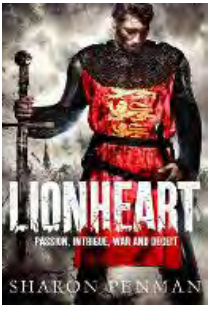




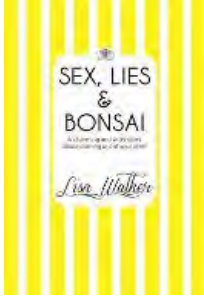
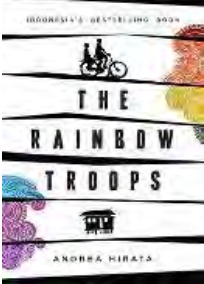
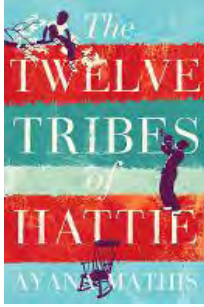
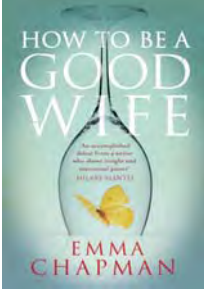




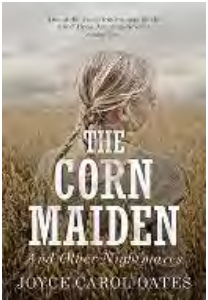
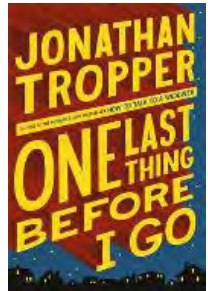
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Title	Author	Bind	RRP	Price	Description
<b>ABBEY'S CHOICE</b>					
<b>Lionheart</b>	Sharon Penman	Pb	\$19.99	\$15.99	Richard I was crowned King in 1189 and set off almost immediately for the Third Crusade. This was a bloody campaign to regain the Holy Land, marked by internecine warfare among the Christians and extraordinary campaigns against the Saracens. Men and women found themselves facing new sorts of challenges and facing an uncertain future. John, the youngest son, was left behind and with Richard gone, he was free to conspire with the French king to steal his brother's throne. Overshadowing the battlefields that stretched to Jerusalem and beyond were the personalities of two great adversaries: Richard and Saladin. They quickly took the measure of each other in both war and diplomacy. The result was mutual admiration: a profound acknowledgement of a worthy opponent. In this gripping narrative of passion, intrigue, battle and deceit, Penman reveals a truer and more complex Richard - a man remarkable for his power and intelligence, his keen grasp of warfare and his concern for the safety of his men, who followed him against all odds.
					
<b>Light Shining in the Forest</b>	Paul Torday	Pb	\$29.99	\$26.99	Norman Stokoe has just been appointed Children's Czar by the new government. He sells his flat and moves up north to take up the position. However before his first salary cheque has even hit his bank account, new priorities are set for the government department for which he works. The Children's czar network is put on hold but it is too late to reverse the decision to employ Norman. So he is given a P.A. and a spacious office in a new business park on the banks of the Tyne. He settles down in his new leather chair behind his new desk, to wait for the green light to begin his mission. The green light never comes. What does happen is that two children go missing. As Children's Czar, surely this case should fall within his remit, but Norman has built a career on doing nothing, on stamping pieces of paper with 'send to the relevant department'. Now, faced with a campaigning journalist and a distraught mother, he is forced to become involved. The search will take him to dark places and will make him ask questions about the system he is supposed to uphold.
					
<b>Roger, Sausage and Whippet: A Miscellany of Trench Lingo from the Great War</b>	Christopher Moore	Hb	\$24.99	\$19.99	Roger: A code word for gas cylinder; a nickname for rum; to have sexual intercourse. Sausage: An observation balloon. Whippet: A small, light tank with a top speed of 8 mph. In four long years from 1914 to 1918, the Western Front maimed a generation of young men and women, bonded by combat and burdened by duty. Now, through the letters of Christopher Moore's Captain Cartwright, comes an extraordinary lexicon of the phrases and lingo of life at the front. Whether born of the desperation of gallows humour in France and Flanders ("If it keeps on like this, someone's going to get hurt") or borrowed from further afield ("Cushy: comfortable, safe, pleasant. From the Hindustani, khush, pleasure"), wherever he was, whatever he was doing, Tommy invented or borrowed his own word for it. From Ammo to Zig-Zag, this is a fascinating glimpse into the world of our World War One heroes. So boil up the dixie and scrounge yourself some dooly. By the time you've drummed up, you'll be slinging the bat like a barber's cat!
					
<b>AUSTRALIAN FICTION</b>					
<b>Cold Light: Edith Trilogy #3</b>	Frank Moorhouse	Pb	\$19.95	\$17.95	1950. The League of Nations has collapsed and the newly formed United Nations has rejected all those who worked and fought for the League. Edith Campbell Berry, who joined the League in Geneva before the war, is out of a job, her vision shattered. With her sexually unconventional husband, Ambrose, she comes back to Australia to live in Canberra. Edith now has ambitions to become Australia's first female ambassador, but while she waits for a Call from On High, she finds herself caught up in the planning of the national capital and the dream that it should be 'a city like no other'. When her communist brother, Frederick, turns up out of the blue, she becomes concerned that he may jeopardise her chances of becoming a diplomat even though she refuses to be cowed by the anti-communist sentiment sweeping the country. Intelligent, poignant and absorbing, Cold Light is a remarkable stand-alone novel, which can also be read as a companion to the earlier Edith novels Grand Days and Dark Palace.
					
<b>The Freudian Slip</b>	Marion Von Adlerstein	Pb	\$19.99	\$18.00	Early sixties in Sydney. Women wear princess-line dresses, edge-to-edge duster coats, gloves, perfectly matched handbags and shoes and seamed stockings. They are defined by the vital statistics of their bust, waist and hip measurements and if they are over thirty they're over the hill. Kings Cross is bohemian, Paddington is pre-gentrified and the crowd at Beppi's and the Ozone charge their boozy lunches to job numbers. At the advertising agency Bofinger Adams Rawson & Keane, two talented women hold important creative roles. One, Bea, is a copywriter. The other, Desi, is a television producer. Because they are successful in their work and rewarded by it, few of their colleagues know how adept they are at mismanaging their private lives. Anxious to join this starred twosome is a young secretary named Stella, who embodies all the qualities for success: ambition, dedication, energy, efficiency except creative talent. In its absence she relies on stealth, flattery and plagiarism, to walk, in her Jane Debster toe-peepers, all over the others in realising her ambition. She succeeds. At least, for a while...
					


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<b>Sex, Lies and Bonsai</b>	Lisa Walker	Pb \$24.99 \$22.50 	Have you ever felt the need to start again? Dumped by text message, Edie flees Sydney for the refuge of her childhood home, taking only a wilting bonsai as a reminder of her failure. But in this small coastal town, shy, awkward Edie has always lived in the shadow of her surf champion father. How can she move on from her ex - and from her past? Her best friend and life-coach, Sally, is full of dubious advice, but Edie finds there are many ways to mess things up all by herself. A new-found talent for erotic writing, a job drawing crab larvae, unrequited lust for a professor with hidden depths and a maddening musician with troubles of his own add to her swag of problems. And then things get complicated...
<b>FICTION</b>			
<b>The Rainbow Troops</b>	Andrea Hirata	Tp \$32.95 \$29.65 	Ikal is a student at Muhammadiyah Elementary, on the Indonesian island of Belitung, where graduating from sixth grade is considered a major achievement. His school is under constant threat of closure. In fact, Ikal and his friends - a group called the Rainbow Troops - face threats from every angle: pessimistic, corrupt government officials; greedy corporations hardly distinguishable from the colonialism they've replaced; deepening poverty and crumbling infrastructure; and their own festering self-confidence. But in the form of two extraordinary teachers, they also have hope, and Ikal's education is an uplifting one, in and out of the classroom. First published in Indonesia, The Rainbow Troops is set to captivate readers across the globe. This is classic story-telling: an engrossing depiction of a world not often encountered, bursting with charm and verve.
<b>The Twelve Tribes of Hattie</b>	Ayana Mathis	Tp \$29.95 \$26.95 	When Hattie clambered from a train, her skirt still hemmed with Georgia mud and the dream of Philadelphia sitting round as a marble in her mouth, she couldn't guess that two years later, aged sixteen, she'd be fighting to keep her baby twins alive. Saddled with a husband who will bring her nothing but disappointment, she raises nine children with grit and monumental courage, but no tenderness. She knows the world will not be kind to them and wants to prepare them as best she can. As her sons and daughters buck against their fates, she feels every one of their triumphs and heartbreaks, for they are all bound together. A searing portrait of twentieth century America told through the story of an unforgettable family, a transfixing drama of bitterness and love and a ferocious vision of humanity at its rawest; The Twelve Tribes of Hattie is a debut of extraordinary distinction.
<b>How to Be a Good Wife</b>	Emma Chapman	Tp \$29.99 \$27.00 	This is a powerful, original and haunting debut: hard to put down and impossible to forget. "I know what my husband would say: that I have too much time on my hands; that I need to keep myself busy. That I need to take my medication. Empty nest syndrome, he tells his friends at the pub, his mother. He's always said I have a vivid imagination." Marta and Hector have been married for a long time. So long that she finds it difficult to remember her life before him. He has always taken care of her, and she has always done everything she can to be a good wife. But now Marta is starting to doubt her life with Hector. A blonde girl has appeared in the shadows, and she seems to be telling her something. Is Marta hallucinating? Or could this be a memory, rising to the surface...?
<b>Brooklyn Heights</b>	Miral Al-Tahawy	Tp \$27.99 \$25.20 	Brooklyn Heights, the fourth novel by award-winning Egyptian author Miral El-Tahawy, revolves around the character of Hend, an Arabic teacher and would-be writer in her late thirties, who emigrates to the United States from Cairo with her eight year old son after the painful break-up of her marriage. Hend and her son arrive in Brooklyn during the presidential elections of 2008. She dreams of change, self-fulfillment and the possibility of love. She becomes involved in the lives of other immigrant women in her community and through their shared experiences begins an odyssey of self-discovery shaped by her memories of childhood and of her coming of age during a dramatically changing political era in Egypt.


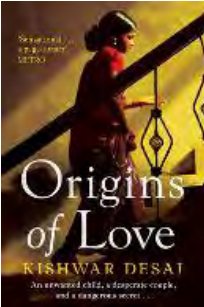
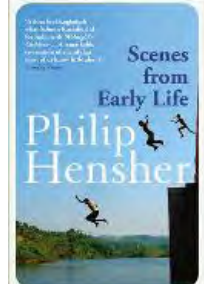
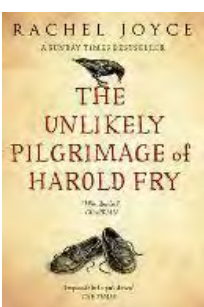

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<p><b>Fish Change Direction in Cold Water</b></p>	<p>Pierre Szalowski</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99 \$20.70</p> 	<p>Once upon a time in a frozen city... strangers fall in love, wishes come true, and lives will never be the same again. When his parents split up, 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>The Taste of Apple Seeds</b></p>	<p>Katherina Hagen</p>	<p>Pb \$27.99 \$25.20</p> 	<p>For Iris, childhood memories are of long hot summers spent playing with her cousin Rosmarie in her grandmother's garden, a place where redcurrants turned to pale tears on the branches of trees and beautiful Aunt Inga shook sparks from the tips of her fingers. But now her grandmother is dead and, along with inheriting the property, Iris finds that she also inherits her family's darkest secrets. Reluctant to keep it, but reluctant to sell, Iris spends one more summer at the house. By day she swims at the local lake, where she rediscovers a childhood companion. Alone at night she roams through the familiar rooms, exploring the tall black shadows of the past. In the flicker between remembrance and forgetting, Iris recalls an enigmatic grandfather who went to war and came back a different man, the night her cousin Rosmarie fell through the conservatory roof and shattered her family's lives, and a moment of love that made all the trees in the orchard bloom over night.</p>
<p><b>The Corn Maiden: And Other Nightmares</b></p>	<p>Joyce Carol Oates</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>One day an 11-year-old girl disappears. She was playing with friends from school. The crop is strengthened by her blood... Marissa is an innocent girl, with hair the colour of corn-silk. She does not hold others in strange thrall, as some young women do, she obeys her parents, she does not stay late after school, lingering on her walk through the swaying heads of maize. She is the perfect sacrifice... In Joyce Carol Oates' nightmarish world, teenaged girls are empowered by ritual killing, plastic surgeons perform bloodcurdling operations and birthdays rip families apart. Compulsively readable, told in razor-sharp prose, The Corn Maiden and Other Nightmares is the brilliant new offspring of one of America's most terrifying imaginations.</p>
<p><b>One Last Thing Before I Go</b></p>	<p>Jonathan Tropper</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Meet Silver. Forty-four, divorced and living alone. His once celebrated music career is now a faded memory and his ex-wife is about to marry another man. The only good thing in Silver's life is his Princeton-bound teenage daughter, Casey - and she would probably say the exact opposite about him. So in Silver's opinion, things could be better. Then Casey drops a bombshell: she's pregnant. Yes, it was her first time, and, no, she hasn't told her mom. Silver knows things have got to change, and when he discovers he has a fatal heart condition that means he could drop dead at any minute, he decides it's time to make a list: 1. Be a better father 2. Be a better man 3. Fall in love 4. Die But the question is, can Silver rebuild his life, regain the respect of his family, and be there for Casey when she needs him most, or has he left it all too late?</p>
<p><b>The Boy Who Fell to Earth</b></p>	<p>Kathy Lette</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Meet Merlin. He's Lucy's bright, beautiful son who just happens to be autistic. Since Merlin's father left them in the lurch shortly after his diagnosis, Lucy has made Merlin the centre of her world. Struggling with the joys and tribulations of raising her eccentrically adorable yet challenging child, Lucy doesn't have room for any other man in her life. By the time Merlin turns ten, Lucy is seriously worried that the Pope might start ringing her up for tips on celibacy, so she resolves to dip a poorly pedicured toe back into the world of dating. Thanks to Merlin's candour and quirkiness, things don't go quite to plan... Then, just when Lucy's resigned to a life of singledom once more, Archie - the most imperfectly perfect man for her and her son - lands on her doorstep. But then, so does Merlin's father, begging for forgiveness and a second chance. Does Lucy need a real father for Merlin - or a real partner for herself?</p>


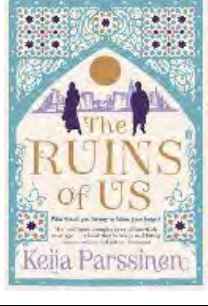
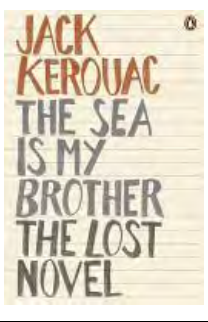

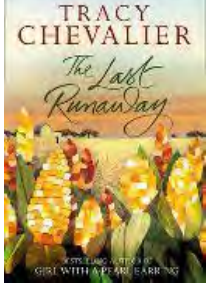
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<b>Circles of Time</b>	Phillip Rock	Pb \$19.99 \$18.00 	A generation has been lost on the Western Front. The dead have been buried, a harsh peace forged in the halls of Versailles, and the howl of shells replaced by the wail of saxophones as the jazz age begins. But ghosts linger - that long-ago golden summer of 1914 tugging at the memory of Martin Rilke and his British cousins, the Grevilles. From the Countess to the chauffeur, the inhabitants of Abingdon Priory seek to forget the past and adjust their lives to a new era in which old values, social codes, and sexual mores have been irretrievably swept away. Circles of Time captures the age as these strongly-drawn characters experience it, unfolding against England's most gracious manor house, the steamy nightclubs of London's Soho, and the despair of Germany caught in the nightmare of anarchy and inflation.
<b>Finding Casey</b>	Jo-Ann Mapson	Pb \$24.99 \$22.50 	Glory Vigil, newly married, unexpectedly pregnant at 41, is nesting in the home she and her husband Joseph have just moved to in Santa Fe, a house that unknown to them is rumored to have a resident ghost. Their adopted daughter Juniper is home from college for Thanksgiving and in love for the very first time, quickly learning how a relationship changes everything. But Juniper has a tiny arrow lodged in her heart, a leftover shard from the day eight years earlier when her sister Casey disappeared-in a time before she'd ever met Glory and Joseph. When a fieldwork course takes Juniper to a pueblo only a few hours away, she finds herself right back in the past she thought she'd finally buried. A love story, a family story, a story of searching and the bond between sisters, Finding Casey is a testament to human resilience. This completely stand-alone novel, featuring beloved characters from Solomon's Oak, will charm Mapson's readers and move her into a larger sphere.
<b>The Girl Under the Olive Tree</b>	Leah Fleming	Pb \$24.99 \$22.50 	May, 1941. The island of Crete is invaded by Paratroopers from the air. After a lengthy fight thousands of British and Commonwealth soldiers are forced to take to the hills or become escaping PoWs, sheltered by the Cretan villagers. Sixty years later, Lois West and her young son, Alex, invite feisty Great Aunt Pen to a special eighty-fifth birthday celebration on Crete, knowing she has not been back there since the war. Penelope George - formerly Giorgidiou - is reluctant to go but is persuaded by the fact it is the 60th anniversary of the Battle. It is time for her to return and make the journey she never thought she'd dare to. On the outward voyage from Athens, she relives her experiences in the city from her early years as a trainee nurse to those last dark days stranded on the island, the last female foreigner. When word spreads of her visit, and old Cretan friends and family come to greet her, Lois and Alex are caught up in her epic pilgrimage and her journey leads her to a reunion with the friend she thought she had lost forever.
<b>Hard Twisted</b>	C Joseph Greaves	Tp \$29.99 \$27.00 	Lucile Garrett is just thirteen when she meets Clint Palmer, a charismatic stranger who will forever change her life. The year is 1934, and as the windblown dust of the Great Depression rakes the Oklahoma plains, Palmer offers Lucile and her father, homeless and hungry, the irresistible promise of a better future. But when they follow Palmer to Texas, Lucile's father mysteriously disappears, launching man and girl on an epic journey through the American Southwest: a spree of violence and murder that culminates in one of the most celebrated criminal trials of the era. Based on a true story, Hard Twisted is a chilling tale of survival and redemption, and a young girl's coming of age in a world as cruel as it is beautiful.
<b>Invisible</b>	Cara Buckley	Tp \$29.99 \$27.00 	When her only sister suddenly dies, Dana Carlson is drawn back to the small Minnesota town she'd turned her back on years before. When she gets there, she discovers that Black Bear has changed, and so have the people in it. Julie's left behind a shattered teenaged daughter and a mystery - what killed her may be killing others, too. Why is no one talking about it? Dana soon finds herself struggling to uncover the truth, but no one wants to hear it, included Peyton, who can't forgive her aunt for her absence all these years. Dana had left to protect her own secrets, but Black Bear has a secret of its own - one that could tear Dana's life, her family, and the whole town apart. In this stunning novel of redemption, regret, and the complex ties of familial love, critically acclaimed author Cara Buckley examines the truths people keep hidden, and those they fight to expose.

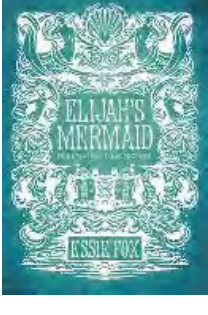

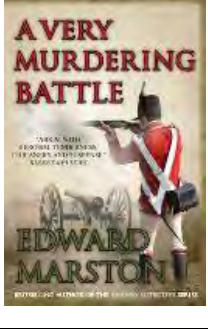


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<p><b>The Last Quarter of the Moon</b></p>	<p>Chi Zijian</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$32.95</del> \$29.65</p> 	<p>At the end of the twentieth-century an old woman sits among the birch trees and thinks back over her life, her loves, and the joys and tragedies that have befallen her family and her people. She is a member of the Evenki tribe who wander the remote forests of north-eastern China with their herds of reindeer, living in close sympathy with nature at its most beautiful and cruel. An idyllic childhood playing by the river ends with her father's death and the growing realisation that her mother's and uncle's relationship is not as simple as she thought. Then, in the 1930s, the intimate, secluded world of the tribe is shattered when the Japanese army invades China. The Evenki cannot avoid being pulled into the brutal conflict which marks the first step towards the end of their isolation. In <i>The Last Quarter of the Moon</i>, prize-winning novelist Chi Zijian, creates a dazzling epic about an extraordinary woman bearing witness not just to the stories of her fellow tribespeople, full of wonder and pain, but also to the effects of the transformation of China on a hidden corner of that vast country.</p>
<p><b>Origins of Love</b></p>	<p>Kishwar Desai</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$16.99</del> \$15.30</p> 	<p>In Delhi a small baby lies alone and abandoned. The product of IVF and surrogacy, she had been so coveted - until she was born with a fatal illness. No one knows how the infection could have been transferred to the child, but one thing is certain: no one wants her now. Thousands of miles away in London, Kate and Ben are desperate for a baby. But, despite all their efforts, fate seems to be skewed against them. Then, as Kate suffers another miscarriage, she knows something has to change. She has heard of women who are prepared to carry a baby for others, and she knows this might be a way to finally find happiness. But will her desire for a baby stop at nothing? And between the two, feisty social worker Simran Singh is determined to uncover the truth behind the shadowy facade of the multi-million dollar surrogacy industry. Women and children are being exploited, their lives thrown away like so much dust. Is she the only person prepared to stand up for what is right?</p>
<p><b>Scenes from Early Life</b></p>	<p>Philip Hensher</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.99</del> \$18.00</p> 	<p>Philip Hensher's husband, Zaved Mahmood, was born in late 1970 in Dacca, then a regional capital of Pakistan. In the months following his birth, the eastern part of the country split from the western side in a war of independence of savage violence. In December 1971, after the deaths of millions of innocent victims in the civil war, a new country was declared: Bangladesh, the home of the Bengalis. <i>Scenes from Early Life</i> is the story of one upper-middle-class Bengali family, told in the form of a memoir narrated by Zaved. It is an autobiography, a novel, and, in part, a history of one of the most ferocious of twentieth-century civil wars. Despite the violence and upheaval, this is also a book about love and the way that stories bind people together.</p>
<p><b>The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry</b></p>	<p>Rachel Joyce</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.95</del> \$17.95</p> 	<p>Meet Harold Fry, recently retired. He lives in a small English village with his wife, Maureen, who seems irritated by almost everything he does, even down to how he butters his toast. Little differentiates one day from the next. Then one morning the mail arrives, and within the stack of quotidian minutiae is a letter addressed to Harold in a shaky scrawl from a woman he hasn't seen or heard from in twenty years. Queenie Hennessy is in hospice and is writing to say goodbye. Harold pens a quick reply and, leaving Maureen to her chores, heads to the corner mailbox. But then Harold has a chance encounter, one that convinces him that he absolutely must deliver his message to Queenie in person. Harold Fry is determined to walk six hundred miles from Kingsbridge to the hospice in Berwick-upon-Tweed because, he believes, as long as he walks, Queenie Hennessey will live. Still in his yachting shoes and light coat, Harold embarks on his urgent quest across the countryside...</p>
<p><b>Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet</b></p>	<p>Jamie Ford</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.99</del> \$18.00</p> 	<p>In 1986, Henry Lee joins a crowd outside the Panama Hotel, once the gateway to Seattle's Japantown. It has been boarded up for decades, but now the new owner has discovered the belongings of Japanese families who were sent to internment camps during World War II. As the owner unfurls a Japanese parasol, Henry, a Chinese American, remembers a young Japanese American girl from his childhood in the 1940s - Keiko Okabe, with whom he forged a bond of friendship and innocent love that transcended the prejudices of their Old World ancestors. After Keiko and her family were evacuated to the internment camps, she and Henry could only hope that their promise to each other would be kept. Now, forty years later, Henry explores the hotel's basement for the Okabe family's belongings and for a long-lost object whose value he cannot even begin to measure. His search will take him on a journey to revisit the sacrifices he has made - for family, for love, for country.</p>

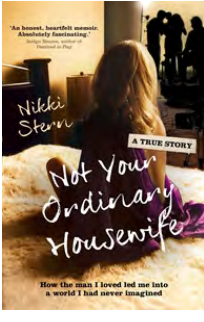
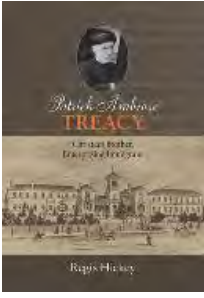
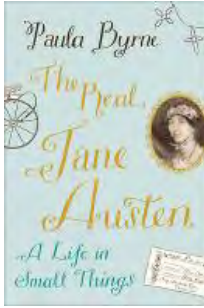


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<p><b>The Meryl Streep Movie Club</b></p>	<p>Mia March</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$16.99</del> \$15.30</p> 	<p>Following a car crash that killed her own husband as well as her sister and her husband, Lolly Weller raised a daughter and two nieces. Kat, Isabel and June are summoned home to the inn on the coast of Maine so that Lolly can tell them that she has cancer. The three women are struggling with problems of their own and are barely speaking, but when Lolly insists that they participate in movie night at the inn, they concede. It's Meryl Streep month, and each sees her complicated life reflected through the magic of cinema: Isabel's husband is having an affair. June has promised her seven-year-old son that she'll somehow find the father the boy has never known... and Kat is ambivalent about accepting her lifelong best friend's marriage proposal. Lolly has always been there for them, and now Isabel, June, Kat and Meryl will have to step up for her, as they find themselves and each other.</p>
<p><b>The Ruins of Us</b></p>	<p>Keija Parssinen</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.99</del> \$18.00</p> 	<p>More than two decades after moving to Saudi Arabia and marrying Abdullah Baylani, Rosalie learns that her husband has taken a second wife, beautiful Palestinian Isra. The discovery plunges the powerful family into chaos as Rosalie grapples with leaving Saudi Arabia, her life, and her family behind. Driven by anger and heartache, she plots her departure, soliciting fellow American and Abdullah's best friend, lonely divorcee Dan Coleman, to help her. Meanwhile, Abdullah and Rosalie's consuming personal entanglements blind them to the crisis approaching their sixteen-year-old son Faisal, whose deepening resentment towards their lifestyle has led to his growing involvement with a controversial Sheikh. When Faisal makes an ill-fated choice that could destroy everything his embattled family holds dear, all must confront difficult truths as they fight to preserve what remains of their love.</p>
<p><b>Sea is My Brother: The Lost Novel</b></p>	<p>Jack Kerouac</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.99</del> \$18.00</p> 	<p>In the spring of 1943, during a stint in the Merchant Marine, twenty-one-year old Jack Kerouac set out to write his first novel. Working diligently day and night to complete it by hand, he titled it <i>The Sea Is My Brother</i>. Now, nearly seventy years later, its long-awaited publication provides fascinating details and insight into the early life and development of an American literary icon. Written seven years before <i>The Town and The City</i> officially launched his writing career, <i>The Sea Is My Brother</i> marks a pivotal point in which Kerouac began laying the foundations for his pioneering method and signature style. A clear precursor to such landmark works as <i>On the Road</i>, <i>The Dharma Bums</i>, and <i>Visions of Cody</i>, it is an important formative work that bears all the hallmarks of classic Kerouac: the search for spiritual meaning in a materialistic world, spontaneous travel as the true road to freedom, late nights in bars and apartments engaged in intense conversation, the desperate urge to escape from society, and the strange, terrible beauty of loneliness.</p>
<p><b>Les Miserables [film-tie in]</b></p>	<p>Victor Hugo</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.99</del> \$18.00</p> 	<p>Victor Hugo's tale of injustice, heroism and love follows the fortunes of Jean Valjean, an escaped convict determined to put his criminal past behind him. But his attempts to become a respected member of the community are constantly put under threat: by his own conscience, when, owing to a case of mistaken identity, another man is arrested in his place; and by the relentless investigations of the dogged policeman Javert. It is not simply for himself that Valjean must stay free, however, for he has sworn to protect the baby daughter of Fantine, driven to prostitution by poverty. A compelling and compassionate view of the victims of early nineteenth-century French society, <i>Les Misérables</i> is a novel on an epic scale.</p>
<p><b>HISTORICAL FICTION</b></p>			
<p><b>The Last Runaway</b></p>	<p>Tracey Chevalier</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$29.99</del> \$27.00</p> 	<p>Bristol port, 1850: Honor and Grace Bright walk up the gangplank to embark on a voyage across the Atlantic, join Grace's fiance and start a new life in America. One sister runs from heartache, the other craves adventure far from England. Honor's few possessions on the journey include her signature quilt, a final gift stitched by friends from the Quaker community they have left behind, her patchwork memory of home. But when tragedy strikes, Honor is forced to continue on alone. In a country that is practical, precarious and unsentimental, she must rely often on the compassion of strangers. As she struggles to find her place and her voice, Honor discovers that Ohio is a land crisscrossed with runaways: slaves escaping north to freedom and settlers venturing west.</p>

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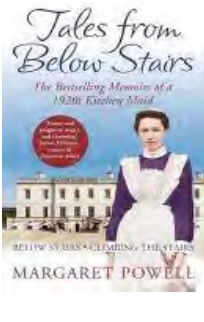
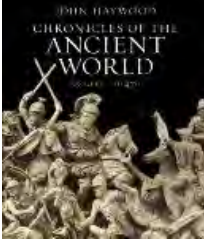
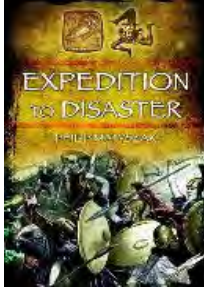

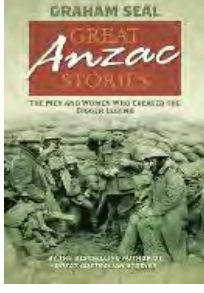
<p><b>Elijah's Mermaid</b></p>	<p>Essie Fox</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Since she was found as a baby, floating in the Thames one foggy night, the web-toed Pearl has been brought up in a brothel known as the House of Mermaids. Cosseted and pampered there, it is only when her fourteenth birthday approaches that Pearl realises she is to be sold to the highest bidder. Meanwhile, the orphaned twins, Lily and Elijah, have shared an idyllic childhood, raised in a secluded country house with their grandfather, Augustus Lamb. But when Lily and Elijah go on a visit London, a chance meeting with the ethereal Pearl will have repercussions for all of them, binding their fates together in a dark and dangerous way...In this bewitching, sensual novel, Essie Fox has written another tale of obsessive love and betrayal, moving from the respectable worlds of Victorian art and literature, and into the shadowy demi-monde of brothels, asylums and freak show tents - a world in which nothing and no-one is quite what they seem to be.</p>
<p><b>The Winter Palace</b></p>	<p>Eva Stachniak</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>When Vavara, a young orphaned Polish girl, is brought to serve at Empress Elizabeth's glittering, dangerous court in St Petersburg, she is schooled by the Chancellor himself in skills from lock-picking to love-making, learning above all else to stay silent - and listen. Soon, she is Elizabeth's 'tongue' - her secret eyes and ears. Then Sophie, a vulnerable young princess, arrives from Prussia as a prospective bride for Elizabeth's heir. Set to spy on her by the Empress, Vavara soon becomes her friend and confidante, and helps her navigate the illicit seductions and the treacherous shifting allegiances of the court. But Sophie's destiny is to become the notorious Catherine the Great. Are her ambitions more lofty and far-reaching than anyone suspected, and will she stop at nothing to achieve absolute power?</p>
<p><b>A Very Murdering Battle: Captain Rawson #5</b></p>	<p>Edward Marston</p>	<p>Pb \$17.99 \$16.20</p> 	<p>It is 1709, and France is suffering. With her people starving and her army rattled by mutiny and desertions, King Louis XIV is at The Hague, searching for peace with the English on almost any terms. To assist these negotiations, the Duke of Marlborough sends Captain Daniel Rawson on a dangerous mission to Paris to seek out a package of vital information that could secure an advantageous peace deal for England. Yet the peace talks collapse, and Daniel finds himself once more embroiled in dangerous adventure. For Marlborough has another mission for him: this time, the tapestry of the Battle of Ramillies has been stolen, and Daniel's hunt for the ruthless thieves leads him into enemy territory. All the while, the French army is regaining its strength under the supervision of Marshall Villars, a worthy opponent in the field. As the opposing armies mass in the area around the village of Malplaquet, a bloody encounter looms, which means that if Daniel manages to return safely to the Duke's forces from behind enemy lines, he must then stand fast and fight in their most murdering battle yet.</p>
<p><b>AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHY</b></p>			
<p><b>False Start: A Memoir of Things Best Forgotten</b></p>	<p>Mark O'Flynn</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>In the early 1980s, recently graduated arts student Mark O'Flynn is told by his father to stop fruit picking and get a proper job. In an effort to kickstart his son's career in the workplace, he arranges for Mark to work in a quarry in outback Australia. Dropped in the middle of central Queensland, Mark encounters a group of men the likes of whom he has never seen before in his city life. Men the colour of boiled mutton, who work only as hard as they need to, play as hard as they can, adhere strictly to the rules of the union and call each other 'Brother'. Soon Mark realises that the men are under the impression that he is a 'science expert' and decides the best thing to do is go with the flow. So begins Mark's adventures in being an 'accidental expert', a situation he finds himself in on a recurring basis, whether it is as a rock specialist, a writer and actor thrust prematurely upon the stage, or a special agent charged with the safe transport of a life-size statue of the Virgin Mary to Ireland. These hilarious accounts continue the rich tradition of the great Australian yarn.</p>
<p><b>Joyful Strains: Making Australia Home</b></p>	<p>Kent MacCarter &amp; Ali Lemer</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>As with all shifts and turns in life, story matters. Joyful Strains collects 27 memoirs from writers describing their expatriation to Australia. Some have become household names, others quietly enrich their adopted home. All have had unique and fascinating experiences. These are stories about what they found, who they became and what they now think of Australia, providing entertainment, perspective and cause to celebrate our increasingly diverse nation. This is an insightful, compelling and sometimes confronting collection for all Australians. Contributors include: Alice Pung, Danny Katz, Mark Dapin and Diane Armstrong, with an introduction from Arnold Zable.</p>

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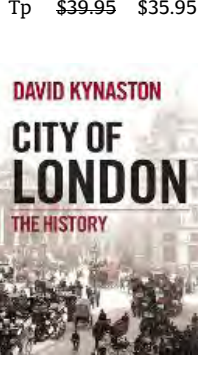
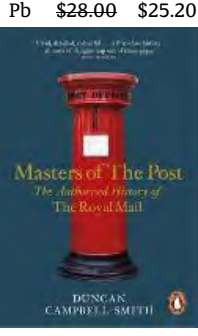
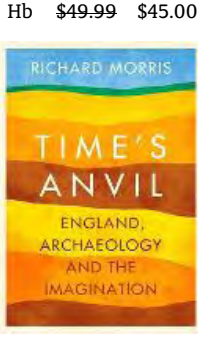

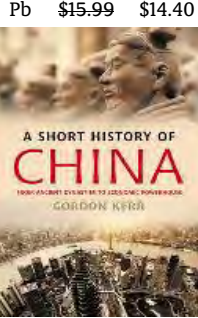
<p><b>Not Your Ordinary Housewife: How the Man I Loved Led Me into a World I Had Never Imagined</b></p>	<p>Nikki Stern</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>When Nikki Stern left suburban Melbourne for Europe in the early 1980s, she was adopted into a well-connected family and fell hopelessly in love with a charming and charismatic cartoonist in Amsterdam. Paul and Nikki embarked on a passionate love affair, enjoying the hedonistic days of the 80s before eloping and returning to Australia. But soon Nikki found herself in a world she never imagined. Descending into the depths of the sex industry - as a dominatrix, stripper, sex worker and porn star - there was almost nothing she didn't do. Despite a stormy marriage, she and Paul starred in and marketed their highly successful Horny Housewife X-rated videos as she became the queen of Australian erotica. Leading a double life as a mother of three small children, Nikki struggled not merely with censorship but with child welfare authorities and the judgement of mainstream society. In this extraordinary memoir, Nikki vividly recounts her intriguing past with emotional honesty and great insight, making it an unflinching and absorbing account of the incredible life of the <i>Horny Housewife</i>.</p>
<p><b>Patrick Ambrose Treacy: Christian Brother, Enterprising Immigrant</b></p>	<p>Regis Hickey</p>	<p>Hb \$45.00 \$40.50</p> 	<p>Born in Ireland in 1834, Patrick Ambrose Treacy spent his formative years in Thurles, Tipperary, at the Christian Brothers' school, later entering the Brothers' novitiate in Waterford. In August 1868 he departed Dublin, arriving in Melbourne in November. Ambrose arrived when free, secular and compulsory education was being introduced. He accepted the challenge of providing a quality Catholic education and would continue to address it for the next 30 years. This involved providing teachers, raising finance and erecting buildings without government assistance. The book covers his strategies for successfully implementing his courageous ideas, including his fundraising journeys to goldfields in remote areas that are the stuff of legend, and details his relationships within the hierarchy of the church and the wider community. In 1900, Ambrose returned to Dublin as assistant to the superior general of the institute. A decade later, he returned to Australia, where he died in October 1912.</p>
<p><b>BIOGRAPHY</b></p>			
<p><b>The Real Jane Austen: A Life in Small Things</b></p>	<p>Paula Byrne</p>	<p>Hb \$45.00 \$40.50</p> 	<p>Few authors inspire the same devotion as Jane Austen. Her six novels are perennial favourites, forever topping polls and appearing on screen. However, we know remarkably little about her. The Jane of popular imagination echoes the Victorian representation of her as sweet and maidenly, her books entirely suitable for polite society. In this astonishing biography Paula Bryce, the renowned Austen scholar, thwarts all attempts to tame Jane's reputation into one of dreary respectability and we meet the more likely personality behind such novels as <i>Pride and Prejudice</i> and <i>Persuasion</i>. Through her life and work, Jane emerges as deeply immersed in culture and politics, far ahead of her time in both her writerly ambition and desire for independence. With new revelations, including Byrne's discovery of a previously unknown contemporary portrait and the identity of Jane's long-lost seaside love, this is a depiction of Austen that finally makes sense - an intelligent, subversive and thoroughly modern woman.</p>
<p><b>Hemingway's Boat: Everything He Loved in Life, and Lost, 1934 1961</b></p>	<p>Paul Hendrickson</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>She'd lasted through three wives, the Nobel Prize, and all his ruin. He'd owned her, fished her, worked her and rode her. She wasn't a figment or a dream or a literary theory or somebody's psychosexual interpretation - she was actual. Even in his most accomplished period, Hemingway carried within him the seeds of his tragic decline and throughout this period, he had one constant - his beloved boat, Pilar. Paul Hendrickson has delved into the life of Hemingway and done the seemingly impossible: present him to us in a whole new light. With poetic sensibility, tireless research, and dazzling writing, Hendrickson focuses on the period from 1934 to 1961, from the pinnacle of Hemingway's fame to his suicide. Hendrickson shows the close connection between Hemingway's life and the words that would wind up on the pages of his books. <i>Hemingway's Boat</i> is an unforgettable and unique contribution to our understanding of a great American writer.</p>
<p><b>Ted and I: A Brother's Memoir</b></p>	<p>Gerald Hughes</p>	<p>Hb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Anecdotal and immensely charming, <i>Ted and I</i> is a unique portrait of a shared childhood between Gerald Hughes and his younger brother Ted, one of the finest and best-loved poets of modern times. Hughes brings alive a period when the two brothers would roam the countryside, camping, making fires, pitching tents, hunting rabbits, rats, wood pigeon and stoats. Ted's fascination with all wildlife subsequently fed directly into his sublime poetry. Gerald describes watching his brother evolving into a great poet and describes them continuing their relationship, even when many miles apart. Containing a great many unique and never-beforeseen family photographs of Ted Hughes, as well as unpublished material, this extraordinary memoir is an achingly poignant tale of childhood and youth and togetherness; the tenderness of brotherly love and the development of a poetic mind as Hughes went into the air force, onto Cambridge where he published his first poems and met Sylvia Plath, before settling in Devon with Sylvia, where their children were born.</p>





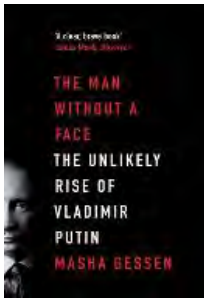

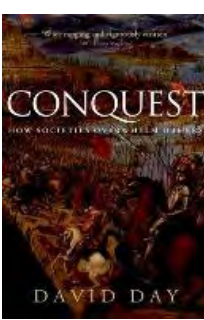
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<p><b>Tales from Below Stairs: The Bestselling Memoirs of a 1920s Kitchen Maid</b></p>	<p>Margaret Powell</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>This is a compelling and colourful memoir that takes the reader inside the forgotten world of domestic service. Arriving at the great houses of 1920s London, fifteen-year-old Margaret's life in service was about to begin... As a kitchen maid - the lowest of the low - she entered an entirely new world; one of stoves to be blacked, vegetables to be scrubbed, mistresses to be appeased, and even bootlaces to be ironed. Work started at 5.30am and went on until after dark. It was a far cry from her childhood on the beaches of Hove, where money and food were scarce, but warmth and laughter never were. Yet from the gentleman with a penchant for stroking the housemaids' curlers, to raucous tea-dances with errand boys, to the heartbreaking story of Agnes the pregnant under-parlourmaid, fired for being seduced by her mistress's nephew, Margaret's tales of her time in service are told with wit, warmth, and a sharp eye for the prejudices of her situation.</p>
<p><b>HISTORY</b></p>			
<p><b>Chronicles of the Ancient World: 3500 BC - AD 476</b></p>	<p>John Haywood</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99 \$36.00</p> 	<p>The great civilizations of the distant past never cease to amaze us with their spectacular achievements - their ideas, writings and works of art still speak to us with an amazing freshness of imagination and workmanship. This book paints a vivid, multi-faceted portrait of the achievements of those civilizations set within their historical context, with a global reach that includes ancient Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome. Chronicles of the Ancient World combines detailed commentary with over 170 stunning images to create a beautiful guide to the spiritual, cultural, technological and artistic innovation of these complex and fascinating societies.</p>
<p><b>Expedition to Disaster</b></p>	<p>Philip Matyszak</p>	<p>Hb \$44.99 \$40.50</p> 	<p>The Athenian expedition to conquer Sicily was one of the pivotal events of the classical period. At this time (415 BC), Athens was locked in a decades-long struggle with Sparta for mastery of the Greek world. The expedition to Sicily was intended to give Athens the extra money and resources to crush the Spartans. New archaeological discoveries allow the ensuing siege to be reconstructed in greater detail than ever before. The cast of characters includes Alcibiades, the flamboyant, charismatic young aristocrat; Nicias, the ageing, reluctant commander of the ill-fated expedition and Gylippus, the grim Spartan general sent to mastermind the defence of Syracuse. It was he who stopped the Athenians dead in their tracks within weeks of his arrival, then turned the tables on the invaders. The Athenians were in their turn surrounded, besieged, and forced to ask for mercy from a man who had none to give. Philip Matyszak's combination of thorough research and gripping narrative makes him the perfect man to do justice to this famous story.</p>
<p><b>The Good, the Bad and the Unlikely: Australia's Prime Ministers</b></p>	<p>Mungo MacCallum</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Good drinkers, bad swimmers and unlikely heroes. Since Australia's birth in 1901, twenty-seven politicians have run the national show. Their time at the top has ranged from eight days for Frank Forde to eighteen years for Bob Menzies. But whatever the length of their term, each Prime Minister has a story worth sharing. Edmund Barton united the bickering states in a federation; Billy Hughes forced US President Woodrow Wilson to take notice of Australia. The unlucky Jimmy Scullin took office days before Wall Street crashed into the Great Depression, while John Curtin faced the ultimate challenge of wartime leadership. John Gorton, Gough Whitlam and Paul Keating each shook up their parties' policies so vigorously that none lasted much longer than a single term in office. With characteristic wit and expert knowledge, Mungo MacCallum brings the nation's leaders to vivid life. The Good, the Bad and the Unlikely tells the tale of the many men and one woman who've had a crack at <u>running the country</u>.</p>
<p><b>Great Anzac Stories: The Men and Women Who Created the Digger Legend</b></p>	<p>Graham Seal</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Over the years, the experiences of soldiers at war become the stuff of legend: tales of great bravery, battlefield wins, and also the tragic losses and poignant moments. Great Anzac Stories gathers iconic stories of Australians at war-on the front line and at home. Here we relive the horror of the first day on Gallipoli, acutely aware of what was to come. We admire the courage of the men who fought at Fromelles, the Rats of Tobruk, the Fuzzy Wuzzy Angels and the secret submariners. We remember the nurses working in impossible conditions, support efforts on the home front, and some of the most daring men this country has ever produced. With larrikin episodes, grim jokes from the front, and dramatic eyewitness accounts, Great Anzac Stories includes many stories which haven't seen the light of day since wartime. It uncovers the distinctive character of the Australian digger, and the growth of the Anzac tradition over the years.</p>

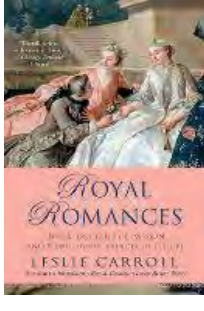

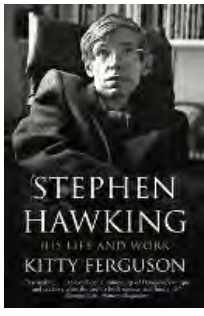
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<p><b>City of London: The History</b></p>	<p>David Kynaston</p>	<p>Tp <del>\$39.95</del> \$35.95</p> 	<p>The 'Square Mile', London's financial powerhouse, rose to prominence with the defeat of Napoleon in 1815. David Kynaston's vibrant history brings this world to life, taking us from the railway boom of the 1830s to the 'Golden Age', when the legendary gold standard reigned supreme. Between the two World Wars the City was affected by the Wall Street Crash, pressured by politicians, trade unions and industrialists, but by the end of the twentieth century it had regained a precarious global might. Woven throughout are the stories of four individuals who shaped the City in different ways - Nathan Rothschild, Ernest Cassel, Montagu Norman and Siegmund Warburg. But the realm of great bankers and brokers is also the workplace of young clerks throwing paper darts, typists bringing in their sandwiches, and sad racketeers watching aghast as the markets fall. Above all, we see what it was like to work in the City - the dress codes, eating habits, work hours, pay, humour, changing architecture and language that forged the unique culture of the Square Mile.</p>
<p><b>Masters of the Post: The Authorized History of the Royal Mail</b></p>	<p>Duncan Campbell-Smith</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$28.00</del> \$25.20</p> 	<p>From the very first master of the post in 1512 to the vast network of today, the Royal Mail is an intrinsic part of everyday life in Britain. This book tells its extraordinary story in full. Whether describing the sensation caused by the penny post in 1840, the Post Office boffins who helped the wartime code-breakers of Bletchley Park, the Great Train Robbery of 1963, the growth of telegrams and telephones, or the many visionaries, philanthropists and firebrands who made the service what it is today, Masters of the Post shows how the history of the Royal Mail is our history.</p>
<p><b>Time's Anvil: England, Archaeology and the Imagination</b></p>	<p>Richard Morris</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$49.99</del> \$45.00</p> 	<p>Richard Morris brilliantly weaves a series of interconnecting studies of apparently unrelated things and periods that are normally considered in isolation. In the process he re-examines aspects of England's story from the end of the last glacial period 12,500 years ago to the present, touching upon such things as Britain's apparent emptiness for long stretches of deep prehistory, battlefields, and the human element of the Industrial Revolution. Morris not only describes the evolution of archaeology's craft but also explores an awakening curiosity and an open embrace of the mystery of the identity of the early inhabitants of our land, who have disappeared and left little trace of themselves but were more like us than we think. Combining the personal with the academic, amalgamating literature and myth with science, and reflecting on how and why archaeology goes about its business, the result is a fresh account of who we are and our relationship with Nature.</p>
<p><b>Tombstone: The Untold Story of Mao's Great Famine</b></p>	<p>Yang Jisheng</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$55.00</del> \$49.50</p> 	<p>"I call this book Tombstone. It is a tombstone for my foster father who died of hunger in 1959, for the 36 million Chinese who also died of hunger, for the system that caused their death, and perhaps for myself for writing this book." The most powerful and important Chinese work of recent years, Yang Jisheng's Tombstone is a passionate, moving and angry account of one of the 20th century's most nightmarish events: the killing of an estimated 36 million Chinese in 1958-1961 by starvation or physical abuse. More people died in Mao's Great Famine than in the entire First World War and yet their story remains substantially untold. Now, at last, they can be heard. Based on survivors' testimonies, this book was greeted with huge acclaim when published in Hong Kong as an essential work of reckoning.</p>
<p><b>A Short History of China: From Ancient Dynasties to Economic Powerhouse</b></p>	<p>Gordon Kerr</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$15.99</del> \$14.40</p> 	<p>An absorbing introduction to more than 4000 years of Chinese history, telling the stories of the tyrants, despots, femmes fatales, artists, warriors and philosophers who have shaped this fascinating and complex nation. It describes the amazing technological advances that her scientists and inventors made many hundreds of years before similar discoveries in Europe. It also investigates the Chinese view of the world and examines the movements, aspirations and philosophies that moulded it and, in so doing, created the Chinese nation.</p>

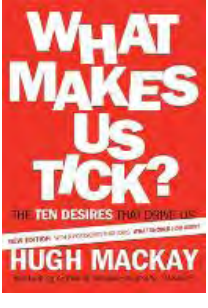
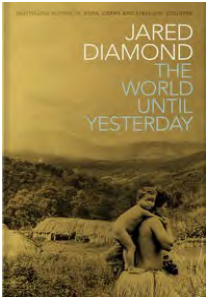


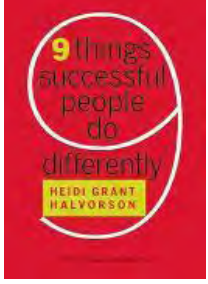
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<p><b>Heinrich Himmler</b></p>	<p>Peter Longerich</p>	<p>Pb \$28.95 \$26.05</p> 	<p>In this first-ever comprehensive biography of the SS-Reichsführer, leading German historian Peter Longerich puts every aspect of Himmler's life under the microscope. Masterfully interweaving the story of Himmler's personal life and political career with the wider history of the Nazi dictatorship, Longerich shows how skilfully he exploited and manipulated his disparate roles in the pursuit of his far-reaching and grandiose objectives. In the process, he illuminates the extraordinary degree to which Himmler's own personal prejudices, idiosyncrasies, and predilections made their mark on the organizations for which he was responsible - especially the SS, which in so many ways bore the characteristic hallmarks of its leader, and whose history remains both incomplete and incomprehensible without a detailed and intimate knowledge of its deeply sinister commander-in-chief.</p>
<p><b>Eva Braun: Life With Hitler</b></p>	<p>Heike B Gortemaker</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>"I want to be a beautiful corpse, I will take poison." Eva Braun, 1945. Eva Braun and Adolf Hitler were together for fourteen years, a relationship that ended only with their marriage and double suicide in Berlin. So who was Eva Braun? Heike Gortemaker's highly praised book is the first to take Braun's role in the Nazi hierarchy seriously. It uses her to throw fascinating light on a regime that prided itself on its harsh, coherent and unsentimental ideology, but which was in practice a chaos of competing individuals fighting for space around the overwhelmingly dominant figure of Hitler.</p>
<p><b>The Man without a Face: The Unlikely Rise of Vladimir Putin</b></p>	<p>Masha Gessen</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>When Vladimir Putin, an unimportant, low-level KGB operative, was rushed to power by a group of Oligarchs in 1999, he was a man without a history. Within a few brief years, Putin had dismantled the country's media, wrested control and wealth from the country's burgeoning business class, and decimated the fragile mechanisms of democracy. Virtually every obstacle to his unbridled control was removed and every opposing voice silenced, with political rivals and critics driven into exile or to the grave. Drawing on information and sources no other writer has tapped, Masha Gessen's fearless account charts Putin's rise from the boy who had scrapped his way through post-war Leningrad schoolyards, to the 'faceless' man who manoeuvred his way into absolute - and absolutely corrupt - power.</p>
<p><b>Double Cross: The True Story of the D-Day Spies</b></p>	<p>Ben Macintyre</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>D-Day, 6 June 1944, the turning point of the Second World War, was a victory of arms. But it was also a triumph for a different kind of operation: one of deceit. At the heart of the deception was the 'Double Cross System', a team of double agents whose bravery, treachery, greed and inspiration succeeded in convincing the Nazis that Calais and Norway, not Normandy, were the targets of the 150,000-strong Allied invasion force. These were not conventional warriors, but their masterpiece of deceit saved thousands of lives. Their codenames were Bronx, Brutus, Treasure, Tricycle and Garbo. This is their story.</p>
<p><b>Conquest: How Societies Overwhelm Others</b></p>	<p>David Day</p>	<p>Pb \$20.95 \$18.85</p> 	<p>Whether it is the Normans in England, the Chinese in Tibet, the Germans in Poland, the Indonesians in West Papua, or the British and Americans in North America, the claiming of other people's lands and the supplanting of one people by another has shaped the history of societies from the ancient past to the present day. David Day tells the story of how this happened - the ways in which invaders have triumphed and justified conquest which, as he shows is a bloody and often prolonged process that can last centuries. And while each individual conquest is ultimately unique, nevertheless they often share a number of qualities, from the re-naming of the conquered land and the invention of myth to justify what has taken place, to the exploitation of the conquered resources and people, and even to the outright slaughter of the original inhabitants. Above all, as Day shows in this hugely bold and ambitious book, conquest can have deep and long-lasting consequences - for the conquered, the conquerors, and for the wider course of world history.</p>

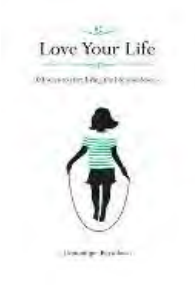
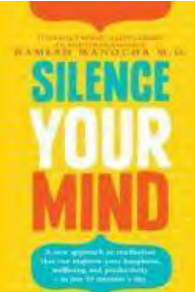
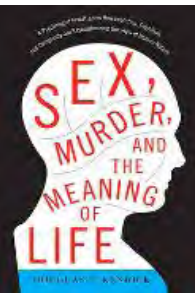
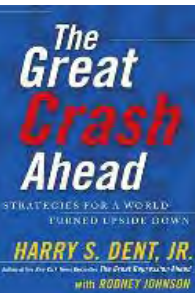
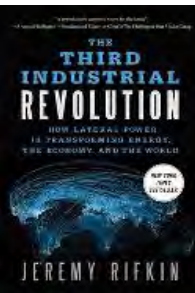
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<p><b>Royal Romances: Titillating Tales of Passion and Power in the Palaces of Europe</b></p>	<p>Leslie Carroll</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.99</del> \$18.00</p> 	<p>Elegant palaces, dazzling power plays, shimmering jewels, and the grandest of all-or-nothing gambles - nothing can top real-life love among the royalty. Louis XIV defied God and law, permitting his married mistress Madame de Montespan to usurp the role of Queen of France, then secretly wed her successor, Madame de Maintenon. Grigory Potemkin was a worthy equal in Catherine the Great's bed as well as in Russia's political arena. Dashing Count Axel von Fersen risked everything to save Marie Antoinette's life more than once - and may have returned her passion. The unshakable devotion of the beloved late 'Queen Mum' helped King George VI triumph over his, and England's, darkest hours. And the unpretentious, timelessly glamorous - even relatable - union of Prince William and the former Kate Middleton continues to enthrall the world. Full of marvelous tales, unforgettable scandals, and bedazzled nobles who refused to rule their hearts, this delightfully insightful book is what the <i>sweetest royal dreams are made of.</i></p>
<p><b>The Art of the Map: An Illustrated History of Map Elements and Embellishments</b></p>	<p>Dennis Reinhartz</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$49.99</del> \$45.00</p> 	<p>This lavishly illustrated history of the golden age of cartography, from the 16th to the 19th centuries, explores not only the embellishments on maps, but also what they reveal about the world in which they were created. Here there be monsters real and imagined; ships actual and archetypal; newly discovered flora such as corn and tobacco; fauna ranging from buffalo to unicorns; godlike beings and fantasy-like depictions of native peoples. The stunningly rendered images illuminate an entire world.</p>
<p><b>SCIENCE</b></p>			
<p><b>The Art of Science: A Natural History of Ideas</b></p>	<p>Richard Hamblyn</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$22.99</del> \$20.70</p> 	<p>Science is about discovery, a journey towards knowledge. With authors as diverse as Galileo and Lewis Carroll, the extracts featured in this anthology span centuries and continents; they include startling revelations that changed the way we think and tackle more prosaic questions such as why the sea is salty; they consider the natural beauty of the snowflake and the man-made wonder of the first computer. What links them all is a desire to understand, explain and enrich the world, and the ability to communicate this in original, clear and engaging prose.</p>
<p><b>How Long Can a Fly Fly: 175 Answers to Possible and Impossible Questions About</b></p>	<p>Lars-Ake Janson</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$17.95</del> \$16.15</p> 	<p>Get to know more than the usual facts and stats about animals, both familiar and rare! How Long Can a Fly Fly? will answer all your animal questions, along with plenty more you've never even thought to ask. This fun and educational book, good for all ages, is filled with fascinating information about animals, alongside unique hand-drawn illustrations that add to the entertainment. Lars-Ake Janson is the on-call biologist at the Swedish Museum of Natural History, where one of his jobs is to answer visitors' questions. For over ten years, he has been researching things like: If a mosquito is hit by a drop of water, will it die? Are ducks faithful to one partner all their lives? Which animals are the biggest or fastest? How many acorns can a squirrel peel in one day? Can fish swim backwards? The questions and answers included are imaginative and instructive, and Janson's style is accessible to readers with even a casual interest in understanding just a little bit more about nature.</p>
<p><b>Stephen Hawking: His Life and Work</b></p>	<p>Kitty Ferguson</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$19.95</del> \$17.95</p> 	<p>Stephen Hawking is one of the most remarkable figures of our time - a Cambridge genius who has earned international celebrity and become an inspiration to those who have witnessed his triumph over disability. This is Hawking's life story by Kitty Ferguson, written with help from Hawking himself and his close associates. Updated and substantially expanded from her earlier book of 1992, this carefully researched, up to the minute biography gives a rich picture of Hawking's life - his childhood, the heartrending beginning of his struggle with motor neurone disease, his ever-increasing international fame, and his long personal battle for survival in pursuit of a scientific understanding of the universe. Throughout Kitty Ferguson also summarizes and explains the cutting-edge science in which Hawking has been engaged. Stephen Hawking is written with the clarity and simplicity for which all Kitty Ferguson's books have been praised. The result is a captivating account of an extraordinary life</p>
<p><b>TODAY'S WORLD</b></p>			
<p><b>Dealing with the Devil: Inside America's Multi-Billion-Dollar Informant Industry</b></p>	<p>Dennis G Fitzgerald</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$26.95</del> \$19.20</p> 	<p>Call them whatever you like, informants are nothing more than criminals who receive money and/or reduced jail-time in exchange for information. While the reliance of police forces and judicial systems upon compensated informants is a tradition that dates back to the Roman empire, they now thrive in unprecedented number and influence, having become integral to almost every case brought to trial in American courtrooms. Dennis G. Fitzgerald situates this growing role of informants in the rise of outsourcing, the paranoia brought about by the War on Terror, and the decline of traditional policing methods. Illuminating the machinations of the American justice system from an unprecedented angle, Dealing with the Devil reveals how our domestic and international intelligence-gathering capabilities have been crippled and our law enforcement's priorities twisted by an over-reliance on civilian information.</p>

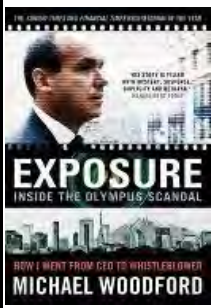
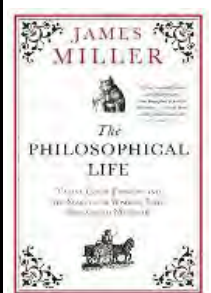
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<p><b>What Makes Us Tick? The Ten Desires That Drive Us</b></p>	<p>Hugh Mackay</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99 \$22.50</p> 	<p>Why do we talk as if we're rational, but act as if we're not? Why do some people always want to take control? What is the true role of religion? Why do we seek change, yet resist it? Why do we want more of the things that have failed to satisfy us? Why are we so passionate about sport? Why do we fall out of love? As Australia's leading social researcher, Hugh Mackay has spent a lifetime of listening to people talk about their dreams, their fears, their hopes, their disappointments and their passions. In a series of bestselling books, he has documented the impact of the changes that have been radically reshaping our society. Now, he reflects on some of the things that don't change and identifies ten desires that drive us all. Insightful and engaging, this book reveals Mackay's formidable skills as a chronicler and interpreter of our motivations. In his exploration of why we do the things we do, he goes to the heart of some of life's big questions.</p>
<p><b>The World Until Yesterday</b></p>	<p>Jared Diamond</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Diamond reveals how traditional societies around the world offer an extraordinary window onto how our ancestors lived for the majority of human history - until virtually yesterday, in evolutionary terms - and provide unique, often overlooked insights into human nature. Drawing extensively on his decades working in the jungles of Papua New Guinea, Diamond explores how tribal societies approach essential human problems, from childrearing to conflict resolution to health, and discovers we have much to learn from traditional ways of life. He unearths remarkable findings - from the reason why modern afflictions like diabetes, obesity and Alzheimer's are virtually non-existent in tribal societies to the surprising benefits of multilingualism. Panoramic in scope and thrillingly original, The World Until Yesterday provides an enthralling first-hand picture of the human past that also suggests profound lessons for how to live well today.</p>
<p><b>Cancel the Apocalypse: The New Path to Prosperity</b></p>	<p>Andrew Simms</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99 \$29.70</p> 	<p>The horsemen are galloping and there are more than four. From climate change to financial meltdown, feral elites and social division, food crises and the peak and decline of oil, stressed water supplies and mass extinctions - it's the age of the complex super system shock. Some sort of apocalypse seems inevitable. Can it be cancelled? These are real threats, but a great transition is in the air. History shows that human beings have an amazing ability to change and adapt. Once our basic needs are met, it's not more voracious economic growth we need for quality of life, but a different way of organising our days, working lives and neighbourhoods. Cancel the Apocalypse shows how to put the 'end times' on hold and start really living.</p>
<p><b>French Children Don't Throw Food</b></p>	<p>Pamela Druckerman</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>How do the French manage to raise well-behaved children and have a life? Who hasn't noticed how well-behaved French children are - compared to our own? How come French babies sleep through the night? Why do French children happily eat what is put in front of them? How can French mums chat to their friends while their children play quietly? Why are French mums more likely to be seen in skinny jeans than tracksuit bottoms? Pamela Druckerman, who lives in Paris with three young children, has had years of observing her French friends and neighbours, and with wit and style, has written a memoir that is ideally placed to teach us the basics of parenting a la francaise.</p>
<p><b>9 things Successful People Do Differently</b></p>	<p>Heidi Grant Halvorson</p>	<p>Hb \$12.99 \$11.70</p> 	<p>Are you at the top of your game - or still trying to get there? Take your cues from the short, powerful 9 Things Successful People Do Differently, where the strategies and goals of the world's most successful people are on display - backed by research that shows exactly which actions have had the biggest impact on performance. Here's a hint: accomplished people reach their goals because of what they do, not just who they are. So are you ready to find out if you have what it takes? Get ready to accomplish your goals, once and for all!</p>

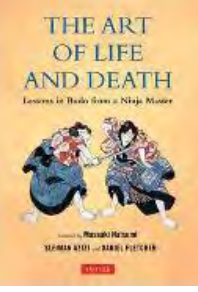

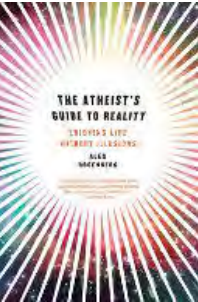
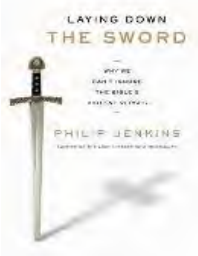
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<p><b>Love Your Life</b></p>	<p>Dominque Bertolucci</p>	<p>Hb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Love Your Life provides daily affirmations to inspire happiness and control over our lives. Combining inspirational words and famous quotes from international thought leaders, this book highlights ways we can integrate positive ideas into our lives to improve them day-by-day. The simple yet powerful messages will make a difference to the way you feel about yourself and spur you on to lead the life you want. Turn to Love Your Life for thought-provoking mantras such as The true sign of intelligence is not knowledge but imagination (Albert Einstein). Be encouraged by the small steps you can take to discover a new way of looking at life. Find the time to dream. The real thing that holds most people back is lack of imagination .</p>
<p><b>Silence Your Mind</b></p>	<p>Ramesh Manocha</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>Ramesh Manocha and his team are using science to study the effects that meditation may have on stress, physical health and wellbeing. The results? For a short time every day - the length of time it takes to make a coffee - you can feel the immediate benefits that meditation brings to your mental and physical health. This book goes beyond regular stress management. Dr Manocha's plain English approach to meditation, or mental silence, is written for the general reader who perhaps wouldn't normally turn to alternative approaches to deal with health issues and shows how simple and effective techniques can be built into any part of your day - without cramping your style. This hands-on guide also shows how meditation can be used in sport and creative pursuits, in schools to help children manage anger and depression, and for general physical health. Dr Manocha also traces the roots of meditation back to India and shows the parallels that exist between these values and those of Western Culture.</p>
<p><b>Sex, Murder, and the Meaning of Life</b></p>	<p>Douglas Kenrick</p>	<p>Pb \$21.99 \$19.80</p> 	<p>Although our heads are full of simple selfish biases that evolved to help our ancestors survive, modern human beings are anything but simple and selfish cavemen. In Sex, Murder, and the Meaning of Life, social psychologist Douglas Kenrick argues that simple and selfish mental mechanisms we inherited from our ancestors ultimately give rise to the multifaceted social lives that we humans lead today, and to the most positive features of humanity, including generosity, artistic creativity, love, and familial bonds. By exploring the nuance of psychology and the surprising results of his own research, Kenrick offers a detailed picture of what makes us caring, creative, and complex - that is, fully human.</p>
<p><b>The Great Crash Ahead: Strategies for a World Turned Upside Down</b></p>	<p>Harry S Dent, Jr</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>In The Great Crash Ahead, Dent outlines why the next crash is inevitable, and just around the corner. For over twenty years, Dent's economic forecasts have been unique in analyzing what motivates consumers to spend their money. The largest generation in history, the Baby Boomers, hit their lifetime spending peak in 2007, when they were in the full swing of raising their children. But in the next few years Baby Boomers will start to save their money for retirement. This slowdown in growth, along with unprecedented levels of debt, will trigger the first deflationary period since the Great Depression of the 1930s. This will be a worldwide downturn, and Australia will not escape this time. With a foreword written exclusively for this Australasian edition, The Great Crash Ahead offers practical investment advice to allow you, your family and your business to survive this challenge and be poised to thrive when the economy finally recovers.</p>
<p><b>The Third Industrial Revolution: How Lateral Power is Transforming Energy, the Economy, and the World</b></p>	<p>Jeremy Rifkin</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>With the Keystone Pipeline dominating the news, and America's addiction to oil showing no signs of waning, it is more urgent than ever that we reconsider our energy needs in light of economic reality. In this New York Times bestseller, Jeremy Rifkin explores how Internet technology and renewable energy are merging to create a powerful new engine of economic growth, wherein hundreds of millions of people will produce their own green energy in their homes, offices, and factories and share it with each other in an 'energy Internet.' This process will usher in a fundamental reordering of human relationships, from hierarchical to lateral, that will impact the way we conduct commerce, govern society, educate our children, and engage in civic life. The Third Industrial Revolution is an insider's account of the next great economic era, including a look into the personalities and players - heads of state, global CEOs, social entrepreneurs, and NGOs - who are pioneering its implementation around the world.</p>

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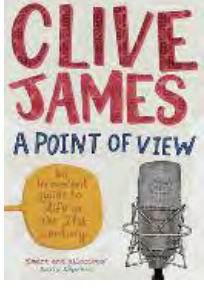
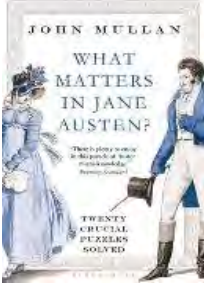
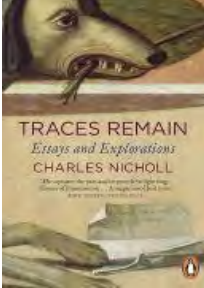
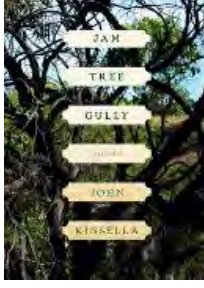
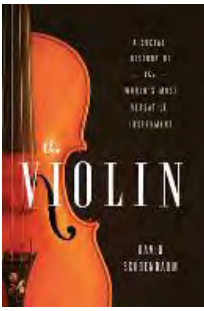
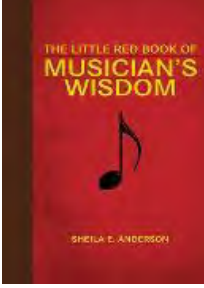
<p><b>Heaven on Earth: A Journey Through Sharia Law</b></p>	<p>Sadakat Kadri</p>	<p>Pb \$19.95 \$17.95</p> 	<p>Almost 1,400 years after the Prophet Muhammad first articulated God's law - the sharia - its earthly interpreters are still arguing over what it means. Hardliners reduce it to amputations, veiling, holy war and stonings. Others say that it is humanity's only guarantee of a just society. Here, Sadakat Kadri travels the Islamic world, encountering a cacophony of legal claims. At the ancient Indian grave of his Sufi ancestor, unruly jinns are exorcised in the name of the sharia. In Pakistan's madrasas, stern scholars ridicule his talk of human rights and demand explanations for NATO drone attacks in Afghanistan. In Iran, he hears that God is forgiving enough to subsidise sex-change operations - but requires the execution of Muslims who change religion. Many of Islam's first judges refused even to decide cases for fear that a mistake would damn them, and scholars from Delhi to Cairo maintain that governments have no business enforcing faith. In this illuminating book, Kadri draws on Islam's past and present to show us why.</p>
<p><b>Exposure: Inside the Olympus Scandal: My Journey from CEO to Whistleblower</b></p>	<p>Michael Woodford</p>	<p>Pb \$35.00 \$31.50</p> 	<p>When Michael Woodford was made President and CEO of Olympus, he was the first westerner ever to climb the ranks of one of Japan's corporate giants. Within months he became the first company president to blow the whistle on his own firm, having uncovered, investigated and publicly exposed a \$1.7 billion accounting fraud. He was dramatically fired, fled Japan in fear of his life and - working with the Financial Times and the Serious Fraud Office - instigated an investigation which continues to rock Japan to its core. Exposure is the edge-of-your-seat story of how Michael Woodford chose the truth over an \$8 million dollar salary and exposed the dark heart of the company he had dedicated his life to.</p>
<p><b>On the Abolition of All Political Parties</b></p>	<p>Simone Weil</p>	<p>Pb \$16.99 \$15.30</p> 	<p>Political parties are a marvellous mechanism... If one were to entrust the organisation of public life to the devil, he could not invent a more clever device.' Here Simon Leys translates for the first time into English an essay by the remarkable Simone Weil - philosopher, activist, mystic - which makes a case for the corrupting effect of political parties on political life. This is a dazzling account of the perils of political conformity, written with brilliant clarity and wit. It is combined with an essay by Nobel Prize-winner Czeslaw Milosz 'on the importance of Simone Weil' and an essay by Simon Leys on the influence of Weil, especially on Albert Camus and Milosz. This is a beautiful package of writing by some of the finest minds of the last century.</p>
<p><b>Power Systems: Conversations on Global Democratic Uprisings and the New Challenge</b></p>	<p>Noam Chomsky</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99 \$27.00</p> 	<p>In this new collection of conversations, conducted from 2010 to 2012, Noam Chomsky explores the most immediate and urgent concerns: the future of democracy in the Arab world, the implications of the Fukushima nuclear disaster, the 'class war' fought by U.S. business interests against working people and the poor, the breakdown of mainstream political institutions and the rise of the far right. As always, Chomsky presents his ideas vividly and accessibly, with uncompromising principle and clarifying insight. The latest volume from a long-established, trusted partnership, this collection shows once again that no interlocutor engages with Chomsky more effectively than David Barsamian. These interviews will inspire a new generation of readers, as well as longtime Chomsky fans eager for his latest thinking on the many crises we now confront, both at home and abroad. They confirm that Chomsky is an unparalleled resource for anyone seeking to understand our world today.</p>
<p><b>The Philosophical Life: Twelve Great Thinkers and the Search for Wisdom, from Socrates to Nietzsche</b></p>	<p>James Miller</p>	<p>Pb \$24.95 \$22.45</p> 	<p>Before the good life was reduced to a bottle of Prozac, philosophers offered arresting answers to the most fundamental questions about who we are and what makes a life worth living. In The Philosophical Life, James Miller returns to this vibrant tradition with short, lively biographies of twelve famous philosophers, examining the interplay of their life and thought. From Plato, who risked his reputation to tutor a tyrant, to Nietzsche who tried to get to grips with the human condition before lapsing into catatonic madness, Miller lays out the lives and thought of our greatest thinkers with flair and rich anecdote.</p>

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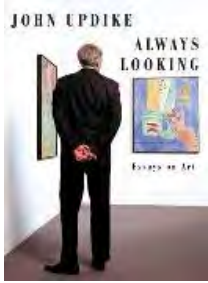


<p><b>What Do We Really Know? The Big Questions of Philosophy</b></p>	<p>Simon Blackburn</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>In <i>What Do We Really Know?</i> Simon Blackburn addresses the twenty most-asked philosophical questions, including 'Can machines think?', 'What is the meaning of life?', 'Is death to be feared?', 'Why be good?', 'What am I?' and 'What do we really know?' Each 3000-word essay examines a question that has eternally perplexed enquiring minds, and provides answers from history's great thinkers.</p>
<p><b>The Art of Life and Death: Lessons in Budo from a Ninja Master</b></p>	<p>Sleiman Azizi &amp; Daniel Fletcher</p>	<p>Hb \$25.95 \$20.00</p> 	<p>Daniel Fletcher and Sleiman Azizi studied ninjutsu under the tutelage of the venerable Masaaki Hatsumi of the Bujinkan Dojo and in <i>The Art of Life and Death</i>, they pay homage to their Sensei by revealing a host of insightful discoveries. As is the tradition in Eastern disciplines, these lessons are conveyed in stories, poetry, art and proverbs. Their words of wisdom about the nature of life and death will provoke thought and perhaps break through certain obstacles in your own life that prevent you from achieving transformation. There is a Japanese proverb that admonishes a student not to step on the shadow of his teacher. In writing this book, Fletcher and Azizi discovered that no matter how hard they tried to avoid stepping on it, their teacher's shadow was always there - a reminder of his influence on their lives while at the Bujinkan Dojo. And so, while <i>The Art of Life and Death</i> relates their own personal discoveries, it is also a testament to the vitality of the grandmaster and his <u>budo teachings</u>.</p>
<p><b>Zizek Now: Current Perspectives in Zizek Studies</b></p>	<p>Jamil Khader &amp; Molly Anne Rothenberg</p>	<p>Tp \$32.95 \$29.65</p> 	<p>Arguably the most prolific and most widely read philosopher of our time, Slavoj Zizek has made indelible interventions into many disciplines of the so-called human sciences that have transformed the terms of discussion in these fields. Although his work has been the subject of many volumes of searching criticism and commentary, there is no assessment to date of the value of his work for the development of these disciplines. This book brings together distinguished critics to explore the utility and far-ranging implications of Zizek's thought, providing an evaluation of the difference his work makes in their chosen fields. As such, the volume offers chapters on quantum physics and Zizek's transcendentalist materialist theory of the subject, Hegel's absolute, materialist Christianity, postcolonial violence, eco-politics, ceremonial acts, and the postcolonial revolutionary subject. Contributors to the volume include Adrian Johnston, Ian Parker, Todd McGowan, Bruno Bosteels, Erik Vogt, Verena Conley, Joshua Ramey, Jamil Khader, and Zizek himself.</p>
<p><b>The Atheist's Guide to Reality: Enjoying Life without Illusions</b></p>	<p>Alexander Rosenberg</p>	<p>Pb \$22.95 \$20.65</p> 	<p>We can't avoid the persistent questions about the meaning of life and the nature of reality. But science is the only means of answering them. So declares philosopher Alex Rosenberg in this bracing, surprisingly sanguine take on a world without god. The science that makes us nonbelievers, he demonstrates, tells us the nature of reality, the purpose of everything, the difference between right and wrong, how the mind works, even the direction of human history.</p>
<p><b>Laying Down the Sword: Why We Can't Ignore the Bible's Violent Verses</b></p>	<p>Philip Jenkins</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99 \$18.00</p> 	<p>Philip Jenkins delivers a fearless examination of the dark and violent verses of the Bible - and a call for us to read them anew in pursuit of a richer, more honest faith. This daring exploration of the Scripture's most difficult passages forces us to confront and accept the violence that was as integral to the formulation of Christianity's message as it was for many other of the world's religions, and shows us how a full understanding of the Scripture will allow us to finally move towards a more peaceful, spiritual world. Readers of Bart Ehrman's <i>God's Problem</i>, John Selby Spong's <i>The Sins of Scripture</i>, and Jenkins's own <i>The Jesus Wars</i>, as well as every Christian eager to square the recurrent violence of the Scripture with Christianity's enduring message of peace, will find these difficult questions explored in full in <i>Laying Down the Sword</i>.</p>



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<p><b>A Point of View</b></p>	<p>Clive James</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$24.99</del> \$22.50</p> 	<p>21st century Britain: a point of view from our fiercest and funniest critic The BBC Radio 4 series A Point of View has been on the air since 2007. Clive James was one of the most popular presenters, and now, for the first time, his original pieces - sixty in total - and all-new postscripts are collected together in one volume. Read along with Clive James as he offers his informative, thought-provoking and entertaining insights into everything from wheelie bins to plastic surgery, Elizabeth Hurley to the Olympics, Britain's Got Talent to Damien Hirst, Harry Potter to giving up smoking - and plenty more besides.</p>
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<p><b>Jam Tree Gully: Poems</b></p>	<p>John Kinsella</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$22.95</del> \$20.65</p> 	<p>In this daring new collection, Australia's preeminent environmental poet confronts the legacy of Thoreau's Walden. With Walden as his inspiration, John Kinsella moved with his family back to rural Australia, where he wrote the poems in this original collection exploring the nature of our responsibility and connection to the land. from We Spend Days in This House We spend days in this house but not nights. We have seen the early morning sunlight infiltrate the eucalypts, sunset deflected by acacias. We have sweltered at midday. We have walked every acre intimately. The kangaroos recognise us and linger. We spend days in this house but not nights.</p>
<p><b>The Violin: A Social History of the World's Most Versatile Instrument</b></p>	<p>David Schoenbaum</p>	<p>Hb <del>\$47.95</del> \$43.15</p> 	<p>Nothing matched the violin for universal and varied expression, Jean-Jacques Rousseau declared in 1768. Affordable, portable, and equally adaptable to Bach, Beethoven, jazz, klezmer, reels, ragas, gypsy fiddlers, and indie rock, as David Schoenbaum notes in this original study, it is still unmatched as an icon of globalization. First spotted in the mid-sixteenth century, it had become the instrument of kings and courts by the mid-seventeenth and the instrument of choice for some of the world's greatest music by the mid-eighteenth. By the late twentieth century, Jewish boys and Asian girls had made it an instrument of social mobility; the Cold War had made it an instrument of soft power; and artists, writers, and Hollywood had made it into art, novels, and movies. Today, Asian foundations compete with post-Soviet billionaires for Italian specimens with brand names that Coca-Cola might envy at dollar prices in eight figures, and contest winners come from</p>
<p><b>The Little Red Book of Musician's Wisdom</b></p>	<p>Sheila Anderson</p>	<p>Pb <del>\$22.95</del> \$20.65</p> 	<p>Celebrating both the famous and the obscure from every genre of music including classical, rock, Latin, country, blues, and hip-hop, The Little Red Book of Musician's Wisdom offers a touching anecdote or pithy line for every musical occasion. Musicians, critics, DJs, and industry onlookers provide illuminating commentary on a wealth of topics.</p>

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<p><b>Platform Papers 34: It's Culture, Stupid!</b></p>	<p>Leigh Tabrett</p>	<p>Pb \$14.95 \$13.45</p> 	<p>In 2005, with a lifelong interest in the arts, a career background in higher education and no professional experience of arts administration, Leigh Tabrett was appointed to lead the Queensland Government's arts agency. She was also chair of the Cultural Ministers' Council Statistics Working Group and has contributed to many public policy processes including the new National Cultural Policy. In a trenchant reassessment of these years she explores how the lack of clarity about the core purposes of government funding has reached deep into how these systems operate both at state and federal level. Can we have a national system of public support for the arts, she asks, in the absence of any clear sense of purpose for such a system? Is there a better way?</p>
<p><b>Always Looking: Essays on Art</b></p>	<p>John Updike</p>	<p>Hb \$55.00 \$49.50</p> 	<p>Following on from the acclaimed Just Looking and Still Looking, Always Looking treats readers to a series of elegant and sensitive essays on art, and includes writing on a comprehensive array of subjects, both American and European. In The Clarity of Things, Updike looks closely at Copley, Homer, Abstract Expressionism, and Pop, in order to explore what is 'American' in American art. From here he moves to masterpieces of American and European art of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries - from the sublime landscapes of Frederic Church and the series paintings of Monet and Degas, to the verbal-visual puzzles of Magritte and the steely sculptural environments of Richard Serra. With more than two-hundred full-colour reproductions, Always Looking is an invitation to see the world afresh through the eyes of a matchless connoisseur.</p>
<p><b>Pre-Raphaelites: Victorian Avante-Garde</b></p>	<p>Tim Barringer</p>	<p>Pb \$49.95 \$44.95</p> 	<p>Combining rebellion and revivalism, scientific precision and imaginative grandeur, the Pre-Raphaelite Brotherhood shook the mid-nineteenth-century art world and were effectively Britain's first modern art movement. Today the works of the Pre-Raphaelites are among the best known of all English paintings, and yet they have sometimes been dismissed as Victoriana or mere escapism. This book corrects that view. Accompanying a major international touring exhibition, it examines works in a wide variety of media, demonstrating the broad scope of the movement's revolutionary ideas about art, design and society. Led by Dante Gabriel Rossetti, William Holman Hunt and John Everett Millais, the Pre-Raphaelites rebelled against the art establishment of their day and were committed to the idea of art's potential to change society. Extensively illustrated, with essays by leading international authorities in the field, this will be the key work on the Pre-Raphaelites for years to come.</p>
<p><b>Graphic Design in the Built Environment: A 20th Century History</b></p>	<p>Richard Poulin</p>	<p>Hb \$69.99 \$63.00</p> 	<p>This innovative volume is the first to provide the design student, practitioner, and educator with an invaluable comprehensive reference of visual and narrative material that illustrates and evaluates the unique and important history surrounding graphic design and architecture. Graphic Design and Architecture, A 20th Century History closely examines the relationship between typography, image, symbolism, and the built environment by exploring principal themes, major technological developments, important manufacturers, and pioneering designers over the last 100 years. It is a complete resource that belongs on every designer's bookshelf.</p>