The 3-Step Plan</b></p>	<p>Kerryn Phelps</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>From one of Australia's best loved and most respected GPs comes the health book to get you feeling 100 per cent! In three easy steps, Professor Kerryn Phelps shows you how to audit your health, change your lifestyle and stay the course to achieve ultimate health. From choosing a GP, to good sleep, diet and exercise, 'Ultimate Wellness' is Phelps' guide to lifting your health to the highest bar. This book offers detailed information on how alcohol affects your health; how to quit smoking; what vitamins, supplements and herbs to consider taking; how to sensibly detox; how to combat stress and boost your immunity to enhance your wellbeing. 'Ultimate Wellness' is the expert resource for anyone looking to make a lasting, positive change to their health.</p>

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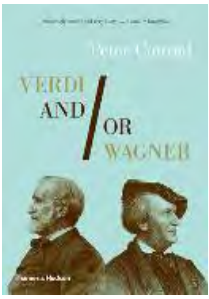


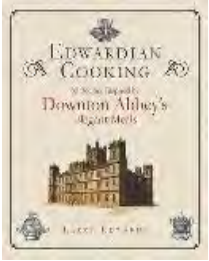

<p><b>French Parents Don't Give In: 100 Parenting Tips from Paris</b></p>	<p>Pamela Druckerman</p>	<p>Hb \$27.95 \$25.15</p> 	<p>Parenting advice from French Children Don't Throw Food now distilled into 100 short and easy tips. In response to the enthusiastic reception of her bestselling parenting memoir French Children Don't Throw Food, Pamela Druckerman now offers a practical handbook that distils her findings into one hundred short and straightforward tips to bring up your child a la francaise. It includes advice about pregnancy, feeding (including meal plans and recipes from Paris creches), sleeping, manners, and much more.</p>
<p><b>Intentional Parenting: How to Get Results for Both You and Your Kids</b></p>	<p>Yvonne Sum</p>	<p>Tp \$34.95 \$31.45</p> 	<p>The dynamics of leading a family have similar effects to organisational leadership in business. When leadership is ineffective, it results in a dysfunctional family/team. The converse is equally true. As parents how do we set an intentional framework that honours what we value without disconnecting from the family that we lead? Intentional Parenting provocatively discusses and explains how parenting is essentially about leadership principles and tribe management. Through research and everyday examples Dr Yvonne Sum shows how you can apply modern leadership principles to lead your family without alienating your children. In Intentional Parenting Dr Yvonne Sum gives us a fresh, intelligent and contemporary model for parenting in the 21st century.</p>
<p><b>Office Politics: How to Thrive in a World of Lying, Backstabbing and Dirty Tricks</b></p>	<p>Oliver James</p>	<p>Tp \$32.95 \$29.65</p> 	<p>Success at work now depends less and less on how good you are at specific skills and more and more on office politics. Often thought of as a dirty word, office politics is in fact an inevitable part of working life and is a major contributor to a successful career. With only 11 per cent of people now employed in making things, such as the manufacturing industry, the great majority of us work in jobs where relationships are crucial. Intelligence tests account for about one quarter of how well people do in their careers; office politics skills accounts for most of the rest. Including real-life stories, questionnaires and advice based on science, this book provides a fascinating insight into the world of office politics.</p>
<p><b>End This Depression Now!</b></p>	<p>Paul Krugman</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>The Great Recession is more than four years old - and counting. Yet, as Paul Krugman points out in this powerful volley, Nations rich in resources, talent, and knowledge - all the ingredients for prosperity and a decent standard of living for all - remain in a state of intense pain. How bad have things gotten? How did we get stuck in what now can only be called a depression? And above all, how do we free ourselves? Krugman pursues these questions with his characteristic lucidity and insight. He has a powerful message for anyone who has suffered over these past four years--a quick, strong recovery is just one step away, if our leaders can find the intellectual clarity and political will to end this depression now.</p>
<p><b>Kitchen Table Economics and Investing: Your Money and the Global Economy</b></p>	<p>Damian Lillicrap</p>	<p>Tp \$29.95 \$26.95</p> 	<p>The global economy is likely to get worse before it gets better. We can no longer sit back and expect that our superannuation or pension programs will see us comfortably through retirement. Unless we take an interest in how much we are putting aside and how our money is being invested - and the earlier in our working lives the better - there is a good chance that we will end up with less than we expect. This timely book explains, in everyday language, the driving forces behind the economic issues we face, and how they are likely to play out. It also lays out the basics of saving and investing for retirement, then builds on these basics for those who wish to go further. Find out more about: equities, bonds, cash, and property; gold and currency; borrowing and leverage in investing; dynamic asset allocation, for the more experienced investor.</p>
<p><b>Socrates: A Man for Our Times</b></p>	<p>Paul Johnson</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>This brilliant biography of Socrates by historian Paul Johnson situates the father of philosophy in the fifth century BC Athens that he loved, delving into the geopolitics of the time, his service as a soldier, his wide range of acquaintances and the civic unrest that led to Socrates' trial and death. This is a fresh and fascinating portrait of the thinker who believed questioning and education were the keys to a virtuous life, proving that Socrates' beliefs and philosophy are as relevant today as in ancient Athens.</p>



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<p><b>The School of Life: Ideas to Live By</b> [bind-up edition #2]</p>	<p>The School of Life</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$34.99</del> \$31.50</p> 	<p>A series of intelligent, rigorous, well-written self-help books, put together by some of the leading minds in the field. Founded in 2008, The School of Life runs a diverse range of programmes and services which address questions of personal fulfilment and how to lead a better life. Drawing insights from philosophy, psychology, literature, the visual arts and sciences, The School of Life offers evening classes, weekends, conversation meals and other events that explore issues relating to big themes such as Love, Work, Play, Self, Family and Community. This bindup includes the following titles: How To Stay Sane; How To Find Fulfilling Work; and How To Change The World.</p>
<p><b>Green Philosophy: How to Think Seriously About the Planet</b></p>	<p>Roger Scruton</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$29.99</del> \$27.00</p> 	<p>The environment has long been the undisputed territory of the political Left, which has seen the principal threats to the earth as issuing from international capitalism, consumerism and the over-exploitation of natural resources. Roger Scruton shows the fallacies behind that way of thinking, contending that the environment is the most urgent political problem of our age, and sets out the principles that should govern our efforts to protect it. The current environmental movement directs its energies at the bigger picture but fails to see that environmental problems are generated and resolved by ordinary people. In Green Philosophy, Scruton argues that conservatism is far better suited to tackle environmental problems than either liberalism or socialism. He shows that rather than entrusting the environment to unwieldy NGOs and international committees, we must assume personal responsibility and foster local sovereignty. Our common future is by no means assured, but as Roger Scruton clearly demonstrates in this important book, there is a path that we can take which could ensure the future safety of our planet and our species.</p>
<p><b>The Secret Life of Pronouns: What Our Words Say About Us</b></p>	<p>James W Pennebaker</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.99</del> \$18.00</p> 	<p>Our most forgettable words, such as pronouns and prepositions, can be the most revealing: their patterns are as distinctive as fingerprints. Using innovative analytic techniques, Pennebaker X-rays everything from John McCain's tweets to the Federalist Papers. Who would have predicted that the high school student who uses too many verbs in her college admissions essay is likely to make lower grades in college? Or that a world leader's use of pronouns could reliably presage whether he will lead his country into war? You'll learn what Lady Gaga and William Butler Yeats have in common, and how Ebenezer Scrooge's syntax hints at his self-deception and repressed emotion in this sprightly, surprising tour of what our words are saying - whether we mean them to or not.</p>
<p><b>Kel Richards' Dictionary of Australian Phrase and Fable</b></p>	<p>Kel Richards</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$24.99</del> \$22.50</p> 	<p>Are you seeing your mates this arvo because its been yonks? Do you shout 'ave a go, ya mug' to your football team from the stands? Or tell your mate his team has got Buckleys chance of winning the AFL Grand Final? Do you mutter stone the crows when surprised? Perhaps you've got your wobbly boots on? Aussie English may be the most inventive and creative language in the world. This larrikin lexicography by Kel Richards tells the stories behind almost a thousand Aussie words and phrases. So if youve ever wondered how bloody became an all-purpose swear word, why bludger means a lazy person, or even what dangle the dunlops, possum knockers or molly-dooker might mean, then you need to read this bonzer book.</p>
<p><b>Let's Bring Back: The Lost Language Edition</b></p>	<p>Lesley Blume</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$24.95</del> \$22.45</p> 	<p>Too often, when struggling to find just the right turn of phrase, exclamation of joy, or witty barb, it's easy to forget that history is positively brimming with rich words deserving of rejuvenation. Lesley M. M. Blume gathers forgotten words, phrases, names, insults, and idioms, plus fascinating and funny anecdotes, etymologies, and occasions for use. Let's Bring Back: The Lost Language Edition takes readers on a philological journey through words from the not-too-distant past. From all-overish to zounds, the vintage vernacular collected here will make any reader the cat's meow among friends, relations, and acquaintances.</p>
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<p><b>Verdi and/or Wagner</b></p>	<p>Peter Conrad</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$39.95</del> \$35.95</p> 	<p>This is the first book to compare these two composers and cultural heroes, both of whom were born in 1813 and achieved huge national and international renown in their lifetimes. Yet not only did they never meet, but the differences between them in music, culture, environment, significance, and legacy were profound. Peter Conrad begins his tale in a public park in Venice, home to a pair of statues of the composers that are positioned so as to appear to shun each other. This provides a fitting starting point for his argument that they represent two opposite yet equally integral and compelling dimensions of European culture: north versus south, cerebral versus sensual, proud solitude versus human connection, epic mythmaking versus humane magnanimity. The book is a richly argued tour de force that engages passionately and profoundly with music, biography, history, politics, philosophy, psychology, and culture in the broadest sense.</p>
<p><b>A Lasting Record</b></p>	<p>Stephen Downes</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>A Lasting Record tells the unique true story of two separate but interconnected lives: New Yorker William Kapell, America's greatest home-grown concert pianist, and Roy Preston, Melbourne-based Myer cosmetics salesman and classical music aficionado. Kapell and Preston are united by one single acetate, containing a Chopin sonata recorded by Roy from Kapell's last concert in the regional Australian city of Geelong. With a mix of detective work and imagination, from this single acetate, Stephen Downes tells a spellbinding tale of the greatest pianist who almost never was, and his eccentric and passionate fan.</p>
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<p><b>Edwardian Cooking: 80 Recipes Inspired by Downton Abbey's Elegant Meals</b></p>	<p>Larry Edwards</p>	<p>Hb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>The PBS Masterpiece series Downton Abbey has taken the world by storm. With 80 delicious recipes, this cookbook celebrates the phenomenal success of the series and the culinary wonders enjoyed by the aristocracy in Edwardian England. Starting with an elegant array of savory tea sandwiches and sweets from traditional high tea, this book guides you through dinner at the Edwardian table with its infinite variety of breads, chowder side dishes, entrees, and desserts. With recipes adapted for the modern cook by Chef Larry Edwards, these dishes are as inspiring as they are easy to make.</p>
<p><b>Sinning Across Spain</b></p>	<p>Ailsa Piper</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Ailsa Piper finds herself hiking through olive groves and under translucent pink blossoms, making her way from the legendary city of Granada, towards the cliffs at Finisterre in the far north-west of Spain. On her back she carries an unusual cargo: a load of sins. In the tradition of medieval believers who paid others to carry their sins to holy places, and so buy forgiveness, Ailsa's friends and colleagues donated sins in order to fund her quest. She's received anger and envy, pride and lust, among many. Through glorious villages and inspiring landscapes, miracles find her. Matrons stuff gifts of homemade sausages into her pack. Angels in both name and nature ease her path. Sins find her too. Those in her pack and many others tempt her throughout her journey. And she falls in love: with kindness, with strangers, and with Spain. Sinning Across Spain celebrates the mysteries of faith, the possibilities for connection, and the simple act of setting down one foot after the other.</p>