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I read an article recently about how hard it is to find a literary love story, so I want to recommend...

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When Edmund inherited 264 wood and ivory



carvings, none of them larger than a matchbox, they unlocked a story far larger than he could ever have imagined...

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A tiger escapes from the local zoo, padding through the ruined streets and onwards



to a ridge above the Balkan village of Galina. His nocturnal visits hold the villagers in a terrified thrall.

But for one boy. the tiger is a thing of magic - Shere Khan awoken from the pages of The Jungle Book.

VINTAGE CLASSICS The Count of

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Monte Cristo Alexandre Dumas I consider this one of the best books ever written. Edmund Dantès suffers dastardly betrayal from those he believes to be close friends. Captivity leads to intense suffering in a horrific prison. His display of loyalty and



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compassion to a fellow captive leads him into knowledge and wealth. A brazen escape leads to freedom. He then sets out to enact a truly shattering revenge on those who cast him into darkness, while rewarding those who proved to be faithful and true friends. Poisonings, duels, disguise, exotic princesses, stock manipulations, bandits, Napoleon and other surprising elements all merge into an epic story that will absorb you completely. Christian

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Colum McCann Let the Great World Spin [Pb \$22.99]

New York 1974: a man skywalks between the newly built Twin Towers. Far below, the



lives of complete strangers spin towards each other: a radical Irish monk; an Upper East Side housewife; a drugaddled young artist; a hooker and her daughter.

These disparate lives will collide and be transformed forever.



BOOKSELLER PICKS

Wish You Were Here Graham Swift

Jack and his wife Ellie run a caravan park on the Isle of Wight but were originally descended from old Devonshire dairy farming families. One day Jack receives official confirmation that Tom,



his younger brother and only living relative, Tom, has died. He was a soldier in Iraq and although the brothers had deliberately lost contact, there was no animosity between them. Still, Jack is unsettled by the feelings that sweep over him, to the point he becomes unhinged with guilt. A quietly observant and thoughtful novel of an inarticulate but sensitive man's grief, but also of contemporary society where some traditions no longer count and yet the forms of others still have meaning. *Lindy* 256pp Tp \$32.99

Dismissal Nicholas Hasluck

When Roy Temple and his friends are accused of espionage in the Cold War era, a cloud of suspicion lingers over them for years, although they are never charged with any crime. Twenty years later, Roy is a leading barrister and

key adviser to the federal government, with a bold plan to resolve Australia's political crisis. But the old allegations cast long shadows and even those people he wishes to help doubt his motivations - does he want to save the government, or save himself? Amid half-truths, leaks, intrigues and false denials, he is forced to confront his past to discover who he can trust – and who has betrayed him all along. Ranging from his early days at Oxford in the 1930s through his stint at the Department of External Affairs during the war to his membership of the Australian delegation at the San Francisco Conference to the Petrov years and up to the time just before the dismissal of the Whitlam government in 1975, this is a fascinating journey through the political landscape of those years. Real people are scattered throughout, along with the events of the time. This is a political thriller of the highest order and an insider's view of the democratic roundabouts, with all its flaws, corruption and dynamic energies. Having lived through most of the events, I found this an intriguing and fascinating novel. Highly recommended. Peter Milne 268pp Tp \$29.99

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Rules of Civility Amor Towles

New Year's Eve 1937, and Katey Kontent and her best friend Evey are in a small New York jazz dive waiting for something to happen. When the handsome and obviously rich Tinker Grey walks into the bar, it does. Tinker is their entrée



into the upper strata of NY society and they make the most of it. The two girls both have their eye on Tinker, but when they are all involved in a car accident in which Evey is seriously injured, Tinker allows guilt to override his attraction to Katey and takes up with Evey instead. Katey, who is possessed of little money but much intelligence – and a lot of nerve – finds that by the end of 1938 she has thrown in a steady job, embarked on a career in publishing, fallen in and out of love, gatecrashed her way into society parties and drunk way too much gin. A thoroughly entertaining, smoothly written novel, highly recommended! *Lindy* 352pp Hb \$29.99

There But For The Ali Smith

This is one of those novels that leaves an ember smouldering just under the surface. A normal dinner party, a normal family, a seemingly normal guest - until he locks himself in their spare room and refuses to come out. It is this simple

yet complex act of rebellion, perhaps a whim, that forces strangers together. People must suddenly confront who they are, what they want and how far they will push others out of the way to get it. Written in similar style to *The Accidental* (Pb \$24.95), yet the prose seems more refined and a touch more romantic. It certainly plants a seed, one that continues to grow long after you have finished drinking in the delicious pages. *Meg* 384pp Pb \$26.95

1835 The Founding of Melbourne and the

Conquest of Australia James Boyce

Boyce makes a very good case for believing that the founding of Melbourne and the opening up of the surrounding area to sheep and cattle grazing was the most important

event in the history of this country. And what was important was not just that these things happened, but how they happened. In a few short years, the settlers went from creating a treaty with the aboriginal inhabitants to almost wiping them out in the mad scramble to grab as much land as possible. Why did it happen this way? Could it have been done differently? This is an important book that should be read by all Australians who want to know how this country came to be. **Dave** 288pp Hb \$44.95



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FICTION

Father of the Rain Lily King

Daley is 11 years old when her parents split up. While her mother thrives in her new life, her father loses control of his, seeking solace in liquor. As Daley grows older, she watches him transform from a charismatic father into a manipulative



drunk. College offers an escape route, where she becomes a passionate and remarkable academic. But as her father loses the will to live, the past and present collide. Should Daley return to the scene of her childhood or embrace her future? 368pp Tp \$29.99

Afterwards Rosamund Lupton

A school is on fire and one mother, Grace, sees the smoke and runs to help, knowing her teenage daughter Jenny is inside. After rescuing her daughter, she must find the identity of the arsonist and protect her family from the person



who is still intent on destroying them. Whilst she fights the limits of her physical strength, she discovers there is no limit to love... 480pp Tp \$29.99

State of Wonder Ann Patchett

Among the tangled waterways of the Brazilian Rio Negro, scientist Dr Annick Swenson is developing a drug that could alter the lives of women forever. Yet she refuses to report on her progress, and her investors' patience



is fast running out. But hope remains with Marina Singh, once a student of Swenson. What Marina doesn't know is that in the ancient corner of the South American jungle, she will face challenges beyond her wildest imagination. 368pp Tp \$29.99

Shieldwall Justin Hill

England, 1016. The Viking armies blockade London and King Ethelred is dying. Godwin, barely out of boyhood, is destined to become one of his country's great warriors. When Ethelred's son Edmund takes the throne.



determined to succeed where his father failed, he plucks Godwin from domestic peace to be his right-hand man. Godwin and Edmund must repel the butchering Danes, while the treacherous Earl Eadric dogs Godwin's footstep and sets his trap. 416pp Tp \$32.99

East of the West **Miroslav Penkov**

Meet a teenager who swims by night across the border river to steal a kiss from his girlfriend, an ageing man who finds a cachet of love letters his wife has kept for 60 years, and a post-Communist girl and avowed thief with a heart of gold. Here



are the author's most beguiling visions of his home country, Bulgaria - stories of those who mourn the way things were, those who long for what will never be, and those who wrestle with the weight of history and the pangs of exile. 256pp Tp \$35

When We **Have Wings Claire Corbett**

Human flight is now a physical reality that only the rich and powerful can afford. Peri, a poor girl from the regions, will sacrifice anything to get her wings and join these elite... but the price is higher than

she imagined. So why does she throw it all away? Feel the exhilaration and terror of flight - over vertiginous skyscrapers, into wild storms and across hypnotic wilderness - in this daringly imaginative novel that explores the limits of self-transformation! 480pp Tp \$32.99

The Sword of Damascus **Richard Blake**

Intrigue delivers the murderous antihero Aelric to Damascus as the triumphant Muslim caliphate sweeps up from Arabia to threaten Constantinople itself. Aelric knows the secrets behind Greek Fire, the



When We Have Wings

flame-throwers that have kept what is left of the once-mighty Roman empire safe until now. And he has very little choice about sharing them with the new rulers. Or so they think ... for Aelric has not lost any of the cunning and courage that has kept him alive! 432pp Tp \$29.99

The Death of the Adversary Hans Keilson

In 1930s Germany, the shadow of Nazism looms. Our hero is 10 when his world changes. Suddenly, other children won't let him join in their games. Later, he is refused a job on a shopfloor. Later still, he hears youths boasting

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hypnotised and horrified, our hero chronicles the fear, anger and defiance of everyday life under tyranny. Written while the author was in hiding during WWII, this novel is a powerful account of what he outlived. 224pp Hb \$29.95

The Stranger's Child **Alan Hollinghurst**

It is late summer of the last year before the Great War. Cecil Valance, a beautiful young aristocratic poet, is visiting Two Acres, the home of his Cambridge friend and lover, George Sawle. On his departure, Cecil leaves a poem

dedicated to George's younger sister Daphne, which when published becomes a touchstone for a generation, symbolising an England in its final glory. Meanwhile Daphne has also become involved with Cecil's family, visiting their Victorian Gothic country house, Corley, and developing a relationship with Cecil's brooding, manipulative brother, Dudley, that will link the families forever. Tp \$32.99 \$27.99

The Coffee Story Peter Salmon

At the end of his life, Teddy Everett, heir to the Everett fortune, realises he may have been at his best when he was 14. the night Kebreth made him a communist by rubbing coffee bean oil on his face. Then he was with Lucy who gave him

Chinese burns and taught him how to smoke. As he remembers his family, his wives and his wives' lovers, he tries to understand what happened to Kebreth. Fuelled by caffeine and full of vituperation, this is a riotously original debut! 288pp Tp \$29.99

The Kitchen Daughter Jael McHenry

After the death of her parents, 26-year-old Ginny Selvaggio seeks comfort in cooking from family recipes. When the scent of her Nonna's soup draws the ghost of Nonna herself, she appears

with a cryptic warning. Meanwhile Ginny's sister insists on selling their parents' house. As Ginny packs her parents' belongings, she finds evidence of family secrets. And there's only one way to get answers: cook from dead people's recipes, raise their ghosts and ask them! 272pp Hb \$19.99

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Lion of the Sun Warrior of Rome III Harry Sidebottom

Mesopotamia, AD 260. Betrayed by his most trusted adviser, the Roman Emperor Valerian has been captured by the Sassanid barbarians. Ballista vows to seek vengeance against those who have brought the

empire to the brink with their treachery. First he must decide what price he will pay for his own freedom, for only the fearless and only those whom the gods will spare from hell can now save the empire from a catastrophic ending... 480pp Pb \$19.95



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STORY

History of a Pleasure Seeker **Richard Mason**

In 1907, the belle epoque is in full swing. Piet Barol has escaped the drabness of the provinces for the grandest mansion in Amsterdam. As tutor to the son of Europe's wealthiest hotelier, he learns the intimate



secrets of this glittering family... and changes it forever. With nothing but his exquisite looks and wit to rely on, he is determined to make a fortune. But in the heady exhilaration of this new world, Piet discovers he has cultivated some dangerous liaisons... 288pp Tp \$32.99

Once Upon a River **Bonnie Jo Campbell**

After finding herself complicit in the violent death of her father, Margo takes to the Stark River in search of her vanished mother. But the river is a dangerous place for a lone woman and to survive she must use her knowledge of the natural



world and her ability to look into the hearts of those around her. Her odyssey through rural Michigan becomes a defining journey, one that leads her beyond self-preservation and to decide what price she is willing to pay for her choices. 352pp Pb \$24.99

To be Sung Underwater Tom McNeal

Before Judith's marriage to a banker and her career as a film editor in LA, she was 17 and living in Nebraska, where she met the carpenter Willy Blunt. Marrying Willy seemed a natural thing, but a violent episode

followed by acceptance to a prestigious university changed everything. 20 years later, her pragmatic marriage is hazy with secrets. What happens when she holds in her hand the number of the man who believed her so long ago, when she declared her love for him? 448pp Tp \$29.99

The Sweetness of Tears Nafisa Haji

When faith and facts collide. Jo March wrestles with questions about herself and how she fits into the weave of her Evangelical Christian family. Chasing loose threads, she sets off on





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At Last **Edward St Aubyn**

A new novel from the Man Booker shortlisted author of Mother's Milk (Pb \$22.95). For Patrick 'family' is more than a double-edged sword. As friends and relations trickle in to pay final respects to his mother Eleanor, an heiress who



forsook grandeur for 'good works' bestowed upon everyone but her own child, Patrick finds his transition to orphanhood isn't the liberation he had imagined. Yet as the service ends and the family gather for a final party, Patrick senses a new current... 265pp Tp \$32.99

AUSTRALIAN FICTION

Berlin Syndrome Melanie Joosten

Berlin, 2006. Clare is an architectural photographer who has taken leave from her job in Australia to travel through Eastern Europe. One afternoon, she meets Andi, a native Berliner and English teacher. There is an instant



attraction and when Andi invites her to stay. Clare thinks she has found somewhere to call home. But as the days pass and the walls of Andi's apartment close in, she wonders if it's really love that Andi is after... or something more sinister. 256pp Tp \$29.95

Last Summer **Kylie Ladd**

Rory is a 'knockabout Aussie bloke' and devoted family man who captains the second-grade cricket team at Regents Park Cricket Club. When he suddenly dies at a training session, the



tragic event creates enormous shockwaves that irrevocably affect the lives of his teammates and their wives and children. Told from the point of view of the nine people who mourn his death, this riveting novel presents a vivid snapshot of contemporary suburban Australian life. 344pp Tp \$29.99

I am Max Lamm **Raphael Brous**

A young Australian tennis player, Max arrives in London to escape the internet sex scandal that destroyed his career. But trouble follows Max and, one night in Camden Town, he accidentally kills a 15-year-old Pakistani boy who tries to mug

him, so he finds himself on the run once again. As the East End erupts into street protests over 'racially motivated murder', he finds refuge with Kelly, the spoiled daughter of a powerful US senator. But as he plots his own salvation, Kelly faces a difficult choice... 264pp Tp \$27.95



Two Greeks John Charalambous

Cypriot migrant Haralambos Stylianou crosses the world to live in suburban Melbourne. He marries Carol, fathers Angela and Andy, and rules his quarter-acre kingdom like a tyrant. Ten-year-old Andy figures all fathers must be part

ogre, part Zeus, while his mother eagerly awaits the advent of a no-fault divorce. But Andy has a melodramatic mind and normal family life seems impossible... until one day in 1974, a Greek voice pierces the Anglosphere promising to put the kingdom right! 264pp Pb \$24.95

Super Sad True Love Story Gary Shteyngart

In the near future. America is crushed by financial crisis and the nation's Chinese creditors may just be ready to foreclose on the whole mess. Then Lenny Abramov, son of a Russian

immigrant janitor and an ardent fan of "printed and bound media artefacts" (otherwise known as books), meets Eunice Park - an impossibly cute Korean American woman with a major in 'Images' and a minor in 'Assertiveness'. While New York City riots, could falling in love redeem a planet falling apart? 272pp Pb \$22.99

There Should be More Dancing **Rosalie Ham**

Margery Blandon lived quietly in Brunswick for 60 years until events drove her to the Tropic Hotel. There she contemplates what went wrong. Her best friend kept an astonishing secret from her. It's possible her

firstborn son has betrayed her and that her second son Morris has committed a crime. Her only daughter wants to kill her and her dead sister helped her to her final downfall. Even worse, it seems Margery's life-long neighbour and now demented enemy always knew the truth... Tp \$32.95

The Early Kozminskys A Break in the Chain **Tangea Tansley**

In 1856, Simon Kozminsky travelled from Prussia to begin a new life in the fledgling colony of Victoria. In the heady days of the gold rush, he established a jewellery

house that would gain world renown. But behind the glittering facade of wealth, glamour and influence lay a darker, sadder story – a mysterious rift between Simon and his eldest son. With authenticity and dramatic verve, the author brings the Melbourne of the past alive in a tale of fortune and faith, love and betrayal. Tp \$27.95

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The Anthology of **Colonial Australian** Adventure Fiction Ken Gelder & Rachael Weaver [editors]

Marauding bushrangers, lost explorers, mad shepherds, new chums and mounted troopers - these are some of the characters who populate



the perilous world of colonial Australian adventure fiction. Squatters defend their hard-earned properties from attack, while natural disasters threaten to wipe any trace of settlement away. This anthology collects the best examples of this genre, including stories by Ernest Favenc, Louis Becke, Rosa Praed, Guy Boothby and many others. 288pp Tp \$39.99

BIOGRAPHY

The Girl from Baghdad

The True Story of a Woman Torn Between Two Worlds

Michelle Nouri

Michelle Nouri grew up in vibrant pre-war Baghdad. A privileged child, she didn't fully understand the tensions between East and West. The idyllic



city of her childhood was devastated by war and her father deserted his family to take a second wife. Michelle, her mother and sisters were abandoned and left impoverished and so embarked on a painful and emotional journey between cultures. Tp \$29.95

The Grey Man My Undercover War

Against the Child Sex Trade in Asia John Curtis

'The Grey Man' is the organisation and brainchild of John Curtis, a former Special Forces soldier who puts his energy into fighting the child sex trade in Asia.



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This book documents his early life through to his first rescue of a young victim of the sex trade. The organisation has now become an NGO rescuing hundreds of women and children in Thailand and Cambodia, with plans to expand. Tp \$34.99

The Story of Charlotte's Web

E B White and the Birth of a Children's Classic **Michael Sims**

Michael Sims chronicles White's animal-rich youth and dreams of being a writer; the vibrant early vears of the New Yorker, where urban nature was White's ever-present

theme. This book will add richness and appreciation for anyone who has loved, or has yet to read this cherished classic. 320pp Hb \$35



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Dante in Love A N Wilson

Wilson paints a masterful portrait of Dante Alighieri and unlocks one of the seminal works of literature for a new generation of readers. He explains how the Italian States were at that time locked into violent



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feuds, mirrored in the ferocious competition between the Holy Roman Empire and the papacy. A glittering study of an artist and his world, arguing that without an understanding of medieval Florence, it is impossible to comprehend the meaning of Dante's great poem, *Inferno*. 400pp Hb \$55 \$44.95

Stieg and Me Memories of a Life with Stieg Larsson Eva Gabrielsson

No one knew Stieg Larsson like his lifelong companion Eva. This book reveals the story of their 30-year romance, of Stieg's lifelong struggle to expose Sweden's

Neo-Nazis, of his fight to keep his magazine *Expo* alive, and of his difficult relationships with his immediate family. Eva discusses the genesis of the *Millennium* trilogy, the mystery of the fourth volume and the saga of Stieg's death and his legacy. This poignant story is told with candour and dignity. 240pp Pb \$24.99

The Last Pearling Lugger Mark Dodd

Mark Dodd arrived in Broome in 1978 as a 20-year-old looking for adventure after working his way across northern Australia. There he fell in with the crew of the fabled **DMcD**, one of the

last of the old wooden pearling luggers that still worked the Kimberley coast diving for pearl shell. His story is both an adventure and a wonderfully nostalgic account of an industry and a way of life that has now gone forever. Tp \$34.99

Black Swan A Koorie Woman's Life Eileen Harrison

Eileen Harrison and her 10 siblings felt secure growing up at the Lake Tyers Aboriginal Mission Station in the 1950s. Chosen as the ideal family to test the new policy of assimilation, they were wrenched from

the Mission and sent off to Ararat. Unable to build a stable life in the face of isolation and discrimination, the family is torn apart. Eileen must become the protector and the peacemaker. Powerfully told, her experiences speak eloquently of what has happened to Aboriginal people over the last half-century. 256pp Tp \$29.99



New Life Stories More Stories from his Acclaimed Radio 4 Series Sir David Attenborough

This is the second instalment of Sir David's look back at the wildlife that has captured his imagination and

enthusiasm over his distinguished career. He shares his thoughts on a range of topics, from fauna like the Kiwi, Cuckoo and Chameleon to flora like Charnia and the canopy, as well as other famous naturalists like evolutionary biologist Alfred Russell Wallace. The real magic of this volume, however, is his interaction with the natural world. 224pp Hb \$49.99

Tamil Tigress My Story as a Child Soldier in Sri Lanka's Bloody Civil War Niromi de Soyza

At 17, Niromi de Soyza became part of a small platoon of Tamil Tigers fighting government forces in the civil war that was to engulf Sri Lanka. Leaving behind her

shocked middle-class family, she became part of the Tamil Tigers' first female contingent. Equipped with little more than a rifle and a cyanide capsule, she managed to survive on her wits in the jungle. Today she lives in Sydney with her husband and children, but Niromi de Soyza is definitely not your ordinary woman... 336pp Tp \$32.99

Forbidden Lessons in a Kabul Guesthouse Suraya Sadeed

Suraya Sadeed is a wealthy Afghan woman who became an exile in America after the Russians invaded, where she built a successful life for herself and her family. After her husband died, she returned to

Afghanistan to help those who had suffered during the years of the invasion, the Taliban's reign, and post 9/11 trauma. A true heroine, she founded 'Help the Afghan Children', a charity that has raised millions to set up schools and clinics in Afghanistan and to help the displaced people of the region. 288pp Tp \$32.99

The Price of Life Nigel Brennan et al

In 2008, photo-journalist Nigel Brennan travelled to Somalia with Canadian reporter Amanda Lindhout, only to be kidnapped and held for ransom. After official government negotiations ground to a halt, his sister Nicky and his sister-in-



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law Kellie took matters into their own hands. The fight to free Nigel took its toll on all of them, but they discovered what tough stuff they are made of. 336pp Tp \$29.95



TRAVEL

A Winter on the Nile Anthony Sattin

In the winter of 1849, Florence Nightingale was beautiful, well-born and unhappy. After refusing to marry, she embarked on a trip to Egypt, by coincidence taking the same boat as French writer Gustave Flaubert. Sattin takes a key moment



in the lives of two extraordinary figures on the brink of fame and provides a fascinating insight into the early days of travel to one of the greatest tourist destinations on the planet. 320pp Pb \$24.95

Castles, Follies and Four-Leaf Clovers Adventures Along Ireland's St Declan's Way Rosamund Burton

Lent a map of the ancient highway and pilgrim route, St Declan's Way, Rosamund is intrigued and returns to Ireland. Setting off from the famous Rock of Cashel,



she travels through small towns and villages, tracing the footsteps of St Declan. Stories of goddesses, ghosts and fairies are intertwined with the eccentricities and daily lives of everyday people. 288pp Pb \$24.99

Marooned on Mogmog A Remote Island, a Shipwrecked Aussia Family. a Clash of

Shipwrecked Aussie Family, a Clash of Cultures Jennifer Barrie

Despite a combined boating experience of 65 years, Jennifer Barrie, her husband Andrew and their two young



daughters literally wash up on the tiny island of Mogmog in Micronesia. Fortunately for the Barrie family, Mogmog is inhabited by a bunch of friendly locals... or so they think. This is the true story of a modern-day family that survived a shipwreck and months stranded on one of the world's most remote islands - where paradise isn't always what it seems... 288pp Tp \$35

Single White Female in Hanoi

Carolyn Shine Sydney-based musician Carolyn Shine moves to Hanoi on a whim, expecting to find romance and culture. Funny, warm and engaging, her travel memoir introduces a cast of memorable Vietnamese



characters, as well as her fellow foreigners searching for love and adventure. This is a beguiling evocation of Hanoi and its people: pungent, earthy and sensual. 400pp Tp \$29.95



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Ox Travels Meetings with Remarkable Travel Writers

Michael Palin et al

Introduced by Michael Palin, this volume features original stories from 25 top travel writers including Paul Theroux, Sara Wheeler, William Dalrymple, Patrick Leigh

Fermor, Jan Morris, Dervla Murphy and others. Each of the stories takes as its theme a meeting – life changing, affecting, amusing by turn - and together they transport readers into a brilliant, vivid atlas of encounters! 488pp Pb \$24.99

Landfalls

On the Edge of Islam from Zanzibar to the Alhambra

Tim Mackintosh-Smith

Mackintosh-Smith follows the path of Tangierian Ibn Batuttah, who travelled far and wide to landfalls in remote tropical islands, torrid Indian Ocean ports and dusty towns on the

shores of the Saharan sand-sea. In the 1300s, Batuttah out-travelled Marco Polo by a factor of three, spending his days with saints and sultans and his nights with a string of slaveconcubines. 384pp Pb \$24.99

HISTORY

City of Sin London and Its Vices **Catharine Arnold**

If Paris is the city of love, then London is the city of lust. In the third book of her fascinating London trilogy, award-winning historian Arnold turns her gaze to the city's relationship with vice through the ages. With

chapters looking at Victorian London and the sexual underground of the 20th century and beyond, this is a fascinating and vibrant chronicle of a raw and ribald London. 384pp Pb \$22.99

Magpies, Squirrels and Thieves How the Victorians

Collected the World **Jacqueline Yallop**

Drawing on journals, eye-witness accounts and news reports this book tells the stories of some of the period's most

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intriguing collectors and their hazardous journeys. Dodgy dealing and forgery, a cutthroat world of the fashionable London market and a competitive spirit that drove the country's collectors. The book explores the emergence of the roles of dealer, collector and curator, the expansion of museums and how collecting became a middle-class pastime, rather than being confined to the aristocracy. 320pp Hb \$59.99 \$49.99



Death in Florence The Medici, Savonarola and the Battle for the Soul of the Renaissance City

Paul Strathern

The Medici embodied the progressive spirit of the Renaissance and in Lorenzo the Magnificent they possessed a diplomat capable of protecting the

militarily weak city of Florence. However, Lorenzo found his nemesis in the form of an unprepossessing provincial monk, Savonarola. Here Strathern reveals the paradoxes, selfdoubts and political compromises within one of the most complex and important moments in Western history. 448pp Hb \$49.95 **\$44.95**

Replenishing the Earth

The Settler Revolution and the Rise of the Angloworld, 1783 – 1939 **James Belich**

Why are we speaking English? This book gives a new answer to that question, uncovering a 'settler revolution'

that took place from the early 19th century that led to the explosive settlement of the American West and its forgotten twin, the British West, comprising the settler dominions of Canada, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. This book reshapes understandings of American, British and British dominion histories in the long 19th century. 592pp Tp \$3895

Nagasaki Living in the Shadow of the Bomb **Craig Collie**

Nagasaki follows ordinary people on the ground in the hours after the dropping of the bomb. including a group of Dutch, English and 24 Australian POWs who were digging air-raid

shelters and repairing bridges near the bomb's epicentre. By the close of day four of the atomic age, 80,000 non-combatants had died or were dying from the dropping of that single Nagasaki bomb. 352pp Pb \$32.99

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The Frontiers of **Imperial Rome David Breeze**

At its height, the Roman Empire was the greatest empire ever seen, its borders stretching from the rain-swept highlands of Scotland in the north to the sun-scorched Nubian desert in the



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TRATHERN

Vesuvius The Most Famous Volcano in the World **Gillian Darley**

Vesuvius, nestled over the Bay of Naples, has experienced nearly 30 major eruptions since AD 79, but none has matched the cataclysm of the eruption which destroyed Pompeii and Herculaneum



within hours. Since then, Vesuvius has been speculated upon, feared and celebrated by writers, artists and tourists. Rampant modern development means that millions could be at risk when it next erupts. This volume explores the richly fascinating history of this king of the natural wonders. 224pp Hb \$35

Virtual History Alternatives and Counterfactuals Niall Ferguson (editor)

What if Britain had stayed out of the First World War? What if Germany had won the Second? How would England look if there had been no Cromwell? What would the world be like



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their future with the Queen while navigating between rival factions. Guarding the deposed King on behalf of Mortimer, Sir Baldwin de Furnshill and Bailiff Simon Puttock find themselves entangled in a net of conspiracy, greed, betrayal and murder...

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In a flat near Revkiavik city centre, a young man lies dead in a pool of blood, although there are no signs of a break-in or struggle. A shawl found under the bed gives off a strong and unusual aroma. A vial of narcotics

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Agatha Raisin has never been one for enforced holiday cheer, but her friendly little village of Carsely has always prided itself on its traditional Christmas festivities. However, this year the



bells will not be ringing out 'Silent Night', as Officer John Sunday sees Christmas as the time to crack down on "gross misconduct" by the townsfolk. It's not long before Sunday turns up

RIP LILIAN JACKSON BRAUN

American author Lilian Jackson Braun has died at age 97. Lilian will be remembered for The Cat Who series which centres on the character Jim Qwilleran and his Siamese cats, Koko and Yum Yum. Debuting in 1966 with

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Stella Rimington Rip Tide

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Meg is pregnant with twins when Michael asks if she would be willing to host a Spanish playwright as their houseguest. She agrees, but it turns out that Senor Mendoza is a raucous party dude. When the dean of the English department

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Against All Enemies When CIA agent Maxwell Moore arrives at a rendezvous to take charge of a high-ranking Taliban captive, the mission backfires. Undaunted, Moore seeks the truth, leading to the revelation that the Taliban and a Mexican drug cartel have

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David Baldacci **Hell's Corner** Camel Club #5

When a bomb is detonated in what looks like a terrorist plot directed at the US President and the British Prime Minister, Oliver Stone must investigate alongside MI5 agent Mary Chapman, as well as the

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rest of the Camel Club. But the bombing may not have been the actual plan and it seems the mysterious attackers had another target in their sights. It's up to the Camel Club to stop them... or face the catastrophic results!

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Linwood Barclay **Never Look Away**

David hopes a day at an amusement park will help dispel his wife Jan's depression. Instead, a day of fun with their son turns into a nightmare. When Jan disappears from the park David reports her missing. But the park's records show that only

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Dublin, 1950s. When Phoebe Griffin is unable to discover news of her missing friend April, she seeks help from Quirke, her father. But as Phoebe, Quirke and Inspector Hackett speak with those who knew April,

they realise there was more behind the young woman's discretion than they imagined. When Quirke makes a disturbing discovery, he is finally able to unravel the great, complex web of love, lies, jealousy and secrecy which April spun her life from

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Maddie Cutler thought she was taking on a new design intern for her vintage clothing boutique. Instead she finds the new intern, Imogen, dead at the train station under suspicious circumstances. To complicate matters, an impostor arrives at

her doorstep later in the evening claiming to be Imogen. Now, Maddie is determined to iron out the wrinkles of this mystery... all the while, helping to plan her sister's baby shower!

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Alexander Campion The Grave Gourmet Capucine Culinary #1

After dining on such delicacies as oyster sorbet and avocado soufflé, Jean-Louis Delage, president of automotive giant Renault, has been found dead in the kitchen freezer of a famed restaurant. Parisian detective Capucine



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Rebecca Cantrell A Night of Long Knives Hannah Vogel #2

In 1931, journalist Hannah Vogel took her son Anton from the man claiming to be his father - Ernst Rohm, head of the Nazi SA. Three years later Hannah and Anton are on board a zeppelin that gets diverted to Munich where they



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Will Carver Girl 4

DI January David is confronted by a lifeless figure suspended ten feet above a theatre stage, blood pouring from her face into a coffin below. This gruesome execution is the work of an elusive serial killer. Three women from three different London suburbs are

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The good old Depressionera ladies of Darling, Alabama, are determined to keep their town beautiful. The Darling Dahlias garden club is off to a good start until rumours of trouble at a bank, an escaped convict,



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Clive Cussler Lost Empire Fargo Adventure #2

Off the Tanzanian coast, husband and wife treasure-hunting team Sam and Remi Fargo discover a huge ship's bell covered in cryptic carvings. Mexican President Ouauhtli Garza knows the bell originates

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Detective Paul Hjelm is unexpectedly placed into an elite team of officers on a mission to track down a killer who is systematically targeting Sweden's highprofile business leaders. As Hjelm and the team navigate the underworlds of the Russian Mafia and

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Liam Mulligan's beat is Providence, Rhode Island and he knows every street and alley. He knows the priests and sex workers, the cops and thugs. But someone is systematically burning down the neighbourhood that Mulligan grew up in.

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On Hal Challis's Peninsula beat, a rapist in a police uniform stalks the streets, a serial armed robber is headed in his direction and a mysterious female cat burglar is planning something on Challis's patch. Meanwhile, at the

Waterloo Police Station, Challis finds his offsiders have their own issues. Scobie Sutton is headed for a career crisis; and something interesting is going on between Constable Pam Murphy and the feisty young sergeant, Jeanne Schiff.

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The explosion of a 22 storey building lead the police to face up to a dreadful reality: some of New York's buildings were mined at the time of their construction. But which ones? A young female detective who hides her personal demons behind a

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The abduction of fiveyear-old Matthew Farraday provokes a desperate police hunt. One of psychotherapist Frieda Klein's patients has been dreaming of a child he can describe in perfect detail... a child the spitting image of Matthew. When a link

emerges with an unsolved abduction 20 years earlier Frieda is summoned to interview the victim's sister to stir hidden memories. Before long Frieda is travelling the darkest paths of a psychopath's mind to find the answers.

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When a poor student is assassinated in Bratislava, followed shortly by Jana Matinova's lover, Jana determines to find the murderer. But then Jana is transferred to The Hague, headquarters of

the international police force of Europol, where she encounters a retired magician on the flight who turns out to be the dead student's uncle. Accepting his offer to assist her investigation, Jana is confronted with an international conspiracy emanating from Europol itself... [American, Police Procedural] 304pp Pb \$22.95



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Tess Gerritsen The Silent Girl

When a dead woman is found in a Chinatown alley in downtown Boston, the only clues to her identity that detective Jane Rizzoli can find are a throwaway cell phone and a scrawled address of a long-shuttered restaurant. Chinatown is



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Wealthy stock trader Michael Hunt has a past he's not even shared with Sonya, his university professor wife .But Sonya is forced to piece it together when Michael disappears, leaving her with millions in debt and many unanswered questions.



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When the infamously offensive reality show personality, Sheila Dunham, is targeted by a thief who steals millions in jewellery from her home and leaves her unconscious beside the murdered body of a local girl it seems the

even got past security! Retired FBI agent Gregor Demarkian must identify a culprit among many

Rebecca M Hale How to Moon a Cat

Cats and Curios #3 When Rebecca's cat Rupert sniffs out a dusty green vase with a toy bear inside, Rebecca has no doubt this is another of her Uncle Oscar's infamous clues to his priceless hidden treasures. Eager to piece together the puzzle, she's soon heading to Nevada

City with her neighbour and two cats, with no idea that this road trip will put her life in danger as she comes face to face with her uncle's oldest enemy!

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woman arrested at the scene isn't involved with the show... and no one knows how she suspects, despite having other business to attend to.

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Paul Harper Pacific Heights Marten Fane #1

San Franciscan psychiatrist Vera List discovers two of her clients are having an affair with the same man. A man, who insists on anonymity, knows both women's secrets and is using this knowledge to push them to their mental

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doesn't know who they are. He doesn't know what they want. But there's no time to figure it out - because his enemies have killed before... and he's next.

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PI Castagnetti is hired by a businessman to find out who set fire to his car and why. It seems like mindless vandalism... until the businessman receives threatening phone calls, his factory is burnt to the ground and an employee

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When Beatrice's younger sister Tess goes missing, the more she learns about the circumstances surrounding her sister's disappearance the more she realises how little she actually knows of her sister's life. Though unprepared for the terrifying truths she must



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Sir Rudri Hopkinson, an eccentric amateur archaeologist, is determined to recreate ancient rituals at the temple of Eleusis in Greece in the hope of



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summoning the goddess Demeter. He gathers together a motley collection of people to assist in the experiment, including a rival scholar, a cruel photographer, and a trio of mischievous children. But when a severed head turns up in a box of snakes, Mrs Bradley is called upon to investigate...

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In1921, Lord Peter Wimsey recovered Lord Attenbury's most dazzling heirloom, launching a young aristocrat on his detective career. In 1951, a happily married Peter has just shared the secrets of that

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Hidden beneath the floorboards of a house he's remodelling, Christopher Flynn discovers something troubling. Summoning every bit of restraint, Chris leaves what he found where he found it. But Chris is still learning... so when he doesn't show up to work one day, his father

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In the slums of Accra, Ghana's capital, teenagers are dying. Inspector Darko Dawson has seen many crimes but this is the most unsettling of his career. Are these heinous acts a form of ritual killing or the work of a lone, cold-

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Chief Inspector Nikolai Hoffner is forced from Hitler's Kriminalpolizei because he is a half Jew. Hoffner is not surprised, and his focus is elsewhere anyway. He has already lost Sascha, his elder son, to the Nazi regime. His

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Danny 'Badger' Baxter records terrorist activity but now he's been tasked with his biggest job yet! MI6 plan to assassinate the leading maker of explosives used against British troops in Iraq and Afghanistan. But first they need to know his comings

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An ex-police dog is implicated in murder and if his owner is convicted the dog could be put down. Andy Carpenter's affection for dogs compels him to represent the poor canine. As Andy struggles to convince the judge of the dog's innocence, he



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Craig Russell The Long Glasgow Kiss Lennox #2

PI Lennox is madly in lust with the daughter of MacFarlane, a notorious Glasgow bookie and greyhound breeder. After making a killing on what seems a crooked race, MacFarlane is bludgeoned to death. Lennox is drawn



into the shady business of dog racing as he hunts the killer. Was MacFarlane murdered by an underworld rival or was his death at the hands of someone closer to home? Lennox wouldn't want to bet on the answer...

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In 1985, Lucas Davenport helped investigate the kidnapping of two girls who were never found.

When the suspected kidnapper was killed in a shoot-out, the case was closed. But Davenport remained unconvinced

of the man's guilt. Years later a block in central Minneapolis is torn down and the bodies of two girls are discovered. When the corpses reveal signs of police tampering it is clear to Davenport that it wasn't just the girls that were buried, but the truth. Also available: Storm Prey, Lucas Davenport #20 (Pb \$19.99)

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Max Bravo, a mid-rung opera singer, is summoned to Berkeley to comfort his distressed friend Claudia whose husband has just left her. While walking Claudia's dog Max discovers a dog park

and its motley crew of dog walkers. Then one of them disappears. Determined to find their friend, the members of the Dog Park Club engage in an increasingly elaborate and hilarious campaign of stalking, spying and misadventure.

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While investigating the vicious murder of asylum-seekers off the coast of Britain, DI Spicer is issued with a warning from MI5 to back off from the case. Spicer finds himself the target of a

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After caring for his mother in her last days, Alex travels to Indonesia where his troubles start with a bus crash on a mountain road. Lucky to survive, he meets the beautiful Domino who takes him to the remote community she calls home. But there is danger

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hanges galore are still taking place at Abbey's. I hope you can find your way around. *Galaxy Bookshop* is now on the first floor, sharing the space with *Language Book Centre*. The *Children's Book Corner* is now in the far corner of the ground floor, where we used to receive books and Lindy Jones will have a desk nearby so she will be on hand to help you choose books for children of any age. Computer books are now housed in the *Business Studies* section and *Astronomy* has moved into the space vacated by Computers. Kate, who looks after most of our online orders, is usually housed upstairs in the office, although of course you will see her wandering around downstairs looking for books that have been ordered. The Greek and Latin classics and all the *Loeb Classics* and *Penguin Translated Classics* are now housed together in the very last row near the Children's Book Corner.

So if you fancy some Asterix in Latin, you can choose from **Goscinny & Uderzo: Iter Gallieum** or **Asterix Legionarius** or **Asterix Olympus** (48pp Hb \$35 each) We do carry all of the Asterix series in English and also all of the **Tin Tin** series.

Do please ask for help from any of our staff. I did read in *The Sydney Morning Herald* recently that our booksellers are regarded as "learned". Of course they are, but they also have many different databases at their fingertips.

I read an article recently about how hard it is to find a literary love story, so I want to recommend The Very Thought of You by Rosie Alison (350pp Pb \$22). (You really have to sing the title). It was shortlisted for the Orange Prize for Fiction 2010 and was lent to me by a friend who was herself an evacuee in England. Set in England as the Second World War breaks out and thousands of bewildered children are being sent off en masse to escape the expected bombs "just for a few weeks". Of course many stayed separated from their parents for almost five years. Anna, the child in this story, is luckily sent to a Great House in Yorkshire which soon becomes a school... The story includes the wheelchair-bound owner and his wife, who have no heirs, whose marriage is gradually disintegrating, with a side story about British diplomats helping Poles escape the bombing of Warsaw. The effects of these confused times deepens the need for love amongst the various characters then and later. Very nice.

I really recommend a remarkable first novel by Australian author Cory Taylor. It is called **Me and Mr Booker** (208pp Pb \$32.95). The story is told in the voice of a bright, frustrated teenaged high school girl, aching to leave her small town (which sounds rather like Canberra to me). Clear-eyed and more than a little cynical she takes up an affair with the handsome Mr Booker, just arrived in town and new in her mother's circle of friends. To say it is amusing seems strange, but it is – if only for the relentless honesty. You'll wish her well. The voice comes through loud and clear and that's a great talent.

If you saw a recent Australian Story about a Polish refugee, from Australia, who spoke at the opening of the *Memorial to Murdered Jews of Europe* in Berlin, you might like to read her autobiography *Destined to Live: One Woman's World, Life and Loves Remembered* by Sabina Wolanski and Diana Bagnall (320pp Pb \$24.99). Find this in *Australian Biography*. I met this charming woman several times. She was a good friend of Andrea Stretton, before Andrea's too-early death.

Here's a very interesting book, found in *General Science* (although it could very well be shelved in *Literary Criticism*). It is *Proust was a Neuroscientist* by Jonah Lehrer (242pp incl index Pb \$29.95) The blurb calls it "a slim, brainy book about the brain", so I hope some well-read scientists will find it in *General Science*. In eight scintillating chapters, Lehrer describes how eight different authors foreshadowed the advances made in psychology and neuroscience. He discusses Walt Whitman, George Eliot, Auguste Escoffier, Marcel Proust, Paul Cezanne, Igor Stravinsky, Gertrude Stein and Virginia Woolf. Look for it.

Here's an interesting book by cultural historian Tim Bonyhady. Called **Good Living Street** (464pp Pb \$35). It may not be quite the equivalent of the recent best-seller **The Hare with Amber Eyes** by Edmund de Waal (Hb \$39.95; 368pp Pb \$24.95), but it covers similar territory and has certainly been given a splendid production by publishers **Allen & Unwin** – with art décor decorations both inside and out. Bonyhady sets out to research his Jewish family's journey from Vienna to Cremorne Point, Sydney. He remembers the large, oppressive furniture in this flat where he used to visit his aunts and mother as a schoolboy. Eventually we discover this seemingly outdated







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Greg Waldron suggested I read a book which won the Victorian Premier's Literary Award this year. It is I Hate Martin Amis et al by Peter Barry (250pp Pb \$29.95). Nice title and I suspect the contents are more personal than usual! The story is narrated by a frustrated and bitter author who just can't get his work published. Perhaps in search of a story which has not "been heard before" (as literary agents keep telling him), he flies off to Sarajevo to work as a sniper in the Serbian army (so called). Perhaps it is an effort to squeeze approval out of his father, a Serb now running a newsagency in rural England. I can't do better than quote some of the blurb which calls it "dark and troubling, distressingly funny". An enjoyable book, perhaps more for men. I'm sure there are many thwarted authors out there who will relish the insults hurled at agents and publishers.

Did you read the first volume in Amitav Ghosh's trilogy about the opium wars in China –written from the point of view of the locals and not the British? It was called **Sea of Poppies** (544pp Pb \$24.99). The second volume is now available. It is called **River of Smoke** (528pp Pb \$32.99) and once again is a saga filled with fascinating characters and many unusual words. It is worth looking up Amitav Ghosh's own website where he explains he has become the "word wallah" for his family, having taken over from an uncle who had been compiling a dictionary of Indian/English words until his death. If you do it will add to your appreciation of the book.

Finally, another book from my favourite writer about all things Russian. Orlando Figes has written **Crimea: The Last Crusade** (574pp incl index Hb \$59.95 or 608pp Pb \$26.95). I discovered that most of what I knew about the Crimean War was not quite right (not least exactly where the Crimean Peninsular is situated). Figes sees this war not only as the first really modern conflict, but also as a traditional war with illiterate soldiers and amateur officers, and as a religious war. The Tsar and his ministers felt it was their destiny to rule all Orthodox Christians and to control the Holy Land.

Remember, if you want to understand the Russian character, you should read his book **Natasha's Dance: A Cultural History of Russia** (768pp \$27.95) Figes also mentions Tolstoy's **Sebastopol Sketches**, written after Tolstoy's time as an officer there. I checked our website and found 42 pages of books by Tolstoy (that is 1,031 entries), so decided it was much easier to ring the shop and ask a good bookseller! So I did and Chris Scott was able to go to the shelves and find that Tolstoy's **Sebastopol Sketches** are to be found within **The Cossacks & Other Stories** (483pp Pb \$24.95) in a **Penguin Classic edition**, safely sitting on a shelf waiting for a new home...

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