

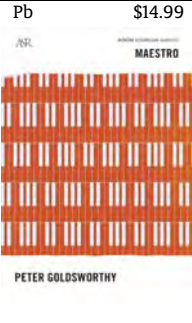

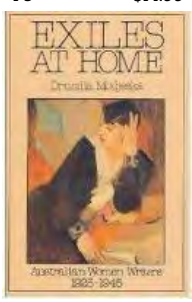
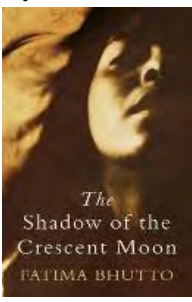

ABBEY'S BOOKSHOP - NEW RELEASES - JANUARY 2014

Title	Author	Bind	Price	Description
ABBEY'S CHOICE				
Rustication: A Novel	Charles Palliser	Pb	\$22.95	Since his extraordinary debut, <i>The Quincunx</i> , his works have sold over one million copies worldwide. With his new novel, <i>Rustication</i> , he returns to the town of Thurchester, which he evoked so hauntingly in <i>The Unburied</i> . It is winter 1863, and Richard Shenstone, aged seventeen, has been sent down - rusticated - from Cambridge under a cloud of suspicion. Addicted to opium and tormented by sexual desire, he finds temporary refuge in a dilapidated old mansion on the southern English coast inhabited by his newly impoverished mother and his sister, Effie. Soon, graphic and threatening letters begin to circulate among his neighbors, and Richard finds himself the leading suspect in a series of crimes and misdemeanors ranging from vivisection to murder.
Haggard Hawks and Paltry Poltroons: The Origins of English in Ten Words	Paul Jones	Hb	\$16.99	What do the following ten words all have in common - haggard, mews, codger, arouse, musket, poltroon, gorge, allure, pounce and turn-tail? All fairly familiar and straightforward words, after a little digging into their histories it turns out that all of them derive from falconry: the adjective haggard described an adult falcon captured from the wild; mews were the enclosures hawks were kept in whilst moulting; codger is thought to come from 'cadger', the member of a hunting party who carried the birds' perches, and so on. This, essentially, is what <i>Ten Words</i> is all about - the book collects together hundreds of the most intriguing, surprising and little known histories and etymologies of a whole host of English words. From ancient place names to unusual languages, and obscure professions to military slang, this is a fascinating treasure trove of linguistic facts.
Shores of Knowledge: New World Discoveries and the Scientific Imagination	Joyce Appleby	Hb	\$32.95	When Columbus first returned to Europe from the Caribbean, he presented King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella with exotic parrots, tropical flowers and bits of gold. The search for riches spurred Columbus and others to voyage the oceans with similar ambitions and these seafarers continued to return with mysterious specimens encountered in the New World. Curiosity began to percolate through Europe. The Church, long fearful of challenges to its authority, could no longer suppress the mantra Dare to know! Recounting the triumphs and mishaps of these explorers, Joyce Appleby's book follows the naturalists, both famous and obscure, whose investigations of the world's fauna and flora fuelled the rise of science and technology that propelled Western Europe towards modernity.
Puzzled: Secrets and Clues from a Life Lost in Words	David Astle	Pb	\$22.99	Many a puzzle solver has battled against the devilish mind of long-time crossword maker and wordaholic David Astle, known to many as DA. In <i>Puzzled</i> he holds out a helping hand to the lost and perplexed, taking us on a personal tour into the secret life of words. Clue by clue, chapter by chapter, we step through a central puzzle, uncovering and unravelling word-secrets as we go. The Steve Irwin Fluke, the Swastika Accident, the Abracadabra Pyramid - hidden meanings, anagrams, reversals - all the Dark Arts are finally revealed. More than a how-to manual, more than a memoir, <i>Puzzled</i> enlightens us about cryptics and delights in the quirky realm of wordplay. It is a book for word junkies everywhere.
AUSTRALIAN FICTION				
Longleg	Glenda Adams	Pb	\$14.99	When William Badger is ten years old his mother Rose takes him to a boarding house in Manly - Seven Miles from Sydney, and a Thousand Miles from Care. Left there, abandoned by the glorious Rose, who once danced and twirled on her little pointy shoes, William sits in the hedge and waits for her return. But the Rose he longs for never returns; the mother who comes back is much too angry to twirl. The only clue William has to this bewildering change is the name on a document he sees in the dining room sideboard: Longleg, the perfect name for an imaginary friend, or an alter ego... In this imaginative tour de force, Miles Franklin award winner Glenda Adams explores with tenderness and grace the life of a man who seems destined to find his mother in all other women. Winner of the National Book Council Banjo Award. Winner of The Age Fiction Book of the Year Award.

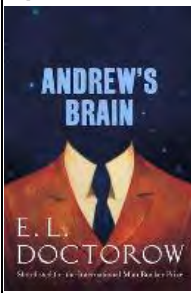


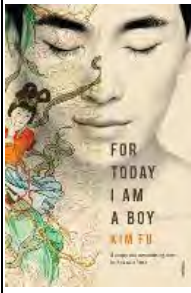
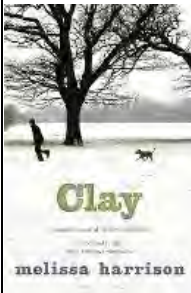
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People of the Book	Geraldine Brooks	Pb \$14.99	When Hanna Heath gets a call in the middle of the night in her Sydney home about a precious medieval manuscript that has been recovered from the smouldering ruins of war-torn Sarajevo, she knows she is on the brink of the experience of a lifetime. A renowned book conservator, she must now make her way to Bosnia to start work on restoring the Sarajevo Haggadah - one of the earliest Jewish volumes ever to be illuminated with images - to discover its secrets and piece together the story of its miraculous survival over five centuries of history. But the trip will also set in motion a series of events that threaten to rock Hanna's orderly life, including her encounter with Ozren Karamen, the young librarian who risked his life to save the book.
The Art of the Engine Driver	Steven Carroll	Pb \$14.99	There they are, still as a photograph, listening for the distant thud of the sun as it prepares to drop from the sky ...On a hot summer's night, a family of three are off to a party in their bristling suburbia. But nothing is as it seems and soon we are walking with them through the past lives of a bully, a drunk and a disaffected youth. As the story of the neighbourhood unfolds the old and the new, diesel and steam, town and country all collide - and nobody will be left unaffected. The Art of the Engine Driver is a luminous and evocative take on ordinary suburban lives told with an extraordinary power and depth.
Behind the Sun	Deborah Challinor	Pb \$19.99	Irreverent and streetwise prostitute Friday Woolfe is in London's notorious Newgate gaol, awaiting transportation. There, she meets three other girls: intelligent and opportunistic thief, Sarah Morgan, naive young Rachel Winter, and reliable and capable seamstress, Harriet Clarke. On the voyage to New South Wales their friendship becomes an unbreakable bond - but there are others on board who will change their lives forever. Friday makes an implacable enemy of Bella Jackson, a vicious woman whose power seems undiminished by her arrest and transportation, while Harriet is taken under the wing of an idealistic doctor, James Downey. Rachel catches the eye of a sinister passenger with more than honour on his mind. When they finally arrive on the other side of the world, they are confined to the grim and overcrowded Parramatta Female Factory. But worse is to come as the threat of separation looms. In the land behind the sun, the only thing they have is each other...
Don't Know What You've Got Till It's Gone	Gemma Crisp	Pb \$24.99	In the cut-throat world of weekly trash mags, Nina thrives on the adrenalin of out-bidding her rivals for scandalous photo sets, scoring exclusive rights to Australia's A-list weddings and having the most influential celebrity managers on speed-dial. But in her personal life, things aren't quite as glossy. Just as she's back on the single scene, all her friends start getting up the duff faster than you can say, 'Welcome to Nappy Valley'. While Nina spends her days managing her magazine's multi-million-dollar budget and stalking Kim Kardashian's every move, they're managing their minuscule maternity leave allowance and stalking their local daycare waiting list. Suddenly she feels like she's being rejected from a club she doesn't even want to join. With a reality TV show in the works and a Facebook feed overflowing with endless baby updates, Nina heads to New York on an impromptu girls' trip to get away from it all - but little does she know that things are about to get a whole lot more complicated...
The Happiness Show	Catherine Deveny	Pb \$19.99	At thirty-eight, Lizzie Quealy thinks she has things sorted: a happy relationship, a couple of gorgeous kids, a steadfast best friend and a career she loves. But when Lizzie bumps into Tom, an old flame from her globe-trotting twenties, her life begins to unravel. Tom is her 'unfinished business': the man she might have spent her life with, if things had gone a little differently. Ten years on, the spark is still there - but how far is Lizzie prepared to go to recapture it, and at what cost? Set in Melbourne, London and Bali, via Tokyo and the Trans-Siberian Express, The Happiness Show is a refreshingly honest story about love, fidelity and the messiness of second chances. Sexy and hilarious, it explores the rules and taboos of contemporary relationships - and what happens when they stand in the way of one woman's pursuit of happiness.


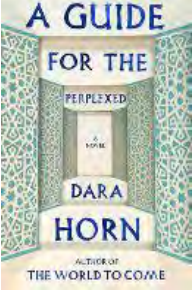


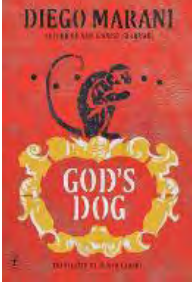
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Maestro (1989)	Peter Goldsworthy	Pb \$14.99	Against the backdrop of Darwin, that small, tropical hothouse of a port, half-outback, half-oriental, lying at the tip of northern Australia, a young and newly arrived southerner encounters the 'maestro', a Viennese refugee with a shadowed past. The occasion is a piano lesson, the first of many...
			
Due Preparations for the Plague	Janette Turner Hospital	Pb \$14.99	Lowell tries not to think about the past, about the hijacking that killed his mother. Samantha, on the other hand, cannot let go. As a child she survived the hijacking of Air France 64, and as an adult she obsessively digs for answers, seeking a man called Salamander whom she believes holds key information. It is the death of Lowell's father, and his legacy of a blue sports bag crammed with documents and videotapes, that finally brings Lowell and Samantha together and unravels the interconnections between victims and perpetrators, saved and damned. But in this murky world of endless aliases and surveillance, who can be trusted? When does the quest for truth become a dangerous obsession? And what difference can the truth make? Janette Turner Hospital has crafted a taut and confronting novel that propels us into the chaos of terror and the cruelty - and unexpected hope - of survival.
			
Exiles at Home: Australian Women Writers 1925-1945	Drusilla Modjeska	Pb \$14.99	At the end of the 1920s Christina Stead had left Australia and was poised to write Seven Poor Men of Sydney. In London Miles Franklin was producing her first Brent of Bin Bin book and would soon return to Australia. Katharine Susannah Prichard was enlarging her view of black and white in outback Australia, and the team writing under the name M. Barnard Eldershaw had published its first novel and won the Bulletin prize. Gathering these writers into a network by her support and criticism was the influential Nettie Palmer. In the mid-1930s these women and other writers such as Eleanor Dark, Jean Devanny, Dymphna Cusack and Betty Roland faced the impact of fascism and another war. The platform and the writing desk had different and often conflicting appeals; and the Depression underlined the already precarious existence of the woman writer. This immensely readable work by one of Australia's most respected writers of today is a fascinating insight into the lives of these significant literary figures, and into the creative process itself.
			
FICTION			
The Shadow of the Crescent Moon	Fatima Bhutto	Tp \$29.99	Fatima Bhutto's stunning debut novel The Shadow of the Crescent Moon, begins and ends one rain swept Friday morning in Mir Ali, a small town in Pakistan's Tribal Areas close to the Afghan border. Three brothers meet for breakfast. Soon after, the eldest, recently returned from America, hails a taxi to the local mosque. The second, a doctor, goes to check in at his hospital. His troubled wife does not join the family that morning. No one knows where Mina goes these days. And the youngest, the idealist, leaves for town on a motorbike. Seated behind him is a beautiful, fragile girl whose life and thoughts are overwhelmed by the war that has enveloped the place of her birth. Three hours later their day will end in devastating circumstances. The Shadow of the Crescent Moon chronicles the lives of five young people trying to live and love in a world on fire. Individuals are pushed to make terrible choices. And, as the events of this single morning unfold, one woman is at the centre of it all.
			
Margot	Jillian Cantor	Pb \$19.99	In the spring of 1959, The Diary of Anne Frank has just come to the silver screen to great acclaim, and a young woman named Margie Franklin is working in Philadelphia as a secretary at a Jewish law firm. On the surface she lives a quiet life, but Margie has a secret: a past and a religion she has denied, and a family and a country she left behind. She is really Margot Frank, older sister of Anne, who did not die in Bergen-Belsen as reported, but who instead escaped to America. But now, as her sister becomes a global icon, Margie's carefully constructed life begins to fall apart.
			

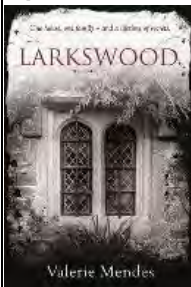
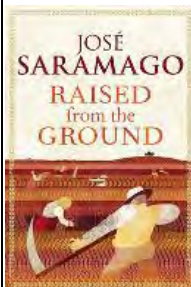


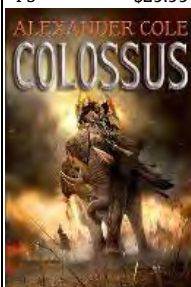
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Andrew's Brain	E L Doctorow	Tp \$29.99	 <p>This brilliant new novel by an American master, the author of Ragtime, The Book of Daniel, Billy Bathgate, and The March, takes us on a radical trip into the mind of a man who, more than once in his life, has been an inadvertent agent of disaster. Speaking from an unknown place and to an unknown interlocutor, Andrew is thinking, Andrew is talking, Andrew is telling the story of his life, his loves, and the tragedies that have led him to this place and point in time. And as he confesses, peeling back the layers of his strange story, we are led to question what we know about truth and memory, brain and mind, personality and fate, about one another and ourselves. Written with psychological depth and great lyrical precision, this suspenseful and groundbreaking novel delivers a voice for our times-funny, probing, skeptical, mischievous, profound. Andrew's Brain is a surprising turn and a singular achievement in the canon of a writer whose prose has the power to create its own landscape, and whose great topic, in the words of Don DeLillo, is the reach of American possibility, in which plain lives take on the cadences of history.</p>
The Things We Never Said	Susan Elliot-Wright	Pb \$19.99	 <p>The past shapes us all. But what happens when it hides a secret that changes everything? In 1964, Maggie wakes to find herself in a mental asylum, with no idea who she is or how she got there. Remnants of memories swirl in her mind - a familiar song, a storm, a moment of violence. Slowly, she begins to piece together the past and the events which brought her to this point. In the present day, Jonathan is grieving after the loss of his father. A cold, distant man, he was not easy to love, but at least while he lived there was hope for reconciliation. Then a detective turns up on Jonathan's doorstep to question him about crimes he believes Jonathan's father may have committed long ago... As the two stories interweave, the devastating truth long kept hidden must emerge, and both Maggie and Jonathan are forced to come to terms with the consequences of the shocking and tragic events of over forty years ago.</p>
The All-Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion	Fannie Flagg	Tp \$32.95	 <p>With all the men off to war, it's up to the Jurdabralinski sisters to keep the family business going. They must learn men's work, from fixing flats to driving the tow truck, but they also have their own ideas. Wearing smart little caps and short skirts with fringes, they fly round the forecourt on roller skates and The All-Girl's Filling Station is born. But the sisters' peace doesn't last long, as one by one they are invited to join the war effort as pilots. Mrs Sookie Earl of Clear Point, Alabama, doesn't know any of this. She doesn't know a thing about Poland, or fleeing the Russians or the extraordinary courage of the flying wartime heroines known as the WASPS. In fact, the only war she knows about is the one she's waging, and losing, against the Blue Jays in her garden. But then one day a package arrives. Its contents knock Sookie sideways. Feeling like a stranger in her own life, Sookie's search for answers takes her back to the 1940s, an irrepressible family called the Jurdabralinskis and four sisters whose wartime adventures force them to reimagine who they are, and what they are doing.</p>
For Today I Am A Boy	Kim Fu	Tp \$32.95	 <p>Finding one's place in the world can be hard, but sometimes even more elusive, is finding where you fit in your family. Peter Huang and his sisters - elegant Adele, shrewd Helen, and Bonnie the bon vivant - grow up in a house of many secrets, then escape the confines of small-town Ontario and spread from Montreal to California to Berlin. Peter's own journey is obstructed by playground bullies, masochistic lovers, Christian ex-gays, and the ever-present shadow of his Chinese father. At birth, Peter had been given the Chinese name Juan chaun, powerful king. The exalted only son in the middle of three daughters, Peter was the one who would finally embody his immigrant father's ideal of power and masculinity. But Peter has different dreams: he is certain he is a girl. Drawing comparisons from Jeffrey Eugenides' Middlesex to the work of Amy Tan. Sensitive, witty, and stunningly assured, Kim Fu's debut novel lays bare the costs of forsaking one's own path in deference to one laid out by others.</p>
Clay	Melissa Harrison	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Eight-year-old TC skips school to explore the city's overgrown, forgotten corners. Sophia, seventy-eight, watches with concern as he slips past her window, through the little park she loves. She's writing to her granddaughter, Daisy, whose privileged upbringing means she exists in a different world from TC - though the two children live less than a mile apart. Jozef spends his days doing house clearances, his nights working in a takeaway. He can't forget the farm he left behind in Poland, its woods and fields still a part of him, although he is a thousand miles away. When he meets TC he finds a kindred spirit: both lonely, both looking for something, both lost.</p>

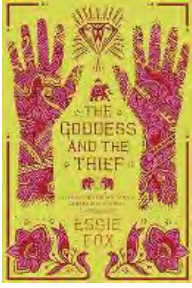

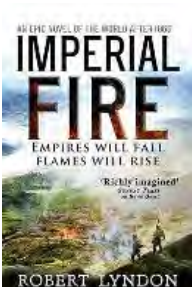


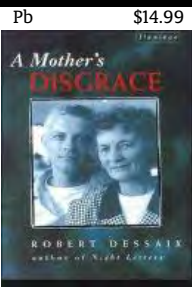
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Wake	Anna Hope	Tp \$32.95	 <p>Five Days in November, 1920: As the body of the Unknown Soldier makes its way home from the fields of Northern France, three women are overcoming loss in their own way: Hettie, who dances for sixpence a waltz at the Hammersmith Palais; wealthy Evelyn, who toils at a lowly job in the pensions office, and Ada, a housewife who snatches glimpses of her dead son in the street. As each struggles to move on with her life, a wartime mystery begins to unravel. But where will the threads lead, and will they bring the answers these women crave? In this shattering novel of intertwining lives, Anna Hope shows the beginnings of a new era, and the day the mood of the nation changed, for ever.</p>
A Guide for the Perplexed: A Novel	Dara Horn	Hb \$32.95	 <p>Software prodigy Josie Ashkenazi has invented an application that records everything its users do. When an Egyptian library invites her to visit as a consultant, her jealous sister Judith persuades her to go. But in Egypt's postrevolutionary chaos, Josie is abducted - leaving Judith free to take over Josie's life at home, including her husband and daughter, while Josie's talent for preserving memories becomes a surprising test of her empathy and her only means of escape. A century earlier, another traveler arrives in Egypt: Solomon Schechter, a Cambridge professor hunting for a medieval archive hidden in a Cairo synagogue. Both he and Josie are haunted by the work of the medieval philosopher Moses Maimonides, a doctor and rationalist who sought to reconcile faith and science, destiny and free will. But what Schechter finds, as he tracks down the remnants of a thousand-year-old community's once-vibrant life, will reveal the power and perils of what Josie's ingenious work brings into being: a world where nothing is ever forgotten.</p>
The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules	Catharina Ingelman-Sundberg	Tp \$29.99	 <p>The Little Old Lady Who Broke All the Rules is an incredibly quirky, humorous and warm-hearted story about growing old disgracefully - and breaking all the rules along the way! 79-year-old Martha Anderson dreams of escaping her care home and robbing a bank. She has no intention of spending the rest of her days in an armchair and is determined to fund her way to a much more exciting life-style. Along with her four oldest friends -- otherwise known as the League of Pensioners -- Martha decides to rebel against all of the rules imposed upon them. Together, they cause an uproar with their antics: protesting against early bedtimes and plastic meals. As the elderly friends become more daring, their activities escalate and they come up with a cunning plan to break out of the care home and land themselves in a far more attractive Stockholm establishment. With the aid of their Zimmer frames, they resolve to stand up for old aged pensioners everywhere - Robin Hood style.</p>
The Affairs of Others	Amy Grace Lloyd	Pb \$26.99	 <p>In the five years since her young husband's death, Celia Cassill has retreated from view. She has moved from one New York neighbourhood to another but she has not moved on. The owner of a small apartment building, she has chosen tenants who will not intrude upon her grief. Privacy is the byword; self-containment the aim. Everything will change when a new tenant, Hope, moves in upstairs. Intoxicating and dangerous, Hope is on the run from a failed marriage and in thrall to a seductive, sinister man. As her noisy affair destroys the building's quiet, and another tenant disappears, Celia is forced into contact with life - complicated, messy, irrepressible life - through violence, sex, and the secrets that lurk within the brownstone's walls.</p>
God's Dog	Diego Marani	Pb \$27.99	 <p>Set in a not-too-distant future, and moving between Rome and Amsterdam, God's Dog is a detective novel unlike any you have read before. It is the eve of Pope Benedict XVIII's canonisation and Domingo Salazar, a Haitian orphan and now a Vatican secret agent, is hellbent on defeating the Angels of Death, pro-abortion and pro-euthanasia dissidents who are undermining the Pope's authority. But as Salazar closes in on the cell he finds his life turned upside down. Suddenly it is Salazar and his closest friend Guntur who are under suspicion of sabotaging the administration. Their concept for a globalised religion called Bible-Koranism has upset the Church and they are in grave danger, as is Guntur's infamous Swahili-speaking chimpanzee Django. God's Dog is a spoof on the absurdities of institutionalised religion that will delight aficionados of thrillers and detective novels as well as fans of Diego Marani.</p>

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Larkswood	Valerie Mendes	Tp \$29.99		Larkswood House. The very name suggests birdsong, peace and elegance. It is home to the Hamilton children - Edward, Cynthia and Harriet - who enjoy the freedom and excitement of privilege. But in the glorious summer of 1896, with absent parents and a departed governess, disaster strikes the family, leaving it cruelly divided. More than forty years later, on the eve of the Second World War, Louisa Hamilton, newly presented at court but struck down with glandular fever, is sent to Larkswood to recuperate. There, for the first time, she meets her grandfather, Edward, home after decades in India. But as Louisa begins to fall under the spell of Larkswood, she realises it holds the key to the mystery that shattered her family two generations before. Will she find the courage to unravel the dark secrets of the past? And can Larkswood ever become home to happiness again?
Raised from the Ground	Jose Saramago	Pb \$19.95		First published in 1980, Saramago's prizewinning novel Raised from the Ground follows the changing fortunes of the Mau-Tempo family - poor, landless peasants not unlike the author's own grandparents. Set in Alentejo, a southern province of Portugal known for its vast agricultural estates, Saramago charts the lives of the Mau-Tempos as national and international events rumble on in the background - the coming of the republic in Portugal, the First and Second World Wars, and an attempt on the dictator Salazar's life. Yet, nothing really impinges on the grim reality of the farm labourers' lives until the first communist stirrings. Finally published for the first time in English, Raised from the Ground is highly political yet full of Saramago's characteristic humour and humanity, and his most autobiographical and deeply personal novel. As full of love as it is of pain, it is a vivid, moving tribute to the men and women among whom Saramago lived as a child, and a fascinating insight into the early work of this literary giant.
The Erl King	Michel Tournier	Pb \$27.99		An international bestseller and winner of the Prix Goncourt, The Erl King is a magisterial tale of innocence, perversion and obsession. It follows the passage of strange, gentle Abel Tiffauges from submissive schoolboy to adult misfit - a man without a sense of belonging until he finds himself a prisoner of war, and then a teacher, and then the 'ogre' of a Nazi school at the castle of Kaltenborn. Taking us more deeply into the dark heart of fascism than any novel since The Tin Drum, Tournier's masterpiece rivets us until the very last page, when Abel meets his mystic fate in the collapsing ruins of the Third Reich; it is a novel that shocks us, dazzles us, and above all holds us spellbound.
Revenge Wears Prada: The Devil Returns	Lauren Weisberger	Pb \$24.99		Eight years have passed since Andy Sachs quit the job a million girls would die for - working for Miranda Priestly at Runway Magazine - a dream that turned out to be a nightmare. Now Andy's on top of the world: she's writing and reporting to her heart's content; running The Plunge, her wildly successful high fashion bridal magazine with Miranda's other ex-assistant, Emily; and most importantly, getting married to the love of her life. But the night before her wedding, Andy can't sleep. As happy as she is - as happy as she should be - she's still haunted by the specter of her former boss. From the start, Andy and Emily have felt entitled to use their rolodex of contacts - Miranda's contacts - from Runway as they make their way in the magazine world. As The Plunge succeeds, Andy and Emily realize they'll soon come face to face with their former tormenter at industry functions, award ceremonies, and even weddings. Still, Andy can hardly anticipate the horrifying reality that's approaching - a reversal so profound that she will be squarely in Miranda's crosshairs once more.
HISTORICAL FICTION				
Colossus	Alexander Cole	Pb \$29.99		Alexander the Great rests in Babylon as he decides which should be his next world to conquer. A war elephant, Colossus, disturbs the peace of the camp when he is provoked to a killing rampage. Only one young mahout has the courage to stop Colossus. And when Alexander notices his bravery, Gajendra begins a meteoric climb through the ranks of the Macedonian army. Gajendra is fiercely loyal to Alexander, the great General who plucked him from obscurity. But as he rises to become Captain of the Elephants, Gajendra sees how Alexander is being corrupted by luxury and power. Forced to choose between keeping faith with Alexander or with his comrades, Gajendra must find the strength to make the right decision as Alexander's army approaches the gates of Rome.

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The Goddess and the Thief	Essie Fox	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Uprooted from her home in India, Alice is raised by her aunt, a spiritualist medium in Windsor. When the mysterious Mr Tilsbury enters their lives, Alice is drawn into a plot to steal the priceless Koh-i-Noor diamond, claimed by the British Empire at the end of the Anglo-Sikh wars. Said to be both blessed and cursed, the sacred Indian stone exerts its power over all who encounter it: a handsome deposed maharajah determined to claim his rightful throne, a man hell-bent on discovering the secrets of eternity, and a widowed queen who hopes the jewel can draw her husband's spirit back. In the midst of all this madness, Alice must discover a way to regain control of her life and fate...</p>
Sedition	Katharine Grant	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Motherless Alatheia Sawneyford, her charms grown disturbing as she rebels against her father, has made the city's streets her own, while Annie Cantabile is constrained, by her own disfigurement and her father, to his pianoforte workshop under the shadow of Tyburn gibbet. One afternoon the dusty workshop receives a visitor. A man, representing an unscrupulous band of City speculators, Alatheia's father among them, require a pianoforte and its charming teacher to find titled husbands for all their daughters: sisters Evelina and Marianne; stolid Harriet and pale, pining Georgiana. It seems an innocent enough plan but these are subversive times and perhaps even a drawing-room piano lesson isn't exactly what it seems. All of which will suit Alatheia perfectly. Fierce and bawdy, uproarious and exquisite, Sedition takes its plot at a racing gallop: bold, beautiful and captivating</p>
Imperial Fire	Robert Lyndon	Pb \$29.99	 <p>AD 1081: Vast empires clamour for dominance. From the Normans in the north to the Byzantines in the south, battles rage across Europe and around its fringes. But in the east, an empire still mightier stirs, wielding a weapon to rule the world: gunpowder. Seeking the destructive might of this 'fire drug', the mercenary Vallon - a man made as of grit and earth as much of flesh and blood - is sent by the defeated Byzantine emperor on a secret and near-impossible quest to the far off land of Song Dynasty China. Alongside a squadron of highly trained soldiers, Vallon is accompanied by the learned physician Hero, Wayland the English hunter, and a young, ego-driven upstart named Lucas. All have their own reasons for going, all have secrets. It's a quest that will lead them across treacherous seas and broiling deserts and into the uncharted land of mountains and plains beyond the Silk Road. Many will die...but the rewards are unbelievable.</p>
The Invention of Wings	Sue Monk Kidd	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Sarah Grimke is the middle daughter. The one her mother calls difficult and her father calls remarkable. On Sarah's eleventh birthday, Hetty 'Handful' Grimke is taken from the slave quarters she shares with her mother, wrapped in lavender ribbons, and presented to Sarah as a gift. Sarah knows what she does next will unleash a world of trouble. She also knows that she cannot accept. And so, indeed, the trouble begins ...A powerful, sweeping novel, inspired by real events, and set in the American Deep South in the nineteenth century, THE INVENTION OF WINGS evokes a world of shocking contrasts, of beauty and ugliness, of righteous people living daily with cruelty they fail to recognise; and celebrates the power of friendship and sisterhood against all the odds.</p>
The Harem Midwife	Roberta Rich	Tp \$32.95	 <p>Safiye had more to worry about than simply birthing this child. Her only son might not live to hear the call for morning prayers. If there ever was a time when the Empire required a male heir it was now. In the opulent royal palace of Murat III, on the shores of Constantinople, midwife Hannah Levi is charged with ensuring the Sultan's harem provides him with a male heir. If she fails, the entire Ottoman Empire will collapse. But the slave girl who has been stolen away to be the Sultan's latest concubine is not all she seems...</p>
AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHY			
A Mother's Disgrace	Robert Dessaix	Pb \$14.99	 <p>Adopted as a baby towards the end of World War II, Robert Dessaix grew up haunted by 'a shaft of silence' surrounding the question of his natural mother's identity, and of his identity and sexuality. In this touching memoir, he recounts the story of a most unusual childhood on Sydney's North Shore; of his fascination with Russia and his years spent studying in Cold War Moscow; and of his restless wanderings around the world. Frank and compelling, this 'tale without an ending' is a story of coming to terms with a history previously unknown, and with it the acceptance of a new identity.</p>



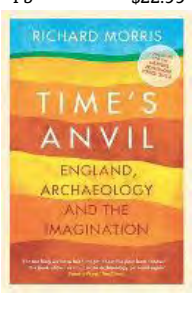
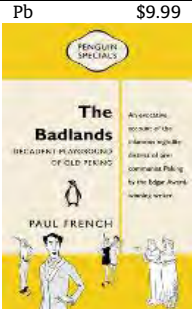
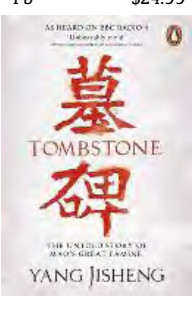
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Call Me Sasha: Secret Confessions of an Australian Callgirl	Geena Leigh	Pb	\$29.99	At just fifteen years old, Geena had no choice but to leave home. Without an education or any real options, she found herself being lured into the sex industry by the promise of big money and the validation of strangers. She turned to drugs and alcohol to numb the pain of day-to-day life as a callgirl and overcome the emotional scars of her past. But even in her darkest hours, Geena refused to accept her circumstances and never stopped striving for freedom and a better life. Eventually she found the strength to turn things around and set herself on a path to a brighter future. Now, Geena has a double university degree and the career of her dreams, and is in a loving relationship. Call Me Sasha is the inspirational account of one woman's journey from sexual abuse through prostitution to eventual salvation. It is raw with honesty, compelling and even laugh-out-loud funny as Geena Leigh recounts the highs and lows of her fascinating life in the sex industry.
BIOGRAPHY				
Mr Foote's Other Leg: Comedy, Tragedy and Murder in Georgian London	Ian Kelly	Pb	\$29.99	In 1776 Foote's was the most talked-of name in the English-speaking world. By 1777 it was almost unmentionable. Samuel Foote, friend of David Garrick and Dr Johnson, is the greatest lost figure of the eighteenth century; his story defies belief and has only been forgotten for reasons both laughable and shocking. Foote wrote the first true-crime bestseller, was the first celebrity impressionist and lost his leg after a bet with the Duke of York when a practical joke went disastrously wrong. Out of this was born the most singular career in stage history. In this unique biography not only does award-winning historian Ian Kelly uncover the tragicomic tale of this Oscar Wilde of the eighteenth century, but he tells the story of the first media storm and the first victim of celebrity culture, and offers a joyous hop around the mad theatre of London life - high and low.
Vidal vs Mailer	Gore Vidal & Norman Mailer	Pb	\$24.95	This unique collection of interviews and correspondence records the infamous and decades-long fight - both rhetorical and physical - between Norman Mailer and Gore Vidal. The feud remains of cult interest to many in the literary community, with the legacy of both remaining strong to this day. The introduction is provided by legendary talk-show presenter Dick Cavett, of The Dick Cavett Show fame.
The Ministry of Guidance Invites You to Not Stay: An American Family in Iran	Hooman Majd	Hb	\$45.00	What happens when you move to Iran, heartland of the 'Axis of Evil', with your family in tow? In The Ministry of Guidance Invites You to Not Stay, Hooman Majd introduces us to the daily delights and challenges of life in the so-called axis of evil. His funny, wry account of daily life is a mixture of extreme driving, intense sociability, yellow-tinged sheep's yoghurt and truly good Cuban cigars, interspersed with challenges from the religious police, stealthy internet use and polite yet concerning interrogations inside government ministries. At parties he both hears stories from friends of life in Evin prison after the Green Revolution and witnesses heady Western-style nihilism. From the smoggy streets of Tehran to the beautiful cities and mountains around it, this is a warm and revealing account of life in reverse-exile.
Let's Explore Diabetes With Owls	David Sedaris	Pb	\$19.99	From the unique perspective of David Sedaris comes a new book of essays taking his readers on a bizarre and stimulating world tour. From the perils of French dentistry to the eating habits of the Australian kookaburra, from the squat-style toilets of Beijing to the particular wilderness of a North Carolina Costco, we learn about the absurdity and delight of a curious traveler's experiences. Whether railing against the habits of litterers in the English countryside or marveling over a disembodied human arm in a taxidermist's shop, Sedaris takes us on side-splitting adventures that are not to be forgotten.
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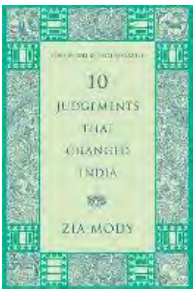

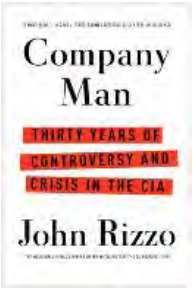
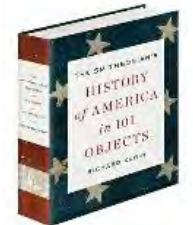

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The Queen Of Four Kingdoms	HRH Princess Michael of Kent	Hb \$35.00	 <p>At the age of nineteen, Yolande, daughter of the King of Aragon, is sent away from her family, her friends, and everything she knows, to marry the young Duke Louis II of Anjou, first cousin of the King of France. Their marriage has been arranged to bring an end to a generation of bitter conflict between Aragon and Anjou for possession of the kingdom of Naples and Sicily, an inheritance they both claim. Despite waiting nine years for her fiancé to return to France from Naples, to Yolande's surprise their union becomes not only a great love story, but also sets in motion events which will change the course of history. As Louis spends more time and money fighting for his distant kingdom, Yolande is left alone with their five children and, as her husband's regent, to govern their vast inheritance. With her wealth, her subtle intelligence, charm and the clever use of her spies, she becomes the saviour not only her own territories, but also of France. Her Royal Highness Princess Michael of Kent unveils this seldom told story, enriched by her insider's perspective of court life.</p>
Cicero: Politics and Persuasion in Ancient Rome	Kathryn Tempest	Pb \$29.99	 <p>As the greatest Roman orator of his time, Cicero delivered over one hundred speeches in the law courts, in the senate and before the people of Rome. He was also a philosopher, a patriot and a private man. While his published speeches preserve scandalous accounts of the murder, corruption and violence that plagued Rome in the first century BC, his surviving letters give an exceptional glimpse into Cicero's own personality and his reactions to events as they unravelled around him - events, he thought, which threatened to destabilize the system of government he loved and establish a tyranny over Rome. From his rise to power as a self-made man, Cicero's career took him through the years of Sulla, and the civil war between Pompey and Caesar, to his own last fight against Mark Antony. Drawing chiefly on Cicero's speeches and letters, as well as the most recent scholarship, Kathryn Tempest presents a new, highly readable narrative of Cicero's life and times from his rise to prominence until his brutal death.</p>
The Sweet Spot: How Australia Made Its Own Luck - And Could Now Throw It All Away	Peter Hartcher	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Australians now officially have the best living conditions in the world. Our country is both fair and free – and the only developed nation to have avoided a recession in the past twenty years. So how did it happen and why don't we care? In <i>The Sweet Spot</i> Peter Hartcher takes readers on a vastly entertaining and thought-provoking tour through Australian politics and history. He shows how a convict colony could have become a banana republic but didn't, how Australia came through the global financial crisis – it wasn't just the mining boom – and how we could now throw our success away if we don't recognise our strengths and demand true leadership of our politicians. Hartcher argues that Australia's prosperity was not built on dumb luck. In a time when the authoritarian success story of China is strong, Australia offers a better model: a democratic success story. Is it perfect? Of course not. But on some of the most important and apparently intractable problems of the modern world, Australia, believe it or not, is as good as it gets. And the beaches aren't bad either</p>
Sons of the Southern Cross: Rebels, Revolutions, Anzacs and the Spirit of Australia's Fighting Flag	Grantlee Kieza	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Ever since it was launched in the minefields of Victoria the Southern Cross flag has been a symbol for a rebellious Australian spirit - from the battles of Eureka to those of Ned Kelly, from the birth of the Labor Party to the Anzacs at Gallipoli. The men and women involved took the flag as their symbol. But as much as it became a metaphor for anti-establishment heroics, the flag also had a darker side; xenophobia, racism, intolerance and violence. Grantlee Kieza tells the story of the flag through the stories of the people who fought under it, the miners, the soldiers, the bushrangers, the journalists and politicians, who shaped Australia. He takes readers from the slums of Ireland to the goldfields of Victoria, and then on to the courtrooms, pubs and hideouts where revolutions were hatched. Through the raw and impassioned characters trying to make a life in a new nation, he brings Australia's renegade history vividly to life.</p>
Simpson and the Donkey: The Making of a Legend (Anniversary Edition)	Peter Cochrane	Pb \$24.95	 <p>The simple tale of Simpson and his donkey is the pre-eminent legend of heroism. It is the story of a humble water-carrier, a rescuer of wounded men, a tale of compassion, stoic persistence, with a tragic end. His tale is an integral part of the Anzac story. Across time, a simple tale can acquire a complicated history. This is what happened to the man with the donkey and is the subject of this book, Simpson's 'afterlife', the legend.</p>

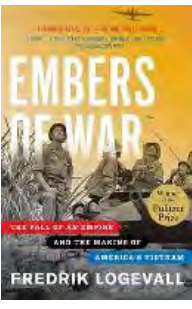


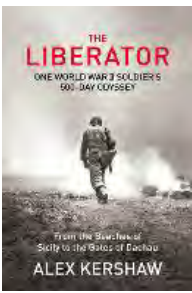
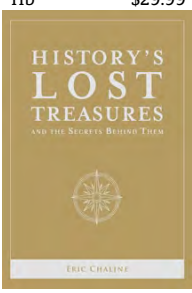
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Taking to the Skies: Highjackers, Heroes and Daredevils - Australian Flying Stories From Catalina to the Jumbo	Jim Eames	Pb \$29.99	 <p>So how do you test drive a Jumbo? And why did a civil aviation director once taxi a plane down Perth's main street to attend a ball? From the ridiculous to the downright dangerous, the story of Australian aviation is full of tales of adventure and nation building. It is also a story about tragedy and eccentric characters with wild larrikin spirits. In this surprising, fascinating and sometimes very funny collection, Jim Eames brings together the great forgotten and untold tales of Australian aviation. There are the stories of the Catalina flying boats that were Australia's only aviation link to the UK during World War II and that of Qantas' record-breaking non-stop flight across the world. And what of the long-forgotten hijacks and the dramas of the Darwin airlifts after Cyclone Tracy? Entertaining, nostalgic and very readable, the stories Jim tells will certainly make you want to take to the skies.</p>
Elizabeth's Sea Dogs: How England's Mariners Became the Scourge of the Seas	Hugh Bicheno	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Elizabeth's Sea Dogs investigates the rise and fall of a unique group of adventurers - men like Francis Drake, John Hawkins, Martin Frobisher and Walter Raleigh. Seen by the English as heroes but by the Spanish as pirates, they were expert seafarers and controversial characters. This riveting new account reveals them for what they were: extremely tough men in extremely hard times. They sailed, fought, looted and whored their way across the globe; in the process, they established a lasting British presence in the Americas, defeated the Spanish Armada, and made Queen Elizabeth I very wealthy, if seldom grateful. Author Hugh Bicheno sets the Sea Dogs in historical context and reveals their lives and exploits through diligent historical research incorporating contemporary testimony. With additional appendices, colour plates, the author's own maps and technical drawings, Elizabeth's Sea Dogs tells their vivid, extraordinary story as it was lived, in the author's trademark engaging style.</p>
Time's Anvil: England, Archaeology and the Imagination	Richard Morris	Pb \$22.99	 <p>In a dazzlingly wide-ranging exploration, Richard Morris casts fresh light on three quarters of a million years of history in the place we now think of as England. Drawing upon genres that are usually pursued in isolation - like biography, poetry, or physics - he finds potent links between things we might imagine to be unrelated. His subjects range from humanity's roots to the destruction of the wildwood, from the first farmers to industrialization, and from Tudor drama to 20th-century conflict. Each topic sits at a different point along the continuum between epoch and the fleeting moment. In part, this is a history of archaeology; in part, too, it is a personal account of the author's history in archaeology. But mainly it is about how the past is read, and about what we bring to the reading as well as what we find. The result is a book that defies categorisation, but one which will by turns surprise, enthrall and provoke anyone who cares for England, who we are and where we have come from.</p>
The Badlands: Decadent Playground of Old Peking	Paul French	Pb \$9.99	 <p>An evocative account of the infamous nightlife district of pre-communist Beijing, from the internationally acclaimed author of the book Midnight in Peking. The Badlands, a warren of narrow hutongs in the eastern district of pre-communist Peking, had its heyday in the 1930s. Home to the city's drifters, misfits and the odd bohemian, it was a place of opium dens, divebars, brothels, flophouses and cabarets, and was infamous for its ability to satisfy every human desire from the exotically entertaining to the criminally depraved. These vignettes of eight non-Chinese residents of the precinct - White Russians, Americans and Europeans - bring the Badlands vividly back to life, providing a short but potent account of a place and a way of life until now largely forgotten, but here rendered unforgettable.</p>
Tombstone: The Untold Story of Mao's Great Famine	Yang Jisheng	Pb \$24.99	 <p>Yang Jisheng's Tombstone is the book that broke the silence on one of history's most terrible crimes. More people died in Mao's Great Famine than in the entire First World War, yet this story has remained largely untold, until now. Still banned in China, Tombstone draws on the author's privileged access to official and unofficial sources to uncover the full human cost of the tragedy, and create an unprecedented work of historical reckoning.</p>


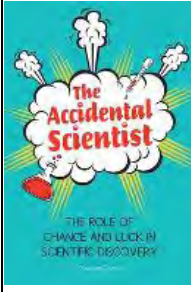
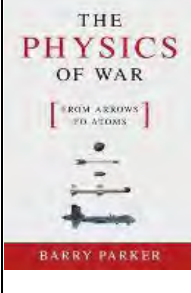
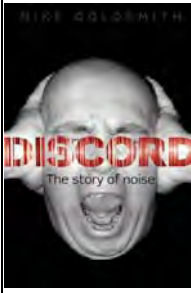
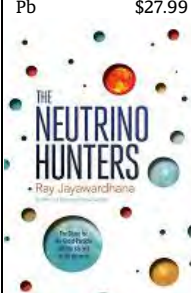
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10 Judgements That Changed India	Zia Mody	Hb \$24.99	 <p>Here are the Supreme Court's ten pivotal judgements that have transformed Indian democracy and redefined our daily lives. Exploring vital themes such as custodial deaths, reservations and environmental jurisprudence, this book contextualizes the judgements, explains key concepts and maps their impacts. Written by one of India's most respected lawyers, Ten Judgements That Changed India is an authoritative yet accessible read for anyone keen to understand India's legal system and the foundations of our democracy.</p>
Tigress of Forli: The Life of Caterina Sforza	Elizabeth Lev	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Between her birth in 1463 as the illegitimate daughter of the Duke of Milan, and her death in 1509 as a member of the powerful Medici family, the life of Caterina Sforza crossed the firmament of Renaissance Italy like a shooting star. She was painted by Botticelli, feted by Pope Sixtus IV, slandered by Machiavelli and celebrated as a warrior who led her own troops fearlessly into battle. While defending her fortress city-state of Forli, she was prepared to sacrifice her children rather than surrender - yet she was eventually defeated, imprisoned and raped by a Borgia. Caterina Sforza bore 8 children, buried 3 husbands, and wrote a recipe book that has since been through more than 100 editions. Her youngest child became, like his mother, a brilliant soldier and a national hero. But not even the determined Caterina could have planned that her son's direct descendants would include the kings of France and of England.</p>
Company Man: Thirty Years of Controversy and Crisis in the CIA	John Rizzo	Pb \$29.99	 <p>In 1975, fresh out of law school and working in a mind-numbing job at the US Treasury, John Rizzo took 'a total shot in the dark' and sent his résumé to the Central Intelligence Agency. He had no notion that more than 30 years later, he would become a notorious public figure - both a symbol and a victim of the toxic winds swirling in post - 9/11 Washington. From approving the rules that governing waterboarding and other 'enhanced interrogation techniques' to serving as the CIA's spokesperson during the Iran-Contra scandal, Rizzo witnessed and participated in virtually all of the significant operations of the CIA's modern history. He was the agency's top lawyer in the years after the 9/11 attacks, and oversaw actions that remain the subject of intense debate today. In Company Man, Rizzo charts the CIA's evolution over the course of his career, and offers a direct window into the organisation during some of its biggest controversies. In doing so, he has produced the most comprehensive insider account of the CIA ever written.</p>
The Smithsonian's History of America in 101 Objects	Richard Kurin	Hb \$59.99	 <p>The Smithsonian Institution is America's largest, most important, and most beloved repository for the objects that define our common heritage. Now Under Secretary for Art, History, and Culture Richard Kurin, aided by a team of top Smithsonian curators and scholars, has assembled a literary exhibition of 101 objects from across the Smithsonian's museums that together offer a marvelous new perspective on the history of the United States. Ranging from the earliest years of the pre-Columbian continent to the digital age, and from the American Revolution to Vietnam, each entry pairs the fascinating history surrounding each object with the story of its creation or discovery and the place it has come to occupy in our national memory. Kurin sheds remarkable new light on objects we think we know well, from Lincoln's hat to Dorothy's ruby slippers and Julia Child's kitchen, including the often astonishing tales of how each made its way into the collections of the Smithsonian. Other objects will be eye-opening new discoveries for many, but no less evocative of the most poignant and important moments of the American experience.</p>
The Fourteenth Day: JFK and the Aftermath of the Cuban Missile Crisis	David Coleman	Hb \$22.95	 <p>On 28 October 1962, Nikita Khrushchev agreed to remove nuclear missiles from Cuba. History has marked that day as a seminal moment and the end of the Cuban Missile Crisis. As President Kennedy's secretly recorded White House tapes now reveal, the reality was not so simple. Nuclear missiles and bombers were still in Cuba, as were short-range missiles and thousands of Soviet troops. From 29 October, Kennedy walked a very fine line - pushing to get the nuclear weaponry out of Cuba, yet avoiding forcing Khrushchev into a combative stance. On the domestic front, an election loomed and the press was bristling at White House news management . Using material from the tapes, David G. Coleman puts readers in the Oval Office at this highly charged moment. With a new preface highlighting recently declassified information.</p>

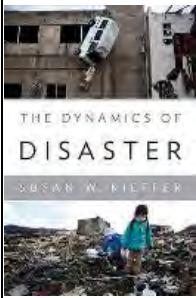

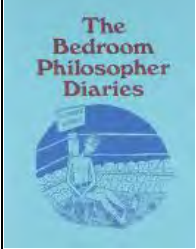
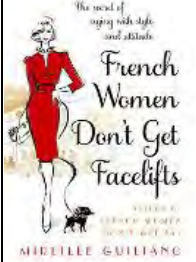
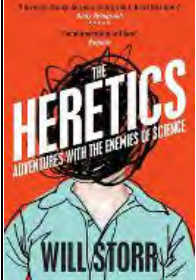
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Embers of War: The Fall of an Empire and the Making of America's Vietnam	Fredrik Logevall	Pb \$37.95		This monumental history asks the simple question: How did we end up in a war in Vietnam? To answer that question Fredrik Logevall traces the forty-year path that led us from World War I to the first American casualties in 1959. Using fresh archives in Washington, Hanoi, and Paris, Cornell University Professor of History Fredrik Logevall shows how senior French and United States officials proved unwilling to confront reality in Vietnam, despite having excellent intelligence information at their disposal, and despite possessing their own private doubts about the prospects. And, to an astonishing degree, Embers of War shows how the problems Americans faced in Vietnam had been faced before them by the French. In Bernard Fall's words, Americans were dreaming different dreams than the French but walking in the same footsteps.
Goodbye to All That? The Story of Europe Since 1945	Dan Stone	Hb \$47.95		In the decade after 1945, as the Cold War freeze set in, a new Europe slowly began to emerge from the ruins of the Second World War, based on a broad rejection of the fascist past that had so scarred the continent's recent history. However, as Dan Stone shows in this new history of the continent since the war, this fundamental consensus began to break down in the wake of the oil shocks of the 1970s, a process which has rapidly accelerated since the end of the Cold War. Globalization, deregulation, and the erosion of social-democratic welfare capitalism in the West, and the collapse of the purported Communist alternative in the East, have all fatally undermined the post-war anti-fascist value system that predominated across Europe in the first four decades after the end of the Second World War. Ominously, this has been accompanied by a rise in right-wing populism and a widespread revision of the anti-fascist narrative on which this value system was based. The result, as Dan Stone warns, is a genuine threat to the future of a civilized Europe.
The Wipers Times: The Famous First World War Trench Newspaper	Christopher Westhorp	Pb \$19.99		An extraordinary mix of black humor, fake entertainment programs, and pastiche articles, the Wipers Times, the famed trench newspaper of World War One, constitutes a unique record of life on the front line. This complete facsimile edition of the paper, produced to accompany a BBC dramatization, is a historical masterpiece that enables us to sample the real spirit of the trenches - from the safety of our armchairs.
The Liberator: One World War II Soldier's 500-day Odyssey from the Beaches of Sicily to the Gates of Dachau	Alex Kershaw	Pb \$19.95		On 10 July 1943, Felix Sparks arrived with the Allied forces in Italy, a captain in the 157th Infantry Regiment of the 45th Division - nicknamed the Thunderbirds. Just twenty-five years old, Sparks soon proved a leader of immense fortitude and stamina, participating in four amphibious invasions and leading his men through the mountains of Italy and France before enduring intense winter combat against the diehard SS on the Fatherland's borders. Sparks' entire company had been sacrificed to save the Allied beach-head at Anzio and, tragically, his rebuilt battalion soon found themselves surrounded and overcome in the dark forests of the Vosges. Miraculously, despite numerous brushes with death, Sparks survived the long bloody march across Europe and in the last days of the Third Reich was selected to lead a final charge to Bavaria to hunt down Adolf Hitler. But what Sparks and his men would find as they finally reached the gates of Dachau, Hitler's first and most notorious concentration camp, would be a horror greater than any they had so far experienced.
History's Lost Treasures: And the Secrets Behind Them	Eric Chaline	Hb \$29.99		From tales of pirates' buried loot to unearthed coin caches to myths of entire lost cities, few things capture the imagination more than lost treasure. History's Lost Treasures is a collection of the world's greatest treasure stories - some found, some still waiting to be discovered, and some that may be lost forever. The text describes the fascinating background to each treasure - its history, its value, how, when, and where it was lost, and (where relevant) who found it again.
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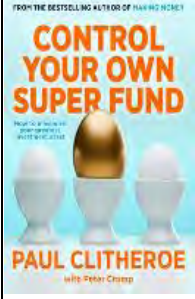
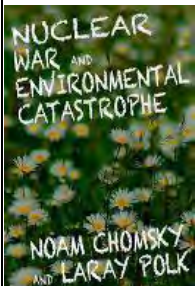
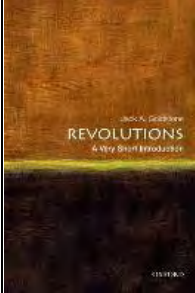
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Heating Up: Social Dimensions of Climate Change Policy in Australia	Janet Stanley	Pb \$34.95	 <p>The primary challenge of responding to the present crisis of climate change and environmental damage has moved from the pure sciences to the domain of the social sciences. Transformational change across societal structures is needed within a short time frame. Yet, in Australia, political leadership and good policy, aided by a responsible media and a responsive research community and government bureaucracy, is deficient. These groups struggle at times to provide effective responses. There is an impasse about what processes and actions are needed for change. The Challenge of Climate Change for Australia and Its Leaders outlines social policy frameworks and sector responsibilities for action, particularly for those who now, and increasingly in the future, experience the greatest hardships associated with environmental destruction. Indeed, it is contended that equity in outcomes is crucial to any successful response to both climate change and environmental destruction.</p>
The Accidental Scientist: The Role of Chance and Luck in Scientific Discovery	Graeme Donald	Hb \$19.95	 <p>Have you ever wondered how the ideas for some things come about? Surprisingly often it is as much down to chance as a single person's brilliance. The Accidental Scientist explores the role of chance and error in scientific, medical and commercial innovation, outlining exactly how some of the most well-known products, gadgets and useful gizmos came to be. From the jacuzzi to jeans and TNT to Tipp-Ex, this book explores many of the discoveries that we are all so familiar with today, yet have the most interesting origins because of the story behind them. Not all discoveries require brilliance, and as The Accidental Scientist demonstrates, sometimes a special ingredient is needed: luck.</p>
The Physics of War: From Arrows to Atoms	Barry Parker	Hb \$39.95	 <p>Physics has played a critical role in warfare since the earliest times. Barry Parker highlights famous battles of the past as well as renowned scientists and inventors such as Leonardo, Galileo, Newton, Maxwell, and Einstein whose work had an impact on the technology of combat. Mechanics and the laws of motion led to improved shell trajectories; gas dynamics proved important to the interior ballistics of rifles and cannons; and space exploration resulted in intercontinental missiles, spy satellites, and drone aircraft. Parker emphasizes the special discoveries that had revolutionary effects on the art of warfare: the Chinese invention of gunpowder, the development of firearms, the impact of the Industrial Revolution, the deployment of the airplane in the First World War, and in our era the unleashing of the enormous power inherent in nuclear fission and fusion.</p>
Discord: The Story of Noise	Mike Goldsmith	Pb \$20.95	 <p>Noise, in the sense of dissonance, can also be used positively; composers have employed it from Baroque music to Rock feedback; medicine harnesses it to shatter kidney stones and treat cancer; and even the military uses it in (real and rumoured) weapons. Mike Goldsmith looks back at the long history of the battle between people and noise - a battle that has changed our lives and moulded our societies. He investigates how increasing noise levels relate to human progress, from the clatter of wheels on cobbles to the sound of heavy machinery; he explains how our scientific understanding of sound and hearing has developed; and he looks at noise in nature, including the remarkable ways in which some animals, such as shrimps, use noise as a weapon or to catch prey. He concludes by turning to the future, discussing the noise sources which are likely to dominate it and the ways in which new science and new ideas may change the way our future will sound.</p>
The Neutrino Hunters: The Chase for the Ghost Particle and the Secrets of the Universe	Ray Jayawardhana	Pb \$27.99	 <p>Before the Higgs boson, there was a maddening search for another particle - the ghostly neutrino. First detected in 1956, its fleeting appearances have teased answers to many mysteries: How did the Big Bang happen? Why is antimatter so rare? What might dark matter be made of? And could faster-than-light travel be possible, overturning Einstein's theory of special relativity? But the quest for the neutrino also encompasses adventure, from Cold War defections and extra dimensions to mile-deep holes in the Antarctic ice and a troubled genius who disappeared without a trace. With The Neutrino Hunters, renowned astrophysicist Ray Jayawardhana delivers a thrilling detective story of revolutionary science.</p>

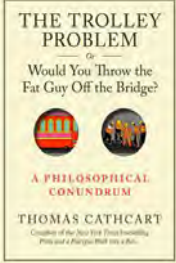



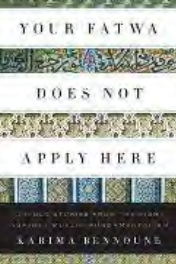
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The Dynamics of Disaster	Susan W Kieffer	Hb \$32.95	 <p>Humans persist in building centres of civilisation in places of past disasters as we believe that our technology will protect us next time. Yet we rarely win these battles with the earth because we don't understand natural disasters deeply enough. Susan Kieffer's book explains how the dynamics - the workings - of disasters are connected by a small number of natural laws. She goes on to show how the most obvious process in a disaster is not always the one that causes the devastation. For instance, the transformation of apparently solid ground into a substance like quicksand during the 2010 Haiti earthquake is what caused the destruction of Port au Prince. Kieffer argues that only by understanding the dynamics of natural disasters can we begin to institute engineering and policy practices to minimise their impact on our lives.</p>
TODAY'S WORLD			
Everything I Need to Know I Learned from a Little Golden Book	Diane Muldrow	Hb \$14.95	 <p>A humorous guide to life for grown-ups! One day, Diane Muldrow, a longtime editor of the iconic Little Golden Books, realised that, despite their whimsical appearance, there was hardly a real-life situation that hadn't been covered in the more than 70-year-old line of children's books - from managing money, to the importance of exercise, to finding contentment in the simplest things. In this age of debt, depression, and diabetes, could we adults use a refresher course in the gentle lessons from these adorable books, she wondered - a Little Golden guide to life? Yes, we could! Muldrow's humorous yet practical tips for getting the most out of life drawn from more than 60 stories, are paired with delightful images from these best-loved children's books of all time - among them The Poky Little Puppy, Pantaloon, Mister Dog, Nurse Nancy, We Help Mommy, Five Pennies to Spend, and The Little Red Hen. Sure to bring memories and a smile, this book is a perfect gift for baby boomers, recent grads, lovers of children's literature - or anyone who cherishes the sturdy little books with the shiny cardboard covers and gold foil spines!</p>
The Bedroom Philosopher Diaries	Justin Heazlewood	Pb \$19.99	 <p>A collection of hilarious and melancholic reports from Justin Heazlewood, aka The Bedroom Philosopher, and his wealth of experience as a touring Folkstar. Read about his epic battles with drunk punters, scatty rockstars, aloof groupies and, mostly, himself. These tell-all tales allow exclusive access to the depths of the performer psyche - Boho Stripped Bare. Each entry grooves with The Bedroom Philosopher's trademark wordplay, Gen-Y commentary and commitment to emotional honesty. Under the glare of the stage lights he explores the ungainly labyrinth of his alter-ego and the puzzling mechanics of the Australian entertainment scene.</p>
French Women Don't Get Facelifts: The Secret of Aging With Style and Attitude	Mireille Guiliano	Hb \$29.95	 <p>In the natural sequel to her international bestseller French Women Don't Get Fat, Mireille Guiliano tackles the delicate subject of aging - showing how women of forty and beyond can 'attack' the upcoming decades with attitude and style. Witty, perceptive and bursting with Mireille's personal experiences, the book covers everything from skincare secrets and fashion tips to the role of relationships and the importance of relaxation. The path to aging elegantly lies in lifestyle choices and attitude adjustments rather than Botox and collagen fillers. After all, while American, Brazilian and Chinese women lead global cosmetic surgery figures, French women don't even make the Top Ten.</p>
The Heretics: Adventures with the Enemies of Science	Will Storr	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Will Storr was in the tropical north of Australia, excavating fossils with a celebrity creationist, when he asked himself a simple question. Why don't facts work? It was the start of a journey that would lead Storr all over the world - from Texas to Warsaw to the Outer Hebrides - meeting an extraordinary cast of modern heretics whom he tries his best to understand. He goes on a tour of Holocaust sites with David Irving and a band of neo-Nazis, experiences his own murder during 'past life regression' hypnosis, discusses the looming One World Government with iconic climate sceptic Lord Monckton and investigates the tragic life and death of a woman who believed her parents were high priests in a baby-eating cult. Using a unique mix of highly personal memoir, investigative journalism and the latest research from neuroscience and experimental psychology, Storr reveals how the stories we tell ourselves about the world invisibly shape our beliefs, and how the neurological 'hero maker' inside us all can so easily lead to self-deception, toxic partisanship and science denial.</p>

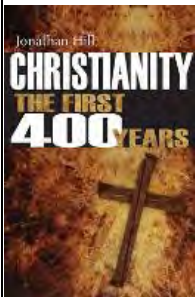
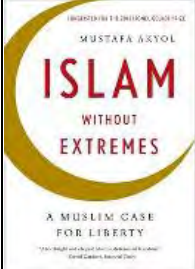

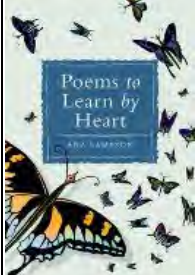

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That Summer at Boomerang	Phil Jarratt	Pb \$29.95	 <p>The narrative begins in Hawaii, tracing the renaissance of surfing after decades of missionary prohibition, and the rise of the Waikiki beach boys, as tourism begins to transform the pineapple port of Honolulu. That Summer at Boomerang recreates pre-World War I Australia and tells a tale of its loss of innocence via the story of the charismatic Duke Kahanamoku - Hawaii's best surfer and swimmer, who comes to Australia's shores one summer and picks an average Aussie girl out of the audience to ride his long board with him. When he lifts Isabel onto his shoulders to ride the wave into shore before a packed beach, it's a symbol of the seismic change that is already rippling through the nation as the rules and regulations of the 19th century give way to the anything-goes beach culture of today.</p>
Control Your Own Super Fund	Paul Clitheroe	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Superannuation is one of the biggest assets many of us will ever own, and it will play a critical role in our future plans. But do we know enough about superannuation, and are we in control of our investment? In Control Your Own Super Fund, leading finance writer Paul Clitheroe breaks through the confusion and changing laws of superannuation, and provides advice on how to get the most from your investment. He tackles all the common questions on super - how much do you need, what strategies exist to create it, what super choices are available - and unravels the Australian super system. Control Your Own Super Fund empowers readers to choose the right fund or manage their own super fund, and provides an understanding of super and the rules you need to meet to stay within the law and out of jail. Control Your Own Super Fund is essential reading for anyone contemplating DIY super.</p>
Jony Ive: The Genius Behind Apple's Greatest Products	Leander Kahney	Pb \$29.99	 <p>Jony Ive's designs have not only made Apple one of the most valuable companies in the world; they've overturned entire industries, from music and mobile phones to PCs and tablets. But for someone who has changed the world as much as he has, little is widely known about Apple's senior vice president of industrial design. Unlike his former boss and creative partner Steve Jobs, Ive shuns the spotlight. Naturally shy and soft-spoken, he lets his work speak for itself and concerns himself only with his craft. In the first book to focus on Ive, Leander Kahney offers a rigorous and systematic examination of a remarkably creative career and provides insight into the principles underlying Ive's success. Having covered Apple as an editor since the 1990s and interviewed Ive on numerous occasions, Kahney offers a unique perspective on how this man designs killer products that attract fanatically loyal customers.</p>
Nuclear War and Environmental Catastrophe	Noam Chomsky & Laray Polk	Pb \$19.95	 <p>Nuclear War and Environmental Catastrophe is a focused discussion on the existential threats of today and their points of intersection since WWII. Both nuclear war and environmental catastrophe have the potential for similar outcomes: a world made uninhabitable by the scarcity of water, food and liveable land. In a series of interviews, Noam Chomsky warns that further postponement of nuclear disarmament and the failure to source sustainable energy will condemn the human species to catastrophic conditions in the very near future.</p>
Revolutions: A Very Short Introduction	Jack A Goldstone	Pb \$13.95	 <p>This Very Short Introduction illuminates the revolutionaries, their strategies, their successes and failures, and the ways in which revolutions continue to dominate world events and the popular imagination. Starting with the city-states of ancient Greece and Rome, Jack Goldstone traces the development of revolutions through the Renaissance and Reformation, the Enlightenment and liberal constitutional revolutions such as in America, and their opposite - the communist revolutions of the 20th century. He shows how revolutions overturned dictators in Nicaragua and Iran and brought the collapse of communism in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, and examines the new wave of non-violent color revolutions - the Philippines' Yellow Revolution, Ukraine's Orange Revolution and the Arab Uprisings of 2011-12 that rocked the Middle East. Goldstone also sheds light on the major theories of revolution, exploring the causes of revolutionary waves, the role of revolutionary leaders, the strategies and processes of revolutionary change, and the intersection between revolutions and shifting patterns of global power.</p>





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The Trolley Problem: Or, Would You Throw the Fat Guy Off the Bridge? A Philosophical Conundrum	Thomas Cathcart	Hb \$24.95	 <p>A runaway trolley is hurtling down the track, brakes gone, aiming directly at five track workers who won't be able to get out of the way. You happen to be standing next to a lever that would reroute the trolley onto a spur where one worker is in the trolley's path. Would you pull the lever and reroute the train so it kills one person instead of five? The Trolley Problem is an ethical thought experiment dreamed up in 1967 by British philosopher Philippa Foot, and further developed by American thinker Judith Jarvis Thomson in the '70s (she added the big man on the bridge). Since then, philosophers and thinkers have devised a variety of iterations of the problem, each adding its own twist on the moral dilemma, and The Runaway Trolley explores these through the lens of a trial in the court of public opinion - readers are members of the jury. Cathcart presents two opposing philosophical takes on the problem through the lawyers closing statements, but also offers up several alternative outlooks on related conundrums through a variety of other media.</p>
How to Age: The School of Life	Anne Karpf	Pb \$19.99	 <p>Society has a deep fear of ageing. Old age is increasingly viewed as a biomedical problem, something to be avoided at all costs and then vanished away by medicine. Anne Karpf urges us to change our narrative. Exploring how our outlook on ageing is historically determined and culturally defined, she draws upon case studies, old and new, to suggest how ageing can be an actively enriching time of immense growth. She argues that if we can recognize growing older as an inevitable part of the human condition, then the great challenge of ageing turns out to be none other than the challenge of living.</p>
How to Deal with Adversity: The School of Life	Christopher Hamilton	Pb \$19.99	 <p>In How to Deal with Adversity, Christopher Hamilton explores how we face trials and tribulations in everyday life, and why adversity, from small setbacks to larger, more life-defining problems, affects and shapes us so fundamentally. In this book from The School of Life series, drawing upon history, philosophy and science, Chris looks at examples of adversity in the contexts of family, illness, love and death and dying, and reflects on how we can best deal with the challenges of life. He invites us to think carefully about the human process of suffering and endurance and offers practical suggestions for facing adversity head on, wherever we encounter it.</p>
How to Think About Exercise: The School of Life	Damon Young	Pb \$19.99	 <p>We tend to regard exercise as pure physical exertion, a working of the muscles to develop (or show) bodily strength and vitality. We do not exercise to improve our minds or to learn something new; we commonly make this division of the body and mind. But this was not always so; the ancient Greeks rarely split us into body and mind, in theory or practice, so why do we make that separation today? In How to Think About Exercise, Damon Young answers this question by examining our modern lifestyles of new technology and expensive gym memberships, of commuter trains and air-conditioned offices, and asking us to reflect on the mental value of exercise. Drawing on scholarship, great literature and pop culture, he examines different forms of exercise and reveals how physical activity can be existential -- a way of reclaiming and refining our selves. In the book from The School of Life series, Damon offers practical, accessible advice for giving aspects of self more value through exercise.</p>
Your Fatwa Does Not Apply Here: Untold Stories from the Fight Against Muslim Fundamentalism	Karima Bennouna	Hb \$43.95	 <p>Karima Bennouna interviewed journalists, doctors, musicians, museum curators, lawyers, street vendors and women's rights activists, among others, in her three-year investigation of opposition to the rising tide of Muslim fundamentalism from Lahore to Minneapolis. Her subjects' own religious views range from the wholly secular to the deeply devout, yet all bear painful witness to the brutal effects of fundamentalist violence and oppression. Defenders of freedom, they struggle to foster creativity, compassion, discussion and diversity even sometimes in the face of death threats (and more than threats) from armed religious militants. Yet, some of these vibrant, engaging and heroic people also suffer from the consequences of counterterrorism.</p>

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Christianity: The First 400 Years	Jonathan Hill	Pb \$19.99	 <p>The first 400 years after the death of Christ saw huge developments and changes in the emerging faith. Christianity spread from Jerusalem to much of the known world; it became the official religion of the British empire; its key texts were written and its core ideas and beliefs were shaped and formalized. Much of this happened under huge pressure, from both within and without. Jonathan Hill charts the fascinating history of this crucial period in the development of Christianity. He shows how and why certain ideas triumphed over others; introduces the key figures, both within the faith and among its opponents, and their intellectual struggles; covers the main battles, often bitterly fought, both of ideas and of weapons; describes the lives of ordinary Christians and their worship and how each influenced the other. Occasionally murky, often thrilling and always compelling, the story Hill tells recounts the ways in which a new religion - centred on a single man executed in the Roman Middle East - first struggled, and then spread, to become the dominant belief system of the world.</p>
Islam Without Extremes: A Muslim Case for Liberty	Mustafa Akyol	Pb \$22.95	 <p>Islam without Extremes presents a provocative manifesto for an interpretation of Islam that synthesises liberal ideas and respect for the Islamic tradition. With an eye sympathetic to Western liberalism and Islamic theology, Mustafa Akyol traces the roots of political Islam. The years following the death of Muhammad saw an intellectual war of ideas rage between rationalist, flexible schools of Islam and the more dogmatic, rigid ones. The traditionalists won, fostering perceptions of Islam as antithetical to modernity. However, Akyol traces a flourishing of liberalism in the nineteenth-century Ottoman Empire and explores the unique Islamo-liberal synthesis of present-day Turkey. Only by accepting a secular state, he asserts, can Islamic societies thrive. Persuasive and inspiring, Islam without Extremes offers an intellectual basis for the reconcilability of Islam and religious, political, economic and social freedoms.</p>
Love and Misadventure	Lang Leav	Pb \$19.95	 <p>Lang Leav has an unnerving ability to see inside the hearts and minds of her readers. Her talent for translating complex emotions with astonishing simplicity has won her a cult following of devoted fans from all over the world. Lang Leav is a poet and internationally exhibiting artist. Her work expresses the intricacies of love and loss.</p>
Poems to Learn by Heart	Ana Sampson (ed)	Hb \$19.95	 <p>Paths of glory, 'Theirs not to reason why', 'When you are old and grey and full of sleep', 'A handful of dust', 'Shall I compare thee to a summer's day' - these and many others are famous lines of poetry that often occur in everyday speech. But do you know the rest of the verse, or even the rest of the poem? An anthology to warm the coldest heart or charm the least romantic soul, this is a collection of poems (or in some cases, extracts) that are not only memorable, but lend themselves to being learned by heart. This is the perfect book for anyone with even the vaguest interest in poetry, providing a wonderful opportunity to revisit those much-loved lines remembered from earlier days.</p>
Mozart	Paul Johnson	Hb \$29.99	 <p>Liszt once said that Mozart composed more bars than a trained copyist could write in a lifetime. One of the world's most enduringly popular musicians, Mozart had a profound influence on Western music and on his contemporaries such as Beethoven and Haydn. Johnson focuses on the importance of Mozart's music, uncovering his wondrous output of composition and his gift and skill with instruments. In addition to his many insights into Mozart's music, Johnson also challenges myths about Mozart, including those about his health, religion and relationships.</p>

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Michelangelo: His Epic Life	Martin Gayford	Hb \$55.00	 <p>A new biography of Michelangelo by Martin Gayford, the acclaimed author of Constable in Love and The Yellow House. There was an epic sweep to Michelangelo's life. At 31 he was considered the finest artist in Italy, perhaps the world; long before he died at almost 90 he was widely believed to be the greatest sculptor or painter who had ever lived (and, by his enemies, to be an arrogant, uncouth, swindling miser). For decade after decade, he worked near the dynamic centre of events: the vortex at which European history was changing from Renaissance to Counter Reformation. Few of his works - including the huge frescoes of the Sistine Chapel Ceiling, the marble giant David and the Last Judgment - were small or easy to accomplish. Like a hero of classical mythology - such as Hercules, whose statue Michelangelo carved in his youth - he was subject to constant trials and labours. In Michelangelo Martin Gayford describes what it felt like to be Michelangelo Buonarroti, and how he transformed forever our notion of what an artist could be.</p>
Low FODMAP Diet: Fructose Malabsorption Food Shopping Guide (6th Edition)	Sue Shepherd	Pb \$24.95	 <p>Do you have Fructose Malabsorption? Do you have Irritable Bowel Syndrome? Do you find shopping for food a frustrating experience? THEN HERE IS YOUR BEST FRIEND! Fructose malabsorption is a medical condition which can cause symptoms of irritable bowel syndrome. Foods that contain excess fructose and fructans are a problem for people with fructose malabsorption. This very helpful pocket book size product guide is the only comprehensive list of suitable commercially available foods sold in Australia. The guide includes background to the Low FODMAP Diet and many helpful colour photographs of food products throughout. Written by Dr Sue Shepherd, dietician specialising in fructose malabsorption and irritable bowel syndrome.</p>
Under the Table: A Dorothy Parker Cocktail Guide	Kevin C Fitzpatrick	Hb \$24.95	 <p>Few writers have earned Dorothy Parker's reputation for drinking as much or as hard, and fewer still have achieved her notorious skill at wisecracking wit. Kevin C. Fitzpatrick, president of the Dorothy Parker Society, gives us an intoxicating new look at the doyenne of the ripping riposte through the lens she most preferred: the bottom of a glass. A bar book for Parker enthusiasts and literary tipplers alike, Under the Table offers a unique take on Parker, the infamous Algonquin Round Table, and the Jazz Age by profiling and celebrating the drinks that she, her bitter friends, and sweetest enemies enjoyed and discussed. Each entry of this delicious compendium offers a fascinating and lively background of a period cocktail, its ingredients, and the characters associated with it. The book also features a special selection of twenty-first century speakeasy-style recipes from top mixologists from across the country.</p>
Mastering the Art of French Eating: Lessons in Food and Love from a Year in Paris	Ann Mah	Hb \$29.99	 <p>The memoir of a young diplomat's wife who must reinvent her dream of living in Paris - one dish at a time When journalist Ann Mah's diplomat husband is given a three-year assignment in Paris, Ann is overjoyed. A lifelong foodie and Francophile, she immediately begins plotting gastronomic adventures a deux. Then her husband is called away to Iraq on a year-long post - alone. Suddenly, Ann's vision of a romantic sojourn in the City of Light is turned upside down. So, not unlike another diplomatic wife, Julia Child, Ann must find a life for herself in a new city. Journeying through Paris and the surrounding regions of France, Ann combats her loneliness by seeking out the perfect pain au chocolat and learning the way the andouillette sausage is really made. She explores the history and taste of everything from boeuf Bourguignon to soupe au pistou to the crispiest of buckwheat crepes. And somewhere between Paris and the south of France, she uncovers a few of life's truths.</p>



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