





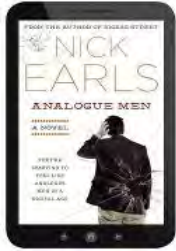
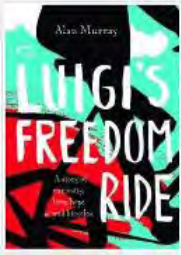
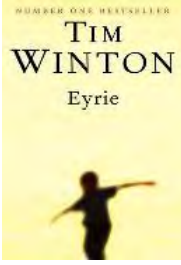
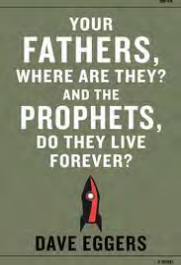





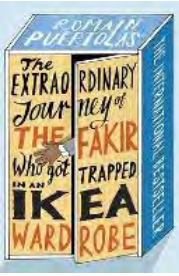

ABBEY'S BOOKSHOP - NEW RELEASES - JULY 2014

Title	Author	Bind	Price	Description
ABBEY'S CHOICE				
A Man Called Ove	Fredrik Backman	Tp	\$29.99	There is something about Ove. At first sight, he is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet. He thinks himself surrounded by idiots - neighbours who can't reverse a trailer properly, joggers, shop assistants who talk in code, and the perpetrators of the vicious coup d'etat that ousted him as Chairman of the Residents' Association. He will persist in making his daily inspection rounds of the local streets. But isn't it rare, these days, to find such old-fashioned clarity of belief and deed? Such unswerving conviction about what the world should be, and a lifelong dedication to making it just so? In the end, you will see, there is something about Ove that is quite irresistible...The word-of-mouth bestseller causing a sensation across Europe, Fredrik Backman's heartwarming debut is a funny, moving, uplifting tale of love and community that will leave you with a spring in your step - and less ready to judge on first impressions a man you might one day wish to have as your dearest friend.
				
Kokoda Air Strikes: Allied Air Forces in New Guinea, 1942	Anthony Cooper	Tp	\$39.99	The author of the bestselling Darwin Spitfires casts a forensic eye over the role that Allied air forces played - or failed to play - in crucial World War II campaigns in New Guinea. This is the story of the early battles of the South West Pacific theatre - the Coral Sea, Kokoda, Milne Bay, Guadalcanal - presented as a single air campaign that began with the Japanese conquest of Rabaul in January 1942. It is a story of both Australian and American airmen who flew and fought in the face of adversity - with incomplete training, inadequate aircraft, and from poorly set up and exposed airfields. And they persisted despite extreme exhaustion, sickness, poor morale and the near certainty of being murdered by their Japanese captors if they went down in enemy territory.
				
Menzies at War	Anne Henderson	Tp	\$34.99	In the months following his resignation as PM in late August 1941, Menzies swayed between relief at his release from the burdens of office as PM and despair that his life at the top had come to so little. Many followers of Australian political history, including Liberal party supporters, forget that Robert Menzies had many years in the political wilderness not knowing he would end up being Australia's longest-serving prime minister. This book focuses on the period between 1941, when Menzies lost the prime-ministership, to 1949, when he regained it. In the interim he travelled around the world, spending an extended time in Britain during World War II, set up the Liberal Party and, the author argues, developed the leadership qualities that made him so successful. Anne Henderson refers to this time as his real political bleeding.
				
Pretty Funny Tea Cosies	Loani Prior	Tp	\$29.99	Loani Prior, tea cosy knitter extraordinaire, is back with more of fabulously outrageous creations. Pretty Funny Tea Cosies contains 25 knitted cosies and pretty things, with the focus on the pretty: flowers, leaves, fruit, loopy stitches and beautifully knitted and woven fabric. Including basic stitches, techniques and patterns, Pretty Funny Tea Cosies is a must-have for knitters and crafters and anyone who has ever wanted to have a Tibetan Tea Warrior tea cosy.
				
Stoner	John Williams	Pb	\$17.99	William Stoner enters the University of Missouri at nineteen to study agriculture. A seminar on English literature changes his life, and he never returns to work on his father's farm. Stoner becomes a teacher. He marries the wrong woman. His life is quiet, and after his death his colleagues remember him rarely. Yet with truthfulness, compassion and intense power, this novel uncovers a story of universal value. Stoner tells of the conflicts, defeats and victories of the human race that pass unrecorded by history, and reclaims the significance of an individual life. A reading experience like no other, itself a paean to the power of literature, it is a novel to be savoured.
				


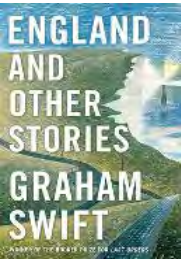



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AUSTRALIAN FICTION			
Lost and Found	Brooke Davis	Pb \$26.99	 <p>At seven years old, Millie Bird realises that everything is dying around her. She wasn't to know that after she had recorded twenty-seven assorted creatures in her Book of Dead Things her dad would be a Dead Thing, too. Agatha Pantha is eighty-two and has not left her house since her husband died. She sits behind her front window, hidden by the curtains and ivy, and shouts at passers-by, roaring her anger at complete strangers. Until the day Agatha spies a young girl across the street. Karl the Touch Typist is eighty-seven when his son kisses him on the cheek before leaving him at the nursing home. As he watches his son leave, Karl has a moment of clarity. He escapes the home and takes off in search of something different. Three lost people needing to be found. But they don't know it yet. Millie, Agatha and Karl are about to break the rules and discover what living is all about.</p>
Analogue Men	Nick Earls	Tp \$32.99	 <p>Andrew Van Fleet is 49 and feeling 50 closing in. He's bailed out of his private equity job for something that'll let him spend more time at home, but the house is overrun by iPads and teenage hormones and conversations that have moved on without him. Plus his ailing father is now lodged in the granny flat, convalescing from surgery and with his scrappy bulldog in tow. And then there's Brian Brightman, the expensive fading star at the radio station Andrew's signed up to manage, whose every broadcast offers fresh trouble. He's 49 too and, like Andrew, starting to wonder if the twenty-first century might prove to be his second best.</p>
Luigi's Freedom Ride	Alan Murray	Pb \$27.99	 <p>Luigi is a young Italian boy growing up in Tuscany in the 1920s, dreaming of cowboys and adventure, when a young Englishman, passing through on his way to Rome, gives him his first bicycle, thus sparking a lifelong passion. When World War II begins, Luigi enlists with the Bersaglieri, the Italian Army Cycling Corps (naturally), before unexpectedly finding himself fighting alongside the Partisans. Despite encountering great sorrow and tragedy, Luigi's zest for life remains undiminished, and his next adventure sees him cycling through the Holy Land, Turkey and Sri Lanka before finding an unexpected home - and an extraordinary surprise - in Australia. An irrepressibly optimistic, sweetly funny story, Luigi's Freedom Ride is about life, bicycles and the joy of the journey - showing how even a small life, lived in the shadow of great events, can be rich in contentment and spirit.</p>
Eyrie	Tim Winton	Pb \$22.99	 <p>Tom Keely's reputation is in ruins. And that's the upside. Divorced and unemployed, he's lost faith in everything precious to him. Holed up in a grim highrise, cultivating his newfound isolation, Keely looks down at a society from which he's retired hurt and angry. He's done fighting the good fight, and well past caring. But even in his seedy flat, ducking the neighbours, he's not safe from entanglement. All it takes is an awkward encounter in the lobby. A woman from his past, a boy the likes of which he's never met before. Two strangers leading a life beyond his experience and into whose orbit he falls despite himself. What follows is a heart-stopping, groundbreaking novel for our times - funny, confronting, exhilarating and haunting. Inhabited by unforgettable characters, Eyrie asks how, in an impossibly compromised world, we can ever hope to do the right thing.</p>
FICTION			
Your Fathers, Where Are They? And the Prophets, Do They Live Forever?	Dave Eggers	Tp \$29.99	 <p>In a barracks on an abandoned military base, miles from the nearest road, Thomas watches as the man he has brought wakes up. Kev, a NASA astronaut, doesn't recognize his captor, though Thomas remembers him. Kev cries for help. He pulls at the chain. But the ocean is close by, and nobody can hear him over the waves and wind. Thomas apologizes. He didn't want to have to resort to this. But they really needed to have a conversation, and Kev didn't answer his messages. And now, if Kev can just stop yelling, Thomas has a few questions. And so begins Dave Eggers's tightly controlled, emotionally searching novel. Your Fathers, Where Are They? And the Prophets, Do They Live Forever? is the formally daring, brilliantly executed story of one man, struggling to make sense of his country, seeking answers the only way he knows how.</p>

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<p>The Good Children</p>	<p>Roopa Farooki</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>Leaving Home is one thing. Surviving is quite another. 1940s Pakistan, two brothers and their two younger sisters are brought up and moulded in the traditional way, to be 'Good Children'. Desperate to escape their beautiful but manipulative mother, the boys leave to be educated abroad, abandoning their sisters to their mother and her plans for their arranged marriages. Overseas, one brother falls in love with a suitable Indian girl, the other with an unsuitable white man, thereby shaking the shackles of his upbringing for good. Their sisters refuse to remain trophy wives, and disgrace the family while they strike out to build their own lives. As they raise their own families, and return to bury the dead, the 'good children' realise the tragic consequences of dishonour and disobedience, and learn how hard it is to leave the lessons of home behind.</p>
<p>Summer House With Swimming Pool</p>	<p>Herman Koch</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>When a medical procedure goes horribly wrong and famous actor Ralph Meier winds up dead, Dr Marc Schlosser needs to come up with some answers. After all, reputation is everything in this business. Personally, he's not exactly upset that Ralph is gone, but as a high profile doctor to the stars, Marc can't hide from the truth forever. It all started the previous summer. Marc, his wife, and their two beautiful teenage daughters agreed to spend a week at the Meier's extravagant summer home on the Mediterranean. Joined by Ralph and his striking wife Judith, her mother, film director Stanley Forbes and his much younger girlfriend, the large group settles in for days of sunshine, wine tasting, and trips to the beach. But when a violent incident disrupts the idyll, darker motivations are revealed, and suddenly no one can be trusted. As the ultimate holiday soon turns into a nightmare, the circumstances surrounding Ralph's (later) death begin to reveal the disturbing reality behind that summer's tragedy.</p>
<p>Painting Death</p>	<p>Tim Parks</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>Morris Duckworth has a dark past. Having married and murdered his way into a wealthy Italian family he has long left aside the paperweight and the pillow to become a respected member of Veronese business life. But it's not enough. Never satisfied with being anything short of the best, he comes up with a plan to put on the most exciting art exhibition of the decade, based on a subject close to his heart: killing. All the great slaughters of scripture and classical times will be on show, from Cain and Abel, to Brutus and Caesar. But as Morris meets stiff resistance from the director of Verona's Castelvecchio museum, everything starts to unravel around him. His children are rebelling, his mistress is asking for more than he wants to give, his wife is increasingly attached to her ageing confessor, and worst of all it's getting harder and harder to ignore the ghosts that swirl around him, and the skeletons rattling in every cupboard. The shame of it is that Morris Arthur Duckworth really did not want to have to kill again.</p>
<p>The Extraordinary Journey of the Fakir Who Got Trapped in an Ikea Wardrobe</p>	<p>Romain Puertolas</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99</p> 	<p>One day a fakir leaves his small village in India and lands in Paris. A professional con artist, the fakir is on a pilgrimage to IKEA, where he intends to obtain an object he covets above all others: a brand new bed of nails. Without adequate Euros in the pockets of his silk trousers, the fakir is all the same confident that his counterfeit 100-Euro note (printed on one side only) and his usual bag of tricks will suffice. But when a swindled cab driver seeks his murderous revenge, the fakir accidentally embarks on a European tour, fatefully beginning in a wardrobe of the iconic Swedish retailer. As his journey progresses in the most unpredictable of ways, the fakir finds unlikely friends in even unlikelier places. To his surprise the stirrings of love well up in the heart of our hero, even as his adventures lead to profound and moving questions of the perils of emigration and the universal desire to seek a better life in an often dangerous world.</p>
<p>Landline</p>	<p>Rainbow Rowell</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99</p> 	<p>Georgie McCool knows her marriage is in trouble. That it's been in trouble for a long time. She still loves her husband, Neal, and he still loves her - but that almost seems besides the point now. Two days before they're supposed to visit Neal's family in Omaha for Christmas, Georgie tells him that she can't go. She's a TV writer, and something's come up on her show; she has to stay in Los Angeles. She knows that Neal will be upset with her - he is always a little upset with her - but she doesn't expect to him to pack up the kids and go home without her. When her husband and the kids leave for the airport, Georgie wonders if she's finally done it. If she's ruined everything. That night, Georgie discovers a way to communicate with Neal in the past. It's not time travel, not exactly, but she feels like she's been given an opportunity to fix her marriage before it starts...Is that what she's supposed to do? Or would Georgie and Neal be better off if their marriage never happened?</p>

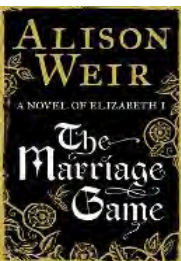

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<p>Skylight</p>	<p>Jose Saramago</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>Called 'the book lost and found in time' by its author, Skylight is one of Saramago's earliest novels. The manuscript was lost in the publishers' offices in Lisbon for decades, and is only now being published in English. Lisbon, late-1940s. The inhabitants of an old apartment block are struggling to make ends meet. There's the elderly shoemaker and his wife who take in a solitary young lodger; the woman who sells herself for money, clothes and jewellery; the cultivated family come down in the world, who live only for each other and for music; and the beautiful typist whose boss can't keep his eyes off her. Poisonous relationships, happy marriages, jealousy, gossip and love - Skylight brings together all the joys and grief of ordinary people.</p>
<p>England and Other Stories</p>	<p>Graham Swift</p>	<p>Hb \$35.00</p> 	<p>These twenty-five new stories mark Graham Swift's return to the short form after seven acclaimed novels and confirm him as a master storyteller. They unite into a richly peopled vision of a country that is both a crucible of history and a maze of contemporary confusions. Meet Dr Shah who has never been to India and Mrs Kaminski, on her way to Poland via A&E; meet Holly and Polly who have come to their own Anglo-Irish understanding and Lily Hobbs, married to a shirt; Charlie and Don who have seen the docks turn into Docklands; Mr Wilkinson the weirdo next door; Daisy Baker who is terrified of Yorkshire; and Johnny Dewhurst, stranded on Exmoor. Graham Swift steers us effortlessly from the Civil War to the present day, from world-shaking events to the secret dramas lived out in rooms, workplaces, homes. With his remarkable sense of place, he charts an intimate human geography. In doing so he moves us profoundly, but with a constant eye for comedy.</p>
<p>The Puppet Boy of Warsaw</p>	<p>Eva Weaver</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>Even in the most difficult of lives, there is hope. And sometimes that hope comes in the form of a small boy, armed with a troupe of puppets - a prince, a girl, a fool, a crocodile with half-painted teeth...When Mika's grandfather dies in the Warsaw ghetto, he inherits not only his great coat, but its treasure trove of secrets. In one remote pocket, he finds a papier mache head, a scrap of cloth...the prince. And what better way to cheer the cousin who has lost her father, the little boy who his ill, the neighbours living in one cramped room, than a puppet show? Soon the whole ghetto is talking about the puppet boy - until the day when Mika is stopped by a German officer and is forced into a secret life...This is a story about survival. It is an epic journey, spanning continents and generations, from Warsaw to the gulags of Siberia, and two lives that intertwine amid the chaos of war. Because even in wartime, there is hope...</p>
<p>The Storms of War</p>	<p>Kate Williams</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>In the idyllic early summer of 1914, life is good for the de Witt family. Rudolf and Verena are planning the wedding of their daughter Emmeline, while their eldest son, Arthur, is studying in Paris and Michael is just back from his first term at Cambridge. Celia, the youngest of the de Witt children, is on the brink of adulthood, and secretly dreams of escaping her carefully mapped-out future and exploring the world. But the onslaught of war changes everything and soon the de Witts find themselves sidelined and in danger of losing everything they hold dear. As Celia struggles to make sense of the changing world around her, she lies about her age to join the war effort and finds herself embroiled in a complex plot that puts not only herself but those she loves in danger. With gripping detail and brilliant empathy, Kate Williams tells the story of Celia and her family as they are shunned by a society that previously embraced them, torn apart by sorrow, and buffeted and changed by the storms of war.</p>
<p>HISTORICAL FICTION</p>			
<p>Midnight in St Petersburg</p>	<p>Varona Bennett</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>Set in St Petersburg during the Russian Revolution, a sweeping novel of love and loss as one woman fights for her own personal survival - and for the man she loves. By the acclaimed author of Blood Royal and Queen of Silks. St Petersburg, 1911: Inna Feldman has fled the pogroms of her native Kiev to take refuge with distant relatives in Russia's capital city. Welcomed into the flamboyant Leman family, she is apprenticed into their violin-making workshop, and feels instantly at home in their bohemian circle of friends. But revolution is in the air and, as society begins to fracture, she is forced to choose between following her heart or her head. Her brooding cousin, Yasha is wild, destructive and bent on rebellion. While Horace, the Englishman who works for Faberge, promises security and respectability. As the city descends into anarchy and blood-letting, Inna is offered a chance to escape. But which man will she choose to take with her? And is she already too late?</p>

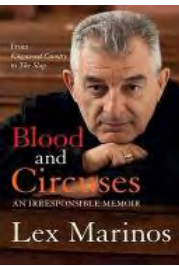


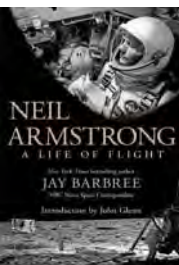
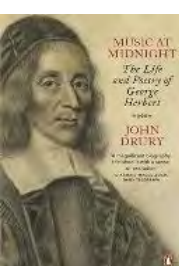
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<p>The Black Stone: Agent of Rome #4</p>	<p>Nick Brown</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>AD 273. Obsessed by the solar religions of the east, the emperor Aurelian sets out to obtain every sacred object within his realm. But one - a mysterious rock said to channel the power of the sun god - lies beyond his reach. Warrior-priest Ilaha has captured the legendary stone and is using it to raise an army against Rome. For Imperial agent Cassius Corbulo and ex-gladiator bodyguard Indavara, stopping him constitutes their greatest challenge yet. Assisted by a squad of undercover soldiers and a Saracen chieftain, they trek south across the deserts of Arabia, encountering sandstorms, murderous money-lenders and a ruthless German mercenary. And when they finally reach Ilaha's mountain fortress, they face thousands of warriors who will give their lives to protect him ...and the black stone.</p>
<p>The Miniaturist</p>	<p>Jessie Burton</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>On an autumn day in 1686, eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman knocks at the door of a grand house in the wealthiest quarter of Amsterdam. She has come from the country to begin a new life as the wife of illustrious merchant trader Johannes Brandt, but instead she is met by his sharp-tongued sister, Marin. Only later does Johannes appear and present her with an extraordinary wedding gift: a cabinet-sized replica of their home. It is to be furnished by an elusive miniaturist, whose tiny creations mirror their real-life counterparts in unexpected ways...Nella is at first mystified by the closed world of the Brandt household, but as she uncovers its secrets she realizes the escalating dangers that await them all. Does the miniaturist hold their fate in her hands? And will she be the key to their salvation or the architect of their downfall?</p>
<p>The Summer Queen: Eleanor of Aquitaine #1</p>	<p>Elizabeth Chadwick</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>Eleanor of Aquitaine's story is legendary. She is an icon who has fascinated readers for over eight hundred years. But the real Eleanor remains elusive - until now. Based on the most up-to-date research, bestselling novelist Elizabeth Chadwick brings Eleanor's magnificent story to life, as never before. Young, vibrant, privileged, Eleanor's future is golden as the heiress to wealthy Aquitaine. But when her beloved father dies suddenly in the summer of 1137, her childhood ends abruptly. Forced to marry the young prince Louis of France, Eleanor is still struggling to adjust to her new role when Louis' father dies and they become King and Queen of France. Leaving everything behind, the vivacious Eleanor must face the complex and faction-riddled French court. She is only 13.</p>
<p>The Young Lion</p>	<p>Blanche d'Alpuget</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>Geoffrey the Handsome, the virile and charming Duke of Normandy, seduces Queen Eleanor of France to spy for him in the struggle between Normandy and France and Normandy and England. Said to be the most beautiful woman in Europe, and very rich, Eleanor has not been able to give birth to an heir for France. Her liaison with Geoffrey could remedy that - or lead to her downfall and Geoffrey's death. But what begins with cool calculation becomes a passionate affair. Despite his love for Eleanor, however, Geoffrey has larger plans: to help his warrior son, Henry, seize the English throne from the uncle who usurped it from its rightful heir, Henry's mother. When Henry is forced to intervene to save the lives of his father and Eleanor, he falls foul of the French queen - and madly in love with her Byzantine maid. Should he become King of England, however, this dazzling foreign girl will never be acceptable as his queen.</p>
<p>The Siege</p>	<p>Arturo Perez-Reverte</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>Cadiz, 1811. Spain is battling for independence while America is doing the same. But in the streets of the most liberal city in Europe other battles are taking place. A serial killer is on the loose, flaying young women to death. Each of these murders takes place near the site where a French bomb has just fallen. It is the job of policeman Rogelio Tizon to find the murderer and avoid public scandal in a city already poised on the brink. Cadiz is a complex chessboard on which an unseen hand - a ruthless assassin, artillery fire, the direction of the wind, the calculation of probabilities - moves the pieces that will decide the fate of its protagonists: a corrupt and brutal policeman, the female heir to important shipping company; an unscrupulous corsair captain; a sinister taxidermist who is also a spy, a hardened soldier, and an eccentric French artilleryman.</p>



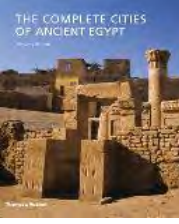
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<p>The Blood Crows: Cato & Macro #10</p>	<p>Simon Scarrow</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>For nearly ten years, the Roman Empire has fought ceaselessly to strengthen its hold over Britannia. But opposition from native tribes led by the ruthless warrior Caratacus threatens to destroy everything. Prefect Cato and Centurion Macro are summoned by Governor Ostorius to Londinium. Tasked with leading a newly formed cavalry cohort into the heartland of Wales, they must destroy the growing resistance. But with Caratacus hatching increasingly ambitious plans and disorder threatening from within Macro and Cato's own ranks, this final test will push the soldiers to their limits. And if they do not emerge as victors, the Emperor Claudius's rule may be at stake, and the very foundations of the Roman Empire could be shattered irrevocably.</p>
<p>Treason's Daughter</p>	<p>Antonia Senior</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>Love, betrayal and a family divided amid the turmoil of the English Civil War. London, 1640. Fifteen-year-old Henrietta Challoner dreams of adventure, of a life lived at the gallop, of the opportunities afforded to her brothers, Ned and Sam. She cannot know how devastatingly real these dreams will become, as the country slides towards vicious civil war...The crisis threatens to tear Henrietta's family apart. As religious and political tensions spill into the streets, they all must decide what comes first - their family, their country or their desires. But while she strives to maintain the peace at home, Henrietta becomes embroiled in a deeper plot: to hand London over to the King.</p>
<p>The Marriage Game</p>	<p>Alison Weir</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99</p> 	<p>Their affair is the scandal of Europe. Queen Elizabeth presents herself as the Virgin Queen but cannot resist her dashing but married Master of Horse, Lord Robert Dudley. Many believe them to be lovers, and there are scurrilous rumours that Elizabeth is no virgin at all. The formidable young Queen is regarded by most of Christendom as a bastard, a heretic and a usurper, yet many princes covet Tudor England and seek her hand in marriage. Under mounting pressure to take a husband, Elizabeth encourages their advances without ever committing; a delicate, politically-fraught balancing act which becomes known as 'The Marriage Game'. But treading this dangerous line with Robert Dudley, the son and grandson of traitors, could cost her the throne. Played out amidst the splendour of the Tudor court and the most famous events of a great age, The Marriage Game is a dramatic, complex and deeply poignant tale of intrigue, love and loss. At its heart is our greatest Queen and the emotional truth of one of history's most extraordinary love affairs.</p>
<p>AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHY</p>			
<p>Reservoir Dad</p>	<p>Clint Greagen</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99</p> 	<p>Best Australian Blog 2013 judge Kerri Sackville sums up the feelings of the legions of fans of Reservoir Dad, aka Clint Greagen, a stay-at-home dad who tells it like it is and makes us laugh out loud - and sometimes cry, but in a good way. A wickedly funny and irreverent chronicler of real life in today's parenting trenches, whether he's making us choke with laughter or 'scrisper' (a scream, tempered by a whisper, vital to surviving wrangling four little boys in planes, trains, automobiles and supermarkets), it's easy to see why his star is rising. Women love him and men admire him for keeping it real and doing his best to man up, even (and perhaps especially) when he fails, sometimes spectacularly. In Reservoir Dad, he finally shares the whole enchilada. The result is a laugh out loud, refreshingly down to earth and moving modern-day love story that reminds us of what really matters amongst all the chaos and craziness...</p>
<p>Boganaire: The Rise and Fall of Nathan Tinkler</p>	<p>Paddy Manning</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99</p> 	<p>Hunter Valley mine electrician Nathan Tinkler borrowed big in 2005, made a fortune from several speculative coal plays, and by 2011 was a self-made billionaire. He had gambled and won, but his volatility and reluctance to pay his debts were making him enemies. He lived the high life as only a young man would, buying luxury homes, private jets, sports cars and football teams, and splurging massively to build a horseracing empire. But Tinkler's dreams had extended beyond even his resources, and his business model worked only in a rising market. When coal prices slumped in 2012, Tinkler had no cash flow to service his massive borrowings and no allies to help him recover. Within months he was trying desperately to stave off his creditors, large and small, and fighting to save his businesses and his fortune. In this impressive new biography, leading business writer Paddy Manning tells the story of Tinkler's meteoric rise to wealth, and captures the drama of his equally rapid downfall.</p>

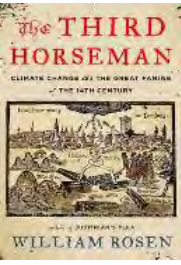
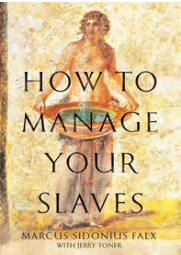
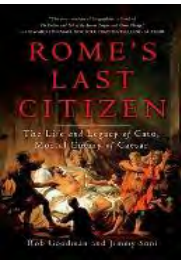
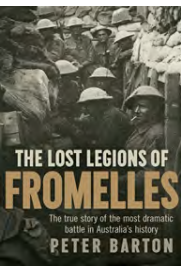

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<p>Blood and Circuses: An Irresponsible Memoir</p>	<p>Lex Marinos</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99</p> 	<p>In his early years on TV he was the 'wog' who was always being told to 'Leave the money on the fridge' by Ted Bullpitt in Kingswood Country. And ultimately he became the majestic patriarch, Manolis, in The Slap. Between times, he attended the birth of Triple J, ran the rugby league touchlines for ABC Sport, was a panellist on Andrew Denton's Live & Sweaty, offered drolleries on Strictly Dancing and directed one of the segments at the opening ceremony of the Sydney Olympics, as well as appearing in umpteen films and plays. Blood and Circuses is the wry and charming story of a young Greek Australian boy, whose family ran a cafe in Wagga Wagga in the 1950s and who dreamt of making his life in the theatre. It is a vivid account of a life lived to the full, beautifully written by a much-loved Australian.</p>
<p>A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Chemo</p>	<p>Luke Ryan</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>A year-long regimen of chemotherapy and radiotherapy wasn't quite what Luke Ryan had in mind when he was 22. Especially having been through the same rigmarole when he was 11! Needless to say, Luke Ryan is eyeing off 33 warily. There's only one course of action to take after you've fought off cancer twice - stand-up comedy. Growing out of a sell-out show at the Melbourne Comedy Festival, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to Chemo is a warm-hearted and hilarious memoir from someone who has laughed in the face of more adversity than most of us would face in a lifetime. Luke's is a life marked by cancer, not defined by it. These are stories of growing up, getting sick, getting better, getting sick again, dating while bald, keeping your semen in the freezer and living life to the full.</p>
<p>Good Enough: Confessions of a Less-Than-Perfect Mum</p>	<p>Dilvin Yasa</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>In the frightening world of tiger mums, little emperors and helicopter parenting, can any mother ever be good enough? Dilvin Yasa thinks probably not. In fact, she's pretty sure mothers have been sold a dodgy lot of unrealistic standards, with a good dollop of guilt to serve. Dilvin draws extensively and often hilariously on her own experiences as a new mother, but also consults the experts. Each chapter, be it on competitive parenting, post-natal depression or returning to work, contains relevant advice from a professional in the field. Good Enough shares a journey that is both universal and deeply personal. With warmth, wit and wicked humour, Dilvin Yasa details the embarrassing failings, unexpected triumphs and dizzying and delightful in-betweens of modern-day motherhood.</p>
<p>BIOGRAPHY</p>			
<p>Neil Armstrong: A Life of Flight</p>	<p>Jay Barbree</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>Everything written about Armstrong's life and flights has been from the outside looking in; Jay Barbree is the only person whom Neil Armstrong trusted to share close personal details about his inspiring life story. Working from his years of notes, and with the Armstrong family, Jay Barbree has written the definitive biography of America's most famous astronaut and one of our greatest modern heroes. Armstrong has entrusted Barbree with details of his personal life, including his two marriages and the death of his baby daughter. And, of course, there is the inside story of an extraordinary career, from the time Armstrong flew combat missions in the Korean War and then flew a rocket plane called the X-15 to the edge of space, to when he saved his Gemini 8 by flying the first emergency return from Earth orbit and then flew Apollo-Eleven to the moon's Sea of Tranquility. Full of never-before-seen photos, this book includes many personal details such as what Armstrong really felt when he took that first step on the moon, and what he felt the future of space exploration should be.</p>
<p>Music at Midnight: The Life and Poetry of George Herbert</p>	<p>John Drury</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99</p> 	<p>George Herbert wrote some of the very greatest English poetry, recording in an astonishing variety of forms his inner experiences of grief, recovery, hope, despair, anger, fulfilment and - above all else - love. He was born in 1593 and died at the age of 39, before the clouds of civil war gathered. He showed worldly ambition and seemed sure of high public office and a career at court, but then for a time 'lost himself in a humble way', devoting himself to the restoration of a church and then to his parish of Bemerton, three miles from Salisbury. When in the year of his death his friend Nicholas Ferrar published Herbert's poems under the title The Temple, his fame was quickly established. In this book John Drury sets the poetry in the whole context of the poet's life and times, so that the reader can understand the frame of mind and kind of society which produced it, and depth can be added to the narrative of Herbert's life.</p>


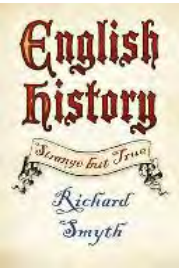

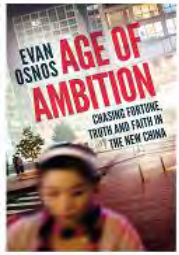

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<p>The Reason I Jump: One Boy's Voice from the Silence of Autism</p>	<p>Naoki Higashida</p>	<p>Pb \$16.99</p> 	<p>Written by Naoki Higashida when he was only thirteen, this remarkable book provides a rare insight into the often baffling behaviour of autistic children. Using a question and answer format, Naoki explains things like why he talks loudly or repeats the same questions, what causes him to have panic attacks, and why he likes to jump. He also shows the way he thinks and feels about his world - other people, nature, time and beauty, and himself. Abundantly proving that people with autism do possess imagination, humour and empathy, he also makes clear how badly they need our compassion, patience and understanding. David Mitchell and his wife have translated Naoki's book so that it might help others dealing with autism and generally illuminate a little-understood condition. It gives us an exceptional chance to enter the mind of another and see the world from a strange and fascinating perspective. The book also features eleven original illustrations, inspired by Naoki's words, by the artistic duo Kai and Sunny.</p>
<p>Margaret Thatcher: The Authorized Biography, Volume One</p>	<p>Charles Moore</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99</p> 	<p>Margaret Thatcher was the longest-serving Prime Minister of the twentieth century and one of the most influential figures of the postwar era. Volume One of Moore's authorized biography gives unparalleled insight into her early life, especially through her extensive correspondence with her sister, and recreates brilliantly the atmosphere of British politics as she was making her way, taking us up to the zenith of her power: victory in the Falklands. Based on unrestricted access to all Lady Thatcher's papers, unpublished interviews with her and all her major colleagues, this is the indispensable portrait of a towering figure of our times.</p>
<p>Priscilla: The Hidden Life of an Englishwoman in Wartime France</p>	<p>Nicholas Shakespeare</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>The astonishing true story of a young woman's adventures, and misadventures, in the dangerous world of Nazi-occupied France. For Priscilla, pre-war Paris was an exciting carousel of suitors, soirees and heartbreak, and eventually a lavish wedding to a French aristocrat. But the arrival of the Nazi tanks signalled the end of life as a Vicomtesse, and the beginning of a precarious existence under German Occupation. Over half a century later, her nephew, Nicholas Shakespeare, found a box of Priscilla's notebooks and journals. He began investigating the rumours that she had escaped a prisoner-of-war camp and fought for the Resistance - and he finally unearthed the truth behind suspicions of disreputable love affairs and far darker secrets.</p>
<p>Mastering the Art of Soviet Cooking</p>	<p>Anya Von Bremzen</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>Born in a surreal Moscow communal apartment where eighteen families shared one kitchen, Anya von Bremzen grew up singing odes to Lenin, black-marketeering Juicy Fruit gum at school, and longing for a taste of the mythical West. It was a life by turns absurd, drab, naively joyous, melancholy and, finally, intolerable. In 1974, when Anya was ten, she and her mother fled to the USA, with no winter coats and no right of return. These days, Anya is the doyenne of high-end food writing. And yet, the flavour of Soviet kolbasa, like Proust's madeleine, transports her back to that vanished Atlantis known as the USSR. In this sweeping, tragicomic memoir, Anya recreates seven decades of the Soviet experience through cooking and food, and reconstructs a moving family history spanning three generations. Her narrative is embedded in a larger historical epic: Lenin's bloody grain requisitioning, World War II starvation, Stalin's table manners, Khrushchev's kitchen debates, Gorbachev's disastrous anti-alcohol policies and the ultimate collapse of the USSR.</p>
<p>HISTORY</p>			
<p>The Complete Cities of Ancient Egypt</p>	<p>Steven Snape</p>	<p>Hb \$49.99</p> 	<p>Ancient Egyptian cities and towns have until recently been one of the least-studied and least-published aspects of this great ancient civilization. Now new research and excavation are transforming our knowledge. The Complete Cities of Ancient Egypt is the first book to bring these latest discoveries to a wide general and scholarly audience, and to provide a comprehensive overview of what we know about ancient settlement during the dynastic period. Divided in two halves, the book opens with an account of the development of urban settlement in Egypt, describing the pattern of urban life, from food production, government, crime and health to schooling, leisure, ancient tourism, and the interaction of the living community with the dead. The second half of the book takes the reader on a trip down the Nile from Aswan to the Delta, giving a comprehensive account of all cities and towns with details for each of their discovery, excavation and important finds, supported by maps and plans as well as recent photographs.</p>

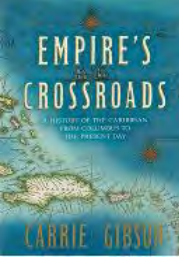

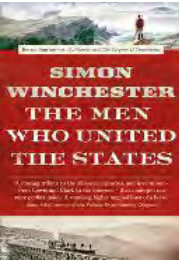


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<p>The Third Horseman: Climate Change and the Great Famine of the 14th Century</p>	<p>William Rosen</p>	<p>Hb \$32.99</p> 	<p>How a seven-year cycle of rain, cold, disease, and warfare created the worst famine in European history In May 1315, it started to rain. It didn't stop anywhere in north Europe until August. Next came the four coldest winters in a millennium. Two separate animal epidemics killed nearly 80 percent of northern Europe's livestock. Wars between Scotland and England, France and Flanders, and two rival claimants to the Holy Roman Empire destroyed all remaining farmland. After seven years, the combination of lost harvests, warfare, and pestilence would claim six million lives--one eighth of Europe's total population. William Rosen draws on a wide array of disciplines, from military history to feudal law to agricultural economics and climatology, to trace the succession of traumas that caused the Great Famine. With dramatic appearances by Scotland's William Wallace, and the luckless Edward II and his treacherous Queen Isabella, history's best documented episode of catastrophic climate change comes alive, with powerful implications for future calamities.</p>
<p>How to Manage Your Slaves by Marcus Sidonius Falx</p>	<p>Jerry Toner</p>	<p>Hb \$27.99</p> 	<p>At last a clear manual for managing slaves the Roman way. How to Manage your Slaves offers practical answers to every question you're likely to have and guidance on every problem you're likely to encounter. Marcus Sidonius Falx shows where and how to buy the slaves for the purposes you have in mind and how to get the best out of them once you've got them. He explains how to tell a good slave from a bad, offers guidance on the punishment of miscreants, and reveals the secrets of command and authority. He covers the delicate subjects of when you should let your slaves have sex with each other and whether to engage in sex with them yourself - and considers when to set them free. Armed with this guide you will be master in your own home: your household will be a comfort to your family and its running the envy of your neighbours. Up to now ancient slavery may have been difficult to fathom: this Roman's-eye view takes us to the heart of the matter and, based on a wealth of original sources, lets us understand just why slaves meant so much to the Romans.</p>
<p>Rome's Last Citizen: Life and Legacy of Cato, Mortal Enemy of Caesar</p>	<p>Rob Goodman & Jimmy Soni</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>Marcus Porcius Cato: aristocrat who walked barefoot and slept on the ground with his troops, political heavyweight who cultivated the image of a Stoic philosopher, a hardnosed defender of tradition who presented himself as a man out of the sacred Roman past - and the last man standing when Rome's Republic fell to tyranny. His blood feud with Caesar began in the chamber of the Senate, played out on the battlefields of a world war, and ended when he took his own life rather than live under a dictator. Centuries of thinkers, writers, and artists have drawn inspiration from Cato's Stoic courage. Saint Augustine and the early Christians were moved and challenged by his example. Dante, in his Divine Comedy, chose Cato to preside over the souls who arrive in Purgatory. George Washington so revered him that he staged a play on Cato's life to revive the spirit of his troops at Valley Forge. Now, in Rome's Last Citizen, Rob Goodman and Jimmy Soni deliver the first modern biography of this stirring figure.</p>
<p>The Lost Legions of Fromelles: The True Story of the Most Dramatic Battle in Australia's History</p>	<p>Peter Barton</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99</p> 	<p>The Battle of Fromelles was the worst-ever military disaster in Australian history. With the recent discovery of a mass grave and the disinterment of many diggers, it has now entered Australian national consciousness in the same way as Gallipoli. Raging for 14 hours, this was the worst day in Australia's entire military history. Our soldiers suffered 5,533 casualties during this one night. The Australian toll at Fromelles was equivalent to the total Australian casualties in the Boer War, Korean War and Vietnam War put together. It was a staggering disaster. It has also left many mysteries. At the time of the battle, and for many decades after, the bodies of the dead lay undiscovered. Indeed, it was only through efforts in the last few years that the final resting place of so many has finally been located and the dead provided with a formal burial. With access to the German archives for the first time ever, Peter Barton has written the most authoritative book on Fromelles. Combining new scholarship on the battle itself with an account of recent events, he dispels many myths in a rich and compelling history.</p>
<p>Australian History in 7 Questions</p>	<p>John Hirst</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99</p> 	<p>From the author of The Shortest History of Europe, acclaimed historian John Hirst, comes this fresh and stimulating approach to understanding Australia's past and present. Hirst asks and answers questions that get to the heart of Australia's history: Why did Aborigines not take up farming? How did a penal colony change peacefully into a democratic society? Why was Australia so prosperous so early? Why did the colonies federate? What effect did convict origins have on national character? Why was the postwar migration programme such a success? Why is Australia not a republic? Engaging and enjoyable, and written for the novice and the expert alike, Australian History in Seven Questions explains how we became the nation we are today.</p>

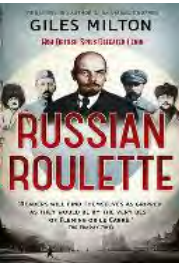
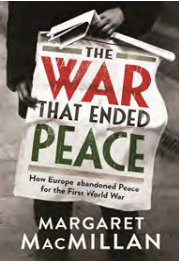

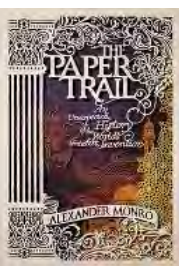
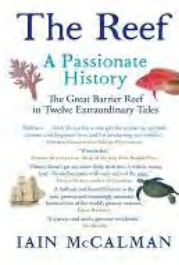
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<p>The Luck of the Irish: How a Shipload of Convicts Survived the Wreck of the Hive to Make a New Life in Australia</p>	<p>Babette Smith</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99</p> 	<p>The luck of the Irish was chronic bad luck, as their sad history attests. That's how it looked for 250 Irish convicts when their ship, the Hive, sank ignominiously off the NSW coast in 1835. Miraculously all survived, guided to safety by local Aboriginal people. They landed at a time when the so-called slave colony was at its height, ruled by the lash and the chain gang. Yet as Babette Smith tracked the lives of the people aboard the Hive, she discovered a very different story. Most were assigned to work on farms or in businesses, building a better life than they possibly could have experienced in Ireland. Surprisingly, in the workforce they found power, which gave rise to the characteristic Australian culture later described by DH Lawrence: 'Nobody felt better than anybody else, or higher.' The Luck of the Irish is a fascinating portrait of colonial life in the mid-19th century, which reveals how the Irish helped lay the foundations of the Australia we know today.</p>
<p>English History: Strange But True</p>	<p>Richard Smyth</p>	<p>Pb \$17.99</p> 	<p>This book is a treasure trove of English oddities, crammed with the most curious stories, remarkable facts and unexpected goings-on from the country's long and convoluted history. From frogs' legs at Stonehenge to knicker elastic in the Blitz, this is England - the unauthorised biography.</p>
<p>Empress Dowager Cixi: The Concubine Who Launched Modern China</p>	<p>Jung Chang</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>This is from the bestselling author of Wild Swans and Mao: The Unknown Story. In this groundbreaking biography, Jung Chang vividly describes how Empress Dowager Cixi - the most important woman in Chinese history - brought a medieval empire into the modern age. Under her, the ancient country attained virtually all the attributes of a modern state and it was she who abolished gruesome punishments like 'death by a thousand cuts' and put an end to foot-binding. Jung Chang comprehensively overturns the conventional view of Cixi as a diehard conservative and cruel despot and also takes the reader into the depths of her splendid Summer Palace and the harem of Beijing's Forbidden City, where she lived surrounded by eunuchs - with one of whom she fell in love, with tragic consequences. Packed with drama, fast-paced and gripping, it is both a panoramic depiction of the birth of modern China and an intimate portrait of a woman: as the concubine to a monarch, as the absolute ruler of a third of the world's population, and as a unique stateswoman.</p>
<p>Age of Ambition: Chasing Fortune, Truth and Faith in the New China</p>	<p>Evan Osnos</p>	<p>Pb \$34.99</p> 	<p>Age of Ambition describes some of the billion individual lives that make up China's story - one that unfolds on remote farms, in glittering mansions, and in the halls of power of the world's largest authoritarian regime. Together they describe the defining clash taking place today: between the individual and the Communist Party's struggle to retain control. Here is a China infused with a sense of boundless possibility and teeming romance. Yet it is also riven by contradictions. It is the world's largest buyer of Rolls Royces and Ferraris yet the word 'luxury' is banned from billboards. It has more Christians than members of the Communist Party. And why does a government that has lifted more people from poverty than any other so strictly restrain freedom of expression? Based on years of research, Age of Ambition is a stunning narrative that reveals China as we have never understood it before.</p>
<p>Hess, Hitler and Churchill: The Real Turning Point of the Second World War - A Secret History</p>	<p>Peter Padfield</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99</p> 	<p>When Hitler's deputy Rudolf Hess set off for Britain on a peace mission in May 1941, he launched one of the great mysteries of the Second World War. Had he really acted alone, without Hitler's knowledge? Who were the British he had come to see? Was British intelligence involved? For, allied to a powerful argument that Hess must have had both Hitler's backing and considerable encouragement from Britain, Padfield demonstrates that he also brought with him a draft peace treaty committing Hitler to the evacuation of occupied European countries. Made public, this would have destroyed Churchill's campaign to bring the United States into the war. Expertly woven into a compelling narrative that touches on Lord (Victor) Rothschild and the Cambridge spy ring, possible British foreknowledge of Operation Barbarossa and the 'final solution', MI6's use of Hess to prevent the bombing of London and the mysterious circumstances of his death in Spandau prison Hess, Hitler and Churchill is among the most important history books of recent years.</p>


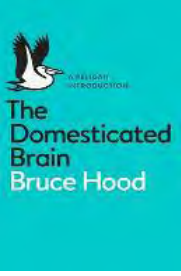


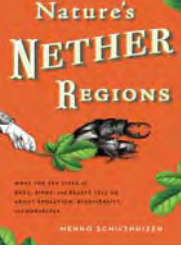
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<p>Empire's Crossroads: A History of the Caribbean from Columbus to the Present</p>	<p>Carrie Gibson</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99</p> 	<p>In October 1492, an Italian-born, Spanish-funded navigator discovered a new world, thousands of miles across the Atlantic Ocean. In Empire's Crossroads, Carrie Gibson, unfolds the story of the Caribbean from Columbus' first landing on the island he named San Salvador to today's islands - largely independent, but often still in thrall to Europe and America's insatiable desire for tropical luxuries. From the early years of settlement to the age of sugar and slavery, during which vast riches were generated for Europeans through the enforced labour of millions of enslaved Africans, to the great slave rebellions of the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries and the long, slow progress towards independence in the modern era, Gibson offers a vivid, panoramic view of this complex and contradictory region. From Cuba to Haiti, from Jamaica to Trinidad, the story of the Caribbean is not simply the story of slaves and masters - but of fortune-seekers, tourists, scientists and pirates.</p>
<p>Clinton, Inc: The Audacious Rebuilding of a Political Machine</p>	<p>Daniel Halper</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99</p> 	<p>In the years since the Clintons left the White House, they have gone from being virtually penniless to multi-millionaires, and are arguably the most popular politicians in America-respected and feared by Republicans and Democrats alike. But behind that rise is a never-before-told story of strategic cleverness, reckless gambles, and an unquenchable thirst for political power. Investigative reporter Daniel Halper uses a wealth of research, exclusive documents, and detailed interviews with close friends, allies, and enemies of the Clintons to reveal the strategy they used and the deals they made to turn their political fortunes around.</p>
<p>The Men Who United the States</p>	<p>Simon Winchester</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99</p> 	<p>For more than two centuries, E pluribus unum - out of many, one - has been featured on America's official government seals and stamped on its currency. But how did America become 'one nation, indivisible'? In this monumental history, Simon Winchester addresses this question, introducing the fearless trailblazers whose achievements forged and unified America. Winchester follows in the footsteps of America's most essential explorers, thinkers, and innovators. He treks vast swaths of territory, introducing these fascinating pioneers - some, such as Washington and Jefferson, Lewis and Clark being familiar, some forgotten, some hardly known - who played a pivotal role in creating today's United States. Throughout, he ponders whether the historic work of uniting the States has succeeded, and to what degree. 'The Men Who United the States' is a fresh, lively, and erudite look at the way in which the most powerful nation on earth came together, from one of our most entertaining, probing, and insightful observers.</p>
<p>The Zhivago Affair: The Kremlin, the CIA, and the Battle Over a Forbidden Book</p>	<p>Peter Finn & Petra Couvee</p>	<p>Tp \$35.00</p> 	<p>1956. Boris Pasternak presses a manuscript into the hands of an Italian publishing scout with these words: 'This is Doctor Zhivago. May it make its way around the world.' Pasternak knew his novel would never be published in the Soviet Union as the authorities regarded it as seditious, so, instead, he allowed it to be published in translation all over the world - a highly dangerous act. 1958. The life of this extraordinary book enters the realms of the spy novel. The CIA, recognising that the Cold War was primarily an ideological battle, published Doctor Zhivago in Russian and smuggled it into the Soviet Union. It was immediately snapped up on the black market. Pasternak was later forced to renounce the Nobel Prize in Literature, igniting worldwide political scandal. With sole access to otherwise classified CIA files, The Zhivago Affair gives an irresistible portrait of Pasternak, and takes us deep into the Cold War, back to a time when literature had the power to shake the world.</p>
<p>The Spanish Armada</p>	<p>Robert Hutchinson</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>After the accession of Elizabeth I in 1558, Protestant England was beset by the hostile Catholic powers of Europe - not least Spain. In October 1585 King Philip II of Spain declared his intention to destroy Protestant England and began preparing invasion plans, leading to an intense intelligence war between the two countries, culminating in the dramatic sea battles of 1588. Robert Hutchinson's tautly written book is the first to examine this battle for intelligence, and uses everything from contemporary eye-witness accounts to papers held by the national archives in Spain and the UK to recount the dramatic battle that raged up the English Channel. Contrary to popular theory, the Armada was not defeated by superior English forces - in fact, Elizabeth I's parsimony meant that her ships had no munitions left by the time the Armada had fought its way up to the south coast of England. In reality it was a combination of inclement weather and bad luck that landed the killer blow on the Spanish forces, and of the 125 Spanish ships that set sail against England, only 60 limped home - the rest sunk or wrecked with barely a shot fired.</p>

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<p>Russian Roulette: How British Spies Defeated Lenin</p>	<p>Giles Milton</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99</p> 	<p>In 1917, an eccentric band of British spies is smuggled into newly-Soviet Russia. Their goal? To defeat Lenin's plan to destroy British India and bring down the democracies of the West. These extraordinary spies, led by Mansfield Cumming, proved brilliantly successful. They found a wholly new way to deal with enemies, one that relied on espionage and dirty tricks rather than warfare. They were the unsung founders of today's modern, highly professional secret services. They were also the inspiration for fictional heroes to follow, from James Bond to Jason Bourne.</p>
<p>The War that Ended Peace: How Europe Abandoned Peace for the First World War</p>	<p>Margaret MacMillan</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99</p> 	<p>The First World War followed a period of sustained peace in Europe during which people talked with confidence of prosperity, progress and hope. But in 1914, Europe walked into a catastrophic conflict which killed millions of its men, bled its economies dry, shook empires and societies to pieces, and fatally undermined Europe's dominance of the world. It was a war which could have been avoided up to the last moment - so why did it happen? Beginning in the early nineteenth century, and ending with the assassination of Arch Duke Franz Ferdinand, award-winning historian Margaret MacMillan uncovers the huge political and technological changes, national decisions and - just as important - the small moments of human muddle and weakness that led Europe from peace to disaster. This masterful exploration of how Europe chose its path towards war will change and enrich how we see this defining moment in our history.</p>
<p>Empires of the Dead: How One Man's Vision Led to the Creation of WWI's War Graves</p>	<p>David Crane</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>Shortlisted for the Samuel Johnson prize for non-fiction; the extraordinary and forgotten story behind the building of the First World War cemeteries. In the wake of the First World War, Britain and her Empire faced the enormous question of how to bury the dead. Critically-acclaimed author David Crane describes how the horror of the slaughter motivated an ambulance commander named Fabian Ware to establish the Commonwealth war cemeteries. Behind these famous monuments - the Cenotaph, Tyne Cot, Menin Gate, Etaples amongst them - lies a deeply moving story; 'Empires of the Dead' chronicles a generation coming to terms with grief on a colossal scale.</p>
<p>The Paper Trail: An Unexpected History of the World's Greatest Invention</p>	<p>Alexander Monro</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99</p> 	<p>The emergence of paper in the imperial court of Han China brought about a revolution in the transmission of knowledge and of ideas. For over two millennia, it has allowed ideas, religions, philosophies and propaganda to spread around the world with ever greater ease. The Paper Trail traces the westward voyage of this ground-breaking invention; beginning with the Buddhist translators responsible for the spread of paper across China, Japan, Korea and Vietnam. It describes the theologians, scientists and artists who used paper to create the intellectual world of the Abbasid Caliphate, and journeys with the missionaries and merchants who carried it along the Silk Road. Paper finally reached Europe in 1276 and was indispensable to the scholars and translators who manufactured the Renaissance and Reformation from their desks. Paper still surrounds us in our everyday lives - on our desks, wrapping our food, in our wallets. It has become universal, and also supremely disposable. But is the age of paper coming to an end?</p>
SCIENCE			
<p>The Reef: A Passionate History</p>	<p>Iain McCalman</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99</p> 	<p>Iain McCalman's brilliant history of the Great Barrier Reef, told in twelve extraordinary tales; charts its shifting status from labyrinth of terror to global treasure. Arguing that the Barrier Reef is a product of human as much as natural history, created by minds as well as corals, McCalman describes encounters between peoples and places, ideas and environments, over the past two centuries and more. Where today the Reef is known for its astonishing underwater beauty and diversity, once it was notorious for the shipwrecks in its treacherous waters. Navigators struggled to chart a safe passage through, and scientists later theorised about the creation of this massive structure - the largest marine environment on the planet. The first social, cultural and environmental history to be written of the Great Barrier Reef, The Reef is an effortlessly readable and often moving story of one of the seven natural wonders of the world.</p>

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<p>Where Song Began: Australia's Birds and How They Changed the World</p>	<p>Tim Low</p>	<p>Tp \$32.99</p> 	<p>Renowned for its unusual mammals, Australia is a land of birds that are just as unusual, just as striking, a result of the continent's tens of millions of years of isolation. Compared with birds elsewhere, ours are more likely to be intelligent, aggressive and loud, to live in complex societies, and to be large and long-lived. They're also ecologically more powerful, exerting more influences on forests than other birds. But unlike the mammals, the birds did not keep to Australia; they spread around the globe. Australia provided the world with its songbirds and parrots, the most intelligent of all bird groups. Tim Low has a rare gift for illuminating complex ideas in highly readable prose, and making of the whole a dynamic story. Here he brilliantly explains how our birds came to be so extraordinary, including the large role played by the foods they consume (birds, too, are what they eat), and by our climate, soil, fire, and Australia's legacy as a part of Gondwana.</p>
<p>The Domesticated Brain: A Pelican Introduction</p>	<p>Bruce Hood</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99</p> 	<p>Why do we care what others think? What keeps us bound together? How does the brain shape our behaviour? Bruce Hood is an award-winning psychologist who has taught at Cambridge and Harvard universities and is currently Director of the Cognitive Development Centre at the University of Bristol. He delivered the Royal Institution's Christmas Lectures in 2011 and is the author of The Self Illusion and Supersense, described by New Scientist as 'important, crystal clear and utterly engaging'.</p>
<p>Human Evolution: A Pelican Introduction</p>	<p>Robin Dunbar</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99</p> 	<p>What makes us human? How did we develop language, thought and culture? Why did we survive, and other human species fail? Robin Dunbar is an evolutionary psychologist and former director of the Institute of Cognitive and Evolutionary Anthropology at Oxford University. His acclaimed books include How Many Friends Does One Person Need? and Grooming, Gossip and the Evolution of Language, described by Malcolm Gladwell as 'a marvellous work of popular science.'</p>
<p>Missing Microbes: How Killing Bacteria Creates Modern Plagues</p>	<p>Martin Blaser</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>A clarion call to save humanity's most essential fellow creatures - and our health Far beneath our skin exists an unfathomable, ancient universe - an internal ecosystem that is critical to our health. Dr Martin Blaser invites us into the wilds of the human 'microbiome', unfurling its inner workings and evolution. For thousands of years, bacteria and human cells have co-existed in a relationship that has ensured the health and equilibrium of our body. But now, much like the natural world outside of us, our internal environment is being irrevocably destroyed. The culprit: some of our most revered medical advances - antibiotics - which appear to be linked to the epidemics of asthma, eczema, obesity, certain forms of cancer, and other diseases plaguing modern society. In a book that stands as the Silent Spring of its day, Blaser sounds a provocative alarm that we ignore at our peril.</p>
<p>Nature's Nether Regions: What the Sex Lives of Bugs, Birds, and Beasts Tell Us About Evolution, Biodiversity, and Ourselves</p>	<p>Menno Schilthuisen</p>	<p>Hb \$32.99</p> 	<p>The story of evolution as you've never heard it before What's the easiest way to tell species apart? Check their genitals. Researching private parts was long considered taboo, but scientists are now beginning to understand that the wild diversity of sex organs across species can tell us a lot about evolution. Menno Schilthuisen invites readers to join him as he uncovers the ways the shapes and functions of genitalia have been molded by complex Darwinian struggles: penises that have lost their spines but evolved appendages to displace sperm; female orgasms that select or reject semen from males, in turn subtly modifying the females' genital shape. We learn why spiders masturbate into miniature webs, discover she dungflies that store sperm from attractive males in their bellies, and see how, when it comes to outlandish appendages and bizarre behaviors, humans are downright boring. Nature's Nether Regions joyfully demonstrates that the more we learn about the multiform private parts of animals, the more we understand our own unique place in the great diversity of life.</p>


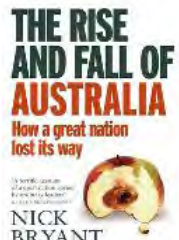
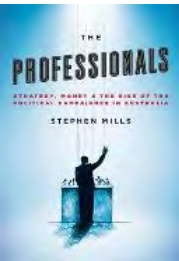

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<p>Seven Elements That Have Changed the World</p>	<p>John Browne</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>With carbon we access heat, light and mobility at the flick of a switch, while silicon enables us to communicate across the globe in an instant. Yet our use of the Earth's mineral resources is not always for the benefit of humankind - our relationship with the elements is one of great ambivalence. On the one hand, uranium provides productive nuclear power, but on the other destructive atomic bombs; iron is the bloody weapon of war, but also the economic tool of peace; our desire for alluring gold is the foundation of global trade, but has also led to the death of millions. John Browne, CEO of BP for twelve years, vividly describes how seven elements are shaping the world around us - for good and bad. Combining history, science and politics, Seven Elements takes you on a present-day adventure of human passion, ingenuity and discovery. This journey is far from over: we continue to find surprising new uses for these seven elements. Discover how titanium pervades modern consumer society, how natural gas is transforming the global energy sector, and how an innovative new form of carbon could be starting a technology revolution.</p>
<p>Brilliant Blunders: From Darwin to Einstein - Colossal Mistakes by Great Scientists That Changed Our Understanding of Life and the Universe</p>	<p>Mario Livio</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>We all make mistakes. Nobody is perfect. And that includes five of the greatest scientists in history - Charles Darwin, William Thomson (Lord Kelvin), Linus Pauling, Fred Hoyle, Albert Einstein. But the mistakes that these great scientists made helped science to advance. Indeed, as Mario Livio explains in this fascinating book, science thrives on error; it advances when erroneous ideas are disproven. All five scientists were great geniuses and fascinating human beings. Their blunders were part of their genius and part of the scientific process. Livio brilliantly analyses their errors to show where they were wrong and right, but what makes his book so enjoyable to read is Livio's analysis of the psychology of these towering figures. Along the way the reader learns an enormous amount about the evolution of life on earth and in the universe, but from an unusual vantage point -- the mistakes of great scientists rather than the achievements that made them famous.</p>
<p>The Norm Chronicles: Stories and Numbers About Danger</p>	<p>Michael Blastland & David Spiegelhalter</p>	<p>Pb \$21.99</p> 	<p>Meet Norm. He's 31, 5'9 , just over 13 stone, and works a 39 hour week. He likes a drink, doesn't do enough exercise and occasionally treats himself to a bar of chocolate (milk). He's a pretty average kind of guy. In fact, he is the average guy in this clever and unusual take on statistical risk, chance, and how these two factors affect our everyday choices. Watch as Norm (who, like all average specimens, feels himself to be uniquely special), and his friends careful Prudence and reckless Kelvin, turns to statistics to help him in life's endless series of choices - should I fly or take the train? Have a baby? Another drink? Or another sausage? Do a charity skydive or get a lift on a motorbike? Because chance and risk aren't just about numbers - it's about what we believe, who we trust and how we feel about the world around us. From a world expert in risk and the bestselling author of The Tiger That Isn't (and creator of BBC Radio 4's More or Less), this is a commonsense (and wildly entertaining) guide to personal risk and decoding the statistics that represent it.</p>
<p>Finding Longitude: How Clocks and Stars Helped Solve the Longitude Problem</p>	<p>Richard Dunn, et al</p>	<p>Hb \$49.99</p> 	<p>300 years ago, amidst growing frustration from the naval community and pressure from the increasing importance of international trade, the British government passed the 1714 Longitude Act. It was an attempt to solve one of the most pressing problems of the age: how to determine a ship's longitude (east-west position) at sea. With life-changing rewards on offer, the challenge captured the imaginations and talents of astronomers, skilled craftsmen, politicians, seamen and satirists. This beautifully illustrated book is a detailed account of these stories, and how the longitude problem was solved.</p>
<p>Numbers are Forever: Mathematical Facts and Curios</p>	<p>Liz Strachan</p>	<p>Pb \$24.99</p> 	<p>This book is only about numbers - that is, whole numbers and nothing but the whole numbers, which start from 0, 1, 2, 3, 4... and go on forever. Here you can meet perfect numbers, happy numbers, lucky, untouchable, weird, narcissistic, evil and deficient numbers, not to mention nice Friedmans and multi-legged repunits, as well as primes and their cousins, the sexy primes. It is also full of fascinating facts and curios, prime number conjectures, the sieve of Eratosthenes, the Fibonacci series, and much more besides. This is an accessible, clearly explained approach which will appeal to recreational maths enthusiasts, puzzle solvers, and mathematicians of all ages.</p>

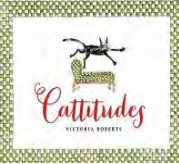



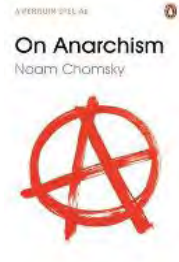
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TODAY'S WORLD			
<p>Stop the Presses! How Greed, Ambition, Incompetence (and the Internet) Wrecked Fairfax</p>	<p>Ben Hills</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99</p> 	<p>How has the Fairfax empire arrived at its current shabby, sorry state - and what does its demise mean for the future of independent journalism? A decade ago Fairfax Media was one of the most powerful institutions in the country; staffed by gun reporters, funded by its 'rivers of gold', offering up high quality, fearless journalism. Since then, it has become a car wreck in slow motion. But how did it come to this? Why did one overpaid, underwhelming manager after the next fail to see the future coming - or come up with a coherent plan? Why were they fighting with each other rather than fighting to save the company? And what was happening to journalism in the meantime? In his dramatic, no-holds-barred book, Ben Hills exposes the characters who took Fairfax to the brink of destruction - the dynastic princes, the acolytes, the self-interested, the would-be owners waiting in the wings. He tells the sometimes poignant, sometimes hilarious tales of what unfolded behind boardroom doors and at team bonding retreats. And he asks if the trail of greed and incompetence could have been avoided.</p>
<p>Journalism Ethics for the Digital Age</p>	<p>Denis Muller</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99</p> 	<p>Journalism is being transformed by the digital revolution. Journalists working for media organisations are having to file and update stories across multiple platforms under increasing time pressures. Meanwhile, anyone with sufficient literacy skills and access to the internet can aspire to practise journalism, and many are doing so. And yet journalism in any form still depends for its legitimacy on the observance of ethical principles and practices. For example, it has to maintain a commitment to telling the truth, and to minimise deception and betrayal; deal with conflicts of interest; protect sources and their confidences; know how to report traumatised and vulnerable people; and know when to respect privacy. Journalism Ethics for the Digital Age covers all these areas and more. It traces the ethics of journalism from their origins in philosophy to the new problems brought about by digital technology, with practical examples to show how these values and principles can play out in the real world.</p>
<p>Material Revolution: Robots, 3D Printing and the Future</p>	<p>Guy Rundle</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>The world is changing fast. The dust has barely settled on the digital revolution and now we have to strap ourselves in for another certain thrust into the unknown: the material revolution. Look at 3D printing, for example. They're talking about being able to print human organs in the not-too-distant future. They're going to be printing KIDNEYS! What's it all about? When is it coming? Will I be able to sit this one out? Guy Rundle talks to the who's who in this mind-bogglingly new world, and paints a vivid picture of how life will change throughout the 21st century when emerging technologies like this become mainstream. There will be enormous implications not just for Australia but for the global economy, international relations and the fundamental structures of our lives.</p>
<p>Great Australian Sports Rorts: From Dodgy Dogs to Nobbled Nags</p>	<p>John Rothfield & John Adams</p>	<p>Tp \$29.95</p> 	<p>Cheats and Chuckers is a colourful collection of infamous (and sometimes ingenious) rorts, schemes and swindles covering over a hundred years of Australian sports history - in all its underhanded glory. From illegal goat racing and fake pigeon races to faulty oars, underweight ostrich riders and jockeys who jump off mid-race and head for the hills, there is never a dull moment. Perfect reading for all sports lovers.</p>
<p>Uncommon Heroes: The Hard Men and Raw Talent That Built Rugby League</p>	<p>John Ellicott</p>	<p>Tp \$29.95</p> 	<p>Uncommon Heroes of the Rugby League documents a time when players who came from the city's mean streets got the chance to play Rugby League and make a name for themselves. These are the stories of the uncommon heroes: hard working, hard playing, tough and warm-hearted. They are the stories of a time when Rugby League was a bruising tribal contest with local rivalries, when muddy country grounds were packed with fans and the corporate juggernaut of today's game was incomprehensible. This book takes a look at the days when rugby players had ?real jobs?, smoked cigarettes at half time and had a beer together after training. Days when rugby boots were a treasured possession and rules and regulations barely mattered. Read about how legends were forged in steel by men who refused to countenance defeat. When back then, before full time professionalism, you might buy your bread or vegetables from someone you barracked for on Saturday: an uncommon hero of the Rugby League.</p>

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<p>Gravity: Inside the PM's Office During Her Last Year and Final Days</p>	<p>Mary Delahunty</p>	<p>Tp \$29.95</p> 	<p>Our first female Prime Minister, Julia Gillard came to power suddenly after the night of the long knives in a coup that perplexed the nation. She hurried to an election and was chained to a hung parliament. She out negotiated Tony Abbott and formed a minority government but the deepest threat was from within. The man she beat for the top job was to relentlessly undermine her for three tortuous years. In gathering material for the book, journalist and politician, Mary Delahunty had rare and unparalleled access to Prime Minister Julia Gillard, following her for her last six months. Mary was in her private office and the PM's wider office during parliamentary sitting weeks, particularly witnessing from the inside the compelling dramas of the no-show coup in March and the defeat in June. The book uses Gillard's own words to reveal the personal behind the political, the colour of contest, the cost of defeat, the drama from within the PMO bunker and just how fast power drains away.</p>
<p>The Rise and Fall of Australia: How a Great Nation Lost its Way</p>	<p>Nick Bryant</p>	<p>Tp \$34.99</p> 	<p>Never before has Australia enjoyed such economic, commercial, diplomatic and cultural clout. Its recession-proof economy is the envy of the world. It's the planet's great lifestyle superpower. Its artistic exports win unprecedented acclaim. But never before has its politics been so brutal, narrow and facile, as well as being such a global laughing stock. At present the country seems to be in speedy regression, with the nation's leaders, on both sides, mired in relatively small problems, such as the arrival of boat people, rather than mapping out a larger and more inspiring national future. In this thoroughly entertaining and thought-provoking book, dealing with politics, racism, sexism, the country's place in the region and the world, culture and sport, Nick Bryant argues that Australia needs to discard the out-dated language used to describe itself, to push back against Lucky Country thinking, to celebrate how the cultural creep has replaced the cultural cringe and to stop negatively typecasting itself.</p>
<p>The Professionals: Strategy, Money and the Rise of the Political Campaigner in Australia</p>	<p>Stephen Mills</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>During 2010-11, Stephen Mills conducted on-the-record interviews with every living national campaign director of the two major political parties. Their experience covers the 15 federal election campaigns from 1974 to the present day. Built around ten critical moments in Australian electoral history, The Professionals traces the transformation of the party official from administrative servant to highly influential, professional campaign manager, and the election campaign from the pre-television days to the contemporary world of social media, focus groups and million dollar campaign budgets. He shows how Australia's political parties went from mass-membership organisations - which provided opportunities for grassroots participation - to top-down managerial enterprises. Internal control of the parties has shifted to a new centre of power: the Head Office. The Professionals provides a fascinating new perspective on the contours of Australian political history and shows political parties as they have rarely been seen before - from the inside.</p>
<p>Griffith Review #45: The Way We Work</p>	<p>Julianne Schultz</p>	<p>Tp \$27.99</p> 	<p>The way we work has changed profoundly in recent years. This timely edition of the multi-award-winning Griffith Review explores the extraordinary structural changes triggered by globalisation, the internet and the collapse of unions. Job security is a thing of the past - many welcome the flexibility of the new environment while others find it hard to adjust. The Way We Work features stories from the coalface of work - traditional and non-traditional jobs described with insight, flair and passion. Contributors include Ashley Hay, Rebecca Huntley, Gideon Haigh, Peter Mares, Kathy Marks, Craig McGregor, David Peetz and more.</p>
<p>The Book of Paul: The Wit and Wisdom of Paul Keating</p>	<p>Russell Marks (ed)</p>	<p>Pb \$9.99</p> 	<p>Presenting the one and only Mr Paul Keating - at his straight-shooting, scumbag-calling, merciless best. Paul lets rip - on John Howard: 'The little desiccated coconut is under pressure and he is attacking anything he can get his hands on.' On Peter Costello: 'The thing about poor old Costello is he is all tip and no iceberg.' On John Hewson: '(His performance) is like being flogged with a warm lettuce.' On Andrew Peacock: '...what we have here is an intellectual rust bucket.' On Wilson Tuckey: '...you stupid foul-mouthed grub.' On Tony Abbott: 'If Tony Abbott ends up the prime minister of Australia, you've got to say, God help us.' And that's just a taste...</p>

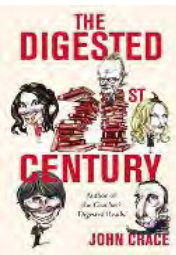




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<p>Cattitudes</p>	<p>Victoria Roberts</p>	<p>Hb \$19.99</p> 	<p>Cat lovers will purr-aise this litter of sophisticated kitties, all dreamed up by one of the New Yorker's star cartoonists and an author/illustrator of more than twenty-five books. Irresistibly original, elegant, and humorous, Cattitudes is a feline feast for the eyes featuring more than seventy watercolor illustrations. Delight in this eclectic collection of images, all cats of singular talent and endless appeal: they're literary, artistic, ecclesiastic, acrobatic, and masochistic. There are beautiful cats, international cats, and bad cats and mad cats in need of a little therapy. Meet the languorous Henry (Miller) and Anais (Nin); the self-portrait-painting Frida Kahlo, with whiskers included; and cat choreographers Merce (Cunningham) and Martha (Graham), modern dance pioneer. Watch cats indulging in small pleasures, like playing with wool and walking on stilts. But no matter what they're doing, these cats look marvelous - and they know it, too! With a sense of wit, fun, and endless charm, this is a must for feline fans everywhere and a treat for anyone. But be warned: Not every creature in this bo</p>
<p>Economics: The User's Guide - A Pelican Introduction</p>	<p>Ha-Joon Chang</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99</p> 	<p>What is economics? What can - and can't - it explain about the world? Why does it matter? Ha-Joon Chang teaches economics at Cambridge University, and writes a column for the Guardian. The Observer called his book 23 Things They Don't Tell You About Capitalism, which was a no.1 bestseller, 'a witty and timely debunking of some of the biggest myths surrounding the global economy.' He won the Wassily Leontief Prize for advancing the frontiers of economic thought, and is a vocal critic of the failures of our current economic system.</p>
<p>The Fourth Revolution: The Global Race to Reinvent the State</p>	<p>John Micklethwait & Adrian Wooldridge</p>	<p>Hb \$49.99</p> 	<p>Dysfunctional government has become a cliché, and it is all too easy to believe that nothing is ever going to change. Here, in an argument that spans the globe, John Micklethwait and Adrian Wooldridge show that the truth is very different. There have already been three great revolutions in government in the history of the modern world. We are now in the midst of a fourth - and for the first time, Western governments risk being left behind. A country's success depends overwhelmingly on its ability to reinvent the state. But, while China is making rapid progress with government reform, gridlock in Washington is seeing America fall badly behind, and flailing democracies like India look enviously at China's state-of-the-art airports and expanding universities. The race to get government right is not just a race of efficiency. It is a race to see which political values will triumph in the twenty-first century: the liberal values of democracy and liberty, or the authoritarian values of command and control. The stakes could not be higher.</p>
<p>The Reckoning: Financial Accountability and the Making and Breaking of Nations</p>	<p>Jacob Soll</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99</p> 	<p>In The Reckoning, award-winning historian Jacob Soll shows how the use and misuse of financial bookkeeping has determined the fates of entire societies. Time and again, Soll reveals, good and honest accounting has been a tool to build successful companies, states and empires. Yet when it is neglected or falls into the wrong hands, accounting has contributed to cycles of destruction that continue to this day. Combining rigorous scholarship and fresh storytelling, The Reckoning traces the surprisingly powerful influence of accounting on financial and political stability, from the powerful Medici bank in 14th century Italy to the 2008 financial crisis.</p>
<p>On Anarchism</p>	<p>Noam Chomsky</p>	<p>Pb \$9.99</p> 	<p>On Anarchism is an essential introduction to the Noam Chomsky's political theory. On Anarchism sheds a much needed light on the foundations of Chomsky's thought, specifically his constant questioning of the legitimacy of entrenched power. The book gathers his essays and interviews to provide a short, accessible introduction to his distinctively optimistic brand of anarchism. Refuting the notion of anarchism as a fixed idea, and disputing the traditional fault lines between anarchism and socialism, this is a book sure to challenge, provoke and inspire. Profoundly relevant to our times, it is a touchstone for political activists and anyone interested in deepening their understanding of anarchism, or of Chomsky's thought.</p>

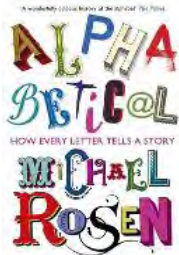
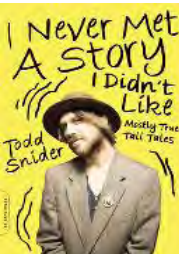
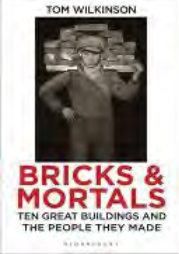
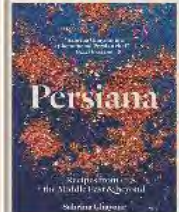
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<p>Philosophy Bites Back</p>	<p>Dave Edmonds</p>	<p>Pb \$14.95</p> 	<p>Philosophy Bites Back is the second book to come out of the hugely successful podcast Philosophy Bites. It presents a selection of lively interviews with leading philosophers of our time, who discuss the ideas and works of some of the most important thinkers in history. From the ancient classics of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, to the groundbreaking modern thought of Wittgenstein, Rawls, and Derrida, this volume spans over two and a half millennia of western philosophy and illuminates its most fascinating ideas. Philosophy Bites was set up in 2007 by David Edmonds and Nigel Warburton. It has had over 12 million downloads, and is listened to all over the world.</p>
<p>50 Great Myths About Religions</p>	<p>John Morreall & Tamara Sonn</p>	<p>Pb \$35.95</p> 	<p>This engaging book will get its readers thinking about how and why certain myths have arisen, and their continuing influence on our personal and collective view of religion. Offers a lively, informative, and thought-provoking introduction to some of the common misbeliefs surrounding religions. Discusses myths about religious belief in general, as well as specific ideas that surround Judaism, Christianity, Islam, atheism, and agnosticism. Covers a wide range of myths, from ancient legends such as the Bible forbidding pork being eaten because it causes illness, to modern urban fables, such as Barack Obama being a Muslim. Unpacks each myth in turn, explaining why it arose, how it spread, and why the beliefs that stem from it are questionable. Includes a fascinating discussion about human nature, and the main characteristics that predispose us to create and circulate myths to begin with. Underpinned by a wide knowledge of academic research, it is written by two respected religion scholars and experienced authors</p>
<p>An Atheist's History of Belief: Understanding Our Most Extraordinary Invention</p>	<p>Matthew Kneale</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>What first prompted prehistoric man, sheltering in the shadows of deep caves, to call upon the realm of the spirits? And why has belief thrived ever since, leading us to invent heaven and hell, sin and redemption, and above all, gods? Religion reflects our deepest hopes and fears; whether you are a believer or, like Matthew Kneale, a non-believer who admires mankind's capacity to create and to imagine, it has shaped our world. And as our dreams and nightmares have changed over the millennia, so have our beliefs - from shamans to Aztec priests, from Buddhists to Christians: the gods we created have evolved with us. Belief is humanity's most epic invention. It has always been our closest companion and greatest consolation. To understand it is to better understand ourselves.</p>
<p>Atheists: The Origin of the Species</p>	<p>Nick Spencer</p>	<p>Hb \$35.00</p> 	<p>The clash between atheism and religion has become the defining battle of the 21st century. However, very little has been written on the history of atheism, and this book fills that conspicuous gap. Instead of treating atheism just as a philosophical or scientific idea about the non-existence of God, Atheists: The Origin of the Species places the movement in its proper social and political context. Because atheism in Europe developed in reaction to the Christianity that dominated the continent's intellectual, social and political life, it adopted, adapted and reacted against its institutions as well as its ideas. Accordingly, the history of atheism is as much about social and political movements as it is scientific or philosophical ideas. Looking at atheism in its full sociopolitical context helps explain why it has looked so very different in different countries. It also explains why there has been a recent upsurge in atheism, particularly in Britain and the US, where religion has unexpectedly come to play such a significant role in political affairs.</p>
<p>The Usborne First Thousand Words in Latin</p>	<p>Heather Amery & Stephen Cartwright</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99</p> 	<p>A new addition to the best-selling First Thousand Words Language series, this book is an excellent way to encourage language learning for beginners. It contains an online pronunciation guide through the Usborne Quicklinks website. With 1,000 everyday words combined with pictures, this is a valuable vocabulary tool for young children.</p>

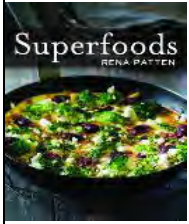

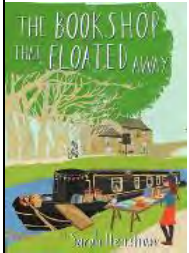

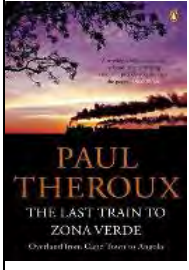
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<p>The Digested 21st Century</p>	<p>John Crace</p>	<p>Pb \$29.99</p> 	<p>John Crace's Digested Read first appeared in February 2000 and has been running ever since. Each week Crace reduces a new book - anything from a Booker Prize winner to a Nigella cookery book is fair game - to 700 words in a parody of the plot, style, dialogue and themes. Or lack of them. The Digested Read has not just become an institution for readers; it is read and enjoyed by publishers and authors too. So long as it is not their book being digested. A few years ago Crace wrote Brideshead Abbreviated, A Digested Read of the 20th Century. This is the 21st Century. So far.</p>
<p>The Charles Dickens Miscellany</p>	<p>Jeremy Clarke</p>	<p>Hb \$22.99</p> 	<p>Charles Dickens' life was staggeringly busy and various. This new miscellany will give readers a chance to get to know the man and his work through his work and its major themes. With carefully chosen quotations from the novels but also from his sketches and journalism, discover what Dickens had to say about the big issues like Crime, The Family, Education and Money. Meet here, too, those wonderful characters that have been handed down to us like the real figures of history - Mr Micawber, Fagin, Miss Havisham, David Copperfield and many more. What is it that made Dickens special? Concentrated in these pages is a selection of all the mad humour, passionate indignation, moral conviction, plain good sense and sheer unstoppable energy that made up one of the very greatest of English writers.</p>
<p>Complete Poems</p>	<p>Banjo Patterson</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99</p> 	<p>When a young man submitted a set of verses to the Bulletin in 1889 under the pseudonym 'The Banjo', it was the beginning of an enduring tradition. Today Banjo Paterson is still one of Australia's best-loved poets. This complete collection of his verse shows the bush balladeer at his very best with favourites such as 'A Bush Christening', 'The Man from Ironbark', 'Clancy of the Overflow' and the immortal 'The Man from Snowy River'. These well-known verses are joined here by his comic verse, his remarkable war poems, including 'We're All Australians Now', and lesser known works.</p>
<p>Poems</p>	<p>Henry Lawson</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99</p> 	<p>A stunning collection from one of Australia's favourite poets. Readers have long embraced the passionate energy of Henry Lawson's poems. This collection of 177 poems showcases the very best of Lawson - heart-rendering tales of the human condition, rousing poems of social protest, images of comic characters, and classic portraits such as Middleton's rouseabout, as well as some of Lawson's lesser-known works, including the poignant verse addressed to his lost love, Hannah Thornburn. Henry Lawson was a man burdened by poverty and deafness and haunted by the specters of alcoholism and madness. Against his tortured life, the spirit, humour and understanding evident in this collection show the breadth of Lawson's achievement and demonstrate why he has endured as one of Australia's great poets. Poems listed in chronological order, with title and first line indices.</p>
<p>Selected Poems</p>	<p>Kenneth Slessor</p>	<p>Pb \$14.99</p> 	<p>The definitive collection from Australia's pre-eminent twentieth century poet. Kenneth Slessor (1901-71) is one of Australia's finest poets and this is the definitive collection of 103 poems; all he had ever published. This is the author's selection of his work from 1919 to 1939, first published as One Hundred Poems in 1944 (with the addition of three further poems in 1957). It draws from his acclaimed books, Earth Visitors (1926), Cuckooz Contrey (1932) and Five Bells (1939). Introduced by Dennis Haskell, this selection includes Slessor's own piece about his work, 'Some Notes on the Poems'. From his historical series, 'Five Visions of Captain Cook', to his memorial to the loss of a friend, 'Five Bells', from the tragic landscape of El Alamein, made famous in 'Beach Burial', to the meditation 'Out of Time', Slessor's poetry continues to dazzle contemporary audiences.</p>

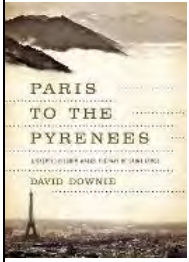
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<p>The 25 Rules of Grammar: The Essential Guide to Good English</p>	<p>Joseph Piercy</p>	<p>Hb \$24.95</p> 	<p>English grammar is often said to be over-complicated and difficult to get to grips with but the truth is that, while there are certain rules that should be obeyed, the language evolves and develops over time - and quite rightly so. In this book, Joseph Piercy outlines the 25 rules that should be adhered to in written and spoken English, defining the rules themselves and then decoding them for the layman so that he or she understands each rule and how it has been used and developed over time. In doing so, the author highlights the most common misuses - or plain errors - in the language, such as apostrophes, 'who' and 'whom', and avoiding split infinitives and double negatives, while also setting the reader on to the right path to speaking and writing in good, plain English.</p>
<p>Alphabetical: How Every Letter Tells a Story</p>	<p>Michael Rosen</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99</p> 	<p>Michael Rosen takes you on an unforgettable adventure through the history of the alphabet in twenty-six vivid chapters, fizzing with personal anecdotes and fascinating facts. Starting with the mysterious Phoenicians and how sounds first came to be written down, he races on to show how nonsense poems work, pins down the strange story of OK, traces our seven lost letters and tackles the tyranny of spelling, among many, many other things. His heroes of the alphabet range from Edward Lear to Phyllis Pearsall (the inventor of the A-Z), and from the two scribes of Beowulf to rappers. Each chapter takes on a different subject - codes, umlauts or the writing of dictionaries. Rosen's enthusiasm for letters positively leaps off the page, whether it's the story of his life told through the typewriters he's owned or a chapter on jokes written in a string of gags and word games. So if you ever wondered why Hawaiian only has a thirteen-letter alphabet or how exactly to write down the sound of a wild raspberry, read on...</p>
<p>I Never Met a Story I Didn't Like: Mostly True Tall Tales</p>	<p>Todd Snider</p>	<p>Pb \$21.99</p> 	<p>For years, Todd Snider has been one of the most beloved country-folk singers in the United States, compared to Bob Dylan, Tom Petty, John Prine, and dozens of others. He's become not only a new-century Dylan but a modern-day Will Rogers, an everyman whose intelligence, self-deprecation, experience, and sense of humor make him a uniquely American character. In live performance, Snider's monologues are cheered as much as his songs. But never before has he told the whole story. Running the gamut from personal memoir to shaggy-dog comedy to rueful memories of his troubles and triumphs with drugs and alcohol to sharp-eyed observations from years on the road, I Never Met a Story I Didn't Like is for fans of Snider's music, but also for fans of America itself: the broad, wild country that has produced figures of folk wisdom like Will Rogers, Mark Twain, Ambrose Bierce, Tonya Harding, Garrison Keillor, and more. There are storytellers and there are performers and there are stand-up comedians. And then there's Todd Snider, who is all three in one, and something else entirely.</p>
<p>Bricks and Mortals: Ten Great Buildings and the People They Made</p>	<p>Tom Wilkinson</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99</p> 	<p>We don't just look at buildings: their facades, beautiful or ugly, conceal the spaces we inhabit. We are born, work, love and die in architecture. We buy and sell it, rent it and squat in it, create and destroy it. These aspects of buildings - economic, erotic, political and psychological - are crucial if we are to understand architecture properly. And because architecture moulds us just as much as we mould it, understanding architecture helps us to understand our lives and our world. Through ten great buildings across the world Tom Wilkinson reveals the powerful and intimate relationship between society and architecture and asks: can architecture change our lives for the better?</p>
<p>Persiana: Recipes from the Middle East and Beyond</p>	<p>Sabrina Ghayour</p>	<p>Hb \$39.99</p> 	<p>Persiana: the new must have cookbook. Sabrina Ghayour's debut cookbook Persiana is an instant classic...The Golden Girl Observer Food Monthly A celebration of the food and flavours from the regions near the Southern and Eastern shores of the Mediterranean Sea, with over 100 recipes for modern and accessible Middle Eastern dishes, including Lamb & Sour Cherry Meatballs; Chicken, Preserved Lemon & Olive Tagine; Blood Orange & Radicchio Salad; Persian Flatbread; and Spiced Carrot, Pistachio & Coconut Cake with Rosewater Cream.</p>

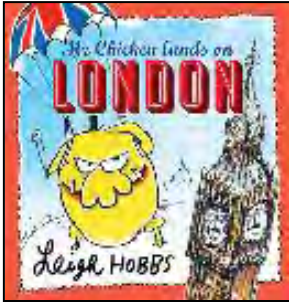
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<p>Superfoods</p>	<p>Rena Patten</p>	<p>Hb \$35.00</p> 	<p>Superfoods' are everyday foods that are considered to have an abundance of health-promoting properties. These foods have unusually high levels of antioxidants, vitamins and minerals that can help protect our bodies against illness as well as improve our wellbeing and emotional health. They include dark green or brightly coloured vegetables, oily fish and all legumes. Some of the best known include broccoli, blueberries, pomegranate seeds, apples, quinoa and chia. As many of these foods are easily available it makes sense to incorporate as many of them as possible into our diet. Rena Patten has therefore created this delicious collection of simple, tasty and visually appealing recipes to make for everyday, with each recipe featuring at least one superfood.</p>
<p>Confessions of a Qantas Flight Attendant: True Tales and Gossip from the Galley</p>	<p>Owen Beddall & Libby Harkness</p>	<p>Tp \$34.99</p> 	<p>Want to know what really goes on on an aeroplane? Let's go behind the scenes and fly high with these tall tales and gossip from the galley! Everyone wants to be a flight attendant, or at least they want to know about the cushy lifestyle they lead - flying to exotic destinations, swanning about in five-star hotels, daytime lazing around the pool and night-time tabletop dancing with Bollywood stars. At last the lid is lifted. Come on board a real airline with a real flight attendant and find out what really goes on. In Confessions of a Qantas Flight Attendant - True Tales and Gossip from the Galley, Owen Beddall dishes the dirt - he tells you the things you always wanted to know (and maybe a few things you didn't) about the glamorous world of flying. This book is packed with cabin crew adventures and misadventures in and out of that smart uniform in far flung places.</p>
<p>The Bookshop That Floated Away</p>	<p>Sarah Henshaw</p>	<p>Pb \$19.99</p> 	<p>In early 2009 a strange sort of business plan landed on the desk of a pinstriped bank manager. It had pictures of rats and moles in rowing boats and archaic quotes about Cleopatra's barge. It asked for a GBP30,000 loan to buy a black-and-cream narrowboat and a small hoard of books. The manager said no. Nevertheless The Book Barge opened six months later and enjoyed the happy patronage of local readers, a growing number of eccentrics and the odd moorhen. Business wasn't always easy, so one May morning owner Sarah Henshaw set off for six months chugging the length and breadth of the country. Books were bartered for food, accommodation, bathroom facilities and cake. During the journey, the barge suffered a flooded engine, went out to sea, got banned from Bristol and, on several occasions, floated away altogether. This account follows the ebbs and flows of Sarah's journey as she sought to make her vision of a floating bookshop a reality.</p>
<p>Indonesia Etc: Exploring the Improbable Nation</p>	<p>Elizabeth Pisani</p>	<p>Tp \$29.99</p> 	<p>One in 30 of the people on this planet is Indonesian. The 13,000 islands of their homeland, scattered along the equator, stretch the distance from London to Tehran, and the residents of the capital, Jakarta, tweet more than those of any other city on the planet. By any standard, Indonesia is a global hub, one of the most dynamic and diverse countries of the 21st century. But you don't have to look far from metropolitan Jakarta to find poverty, superstition, ancient rituals and black magic. Travelling from volcanoes and jungles to reefs and snowy peaks, investigative reporter Elizabeth Pisani sets out to capture the real Indonesia. On the way she meets the Sultan of Jogjakarta, a former presidential candidate who keeps a posse of albino dwarfs in his court, visits one of the largest red light districts in Asia, joins protesters trying to ban Lady Gaga from their homeland, and takes tea with a recently deceased grandmother. Written with Pisani's trademark wit and brio, this is an entertaining and indispensable guide to a fascinating country we can't afford not to know more about.</p>
<p>The Last Train to Zona Verde: Overland from Cape Town to Angola</p>	<p>Paul Theroux</p>	<p>Pb \$22.99</p> 	<p>Having travelled down the right-hand side of Africa in Dark Star Safari, he sets out this time from Cape Town, heading northwards in a new direction, up the left-hand side, through South Africa and Namibia, to Botswana, then on into Angola, heading for the Congo, in search of the end of the line. Journeying alone through the greenest continent in what he feels will be his last African journey, Theroux encounters a world increasingly removed from both the itineraries of tourists and the hopes of post colonial independence movements. Leaving the Cape Town townships, traversing the Namibian bush, passing the browsing cattle of the great sunbaked heartland of the savannah, Theroux crosses the Red Line into a different Africa: the improvised, slapped-together Africa of tumbled fences and cooking fires, of mud and thatch, of heat and poverty, and of roadblocks, mobs and anarchy.</p>

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<p>Paris to the Pyrenees: A Skeptic Pilgrim Walks the Way of Saint James</p>	<p>David Downie</p>	<p>Pb \$21.95</p> 	<p>Driven by curiosity, wanderlust, and health crises, David Downie and his wife set out from Paris to walk across France to the Pyrenees. Starting on the Rue Saint-Jacques and trekking 750 miles south to Roncesvalles, Spain, their eccentric route takes seventy-two days on Roman roads and pilgrimage paths a 1,100-year-old network of trails leading to the sanctuary of Saint James the Greater. For Downie, the inward journey met the outer one: a combination of self-discovery and physical regeneration. More than 200,000 pilgrims take the highly commercialized Spanish route annually, but few cross France. Downie had a goal: to go from Paris to the Pyrenees on age-old trails, making the pilgrimage in his own maverick way.</p>
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Children's Books Recommended by Lindy



Mr Chicken Lands on London by Leigh Hobbs (Hb \$24.99)

He's back! That lovable giant chicken decides he has to visit London, so after breakfast he grabs his camera and flies there for the day. After a whirlwind day full of sightseeing and the sort of chaos that follows him wherever he goes, Mr Chicken heads home tired but satisfied... As much fun as Mr Chicken Goes to Paris with the slightly crazed and anarchic style that makes Leigh Hobbs such a favourite with readers of all ages!



As Stars Fall by Christie Nieman (Pb \$18.99)

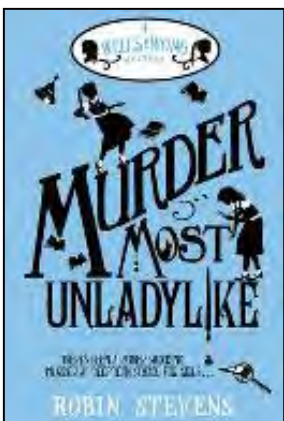
Robin has been forced to leave her beloved home in the Victorian countryside when her father decides to take off with another woman, and her teacher mother accepts a post in Melbourne. She hates the city, the school, and being the new girl. Seth is alienated and angry and spends his days in a drug-induced haze, having dropped out of school when his mother (a scientist studying bush stone-curlews) died in a bushfire. His sister Delia, highly intelligent and principled, is struggling with her nightmares and grief, but as their father is a selfish drunk stuck in his own loss, has to be the grown-up of the family. Each of these lost teenagers are drawn together, united by a misplaced stone-curlew, and eventually learn how to cope with what life has thrown at them. A strong

novel for readers 14+



Lucas and Jack by Ellie Royce & Andrew McLean (Hb \$24.99)

Every week Lucas accompanies his Mum when she visits her grandfather in a nursing home. It's boring there so Lucas doesn't go inside to see his Great Grandpop - but one day he meets Jack. Jack is another resident, but he's full of stories and even a bit of mischief. Suddenly Lucas can't wait to visit each week, as Jack tells stories and teaches Lucas that old people were once young and full of stories - and often, despite their age, still full of life. Quite a touching story, well-served by Andrew McLean's gentle illustrations. 4-6yo



Murder Most Unladylike: Wells & Wong #1 by Robin Stevens (Pb \$16.99)

Hazel Wong has been sent to an English boarding school, because her Anglophile father in Hong Kong wishes to score points against his competitors. Hazel has been determined to enjoy it, but the reality is somewhat colder and hungrier - not to mention lonelier. That is, until the most popular girl in the school, Daisy Wells decides Hazel will be her best friend (or willing slave, though in Daisy's books they are much of a muchness!) Together they start a detective agency but it's not until Hazel discovers the science mistress dead that they have something to investigate. Particularly when the body disappears before anyone else has seen it... A rather charming cross between an Enid Blyton and an Alan Bradley and a lot of fun! 12+