

## Abbey's Choice

Our pick of the new releases at Abbey's special prices

### Room

Emma Donoghue Pb ~~\$22.99~~ **\$17.99**

The highly acclaimed novel shortlisted for the 2010 *Man Booker Prize*.

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Simon Sebag Montefiore Hb ~~\$50.00~~ **\$39.95**

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### In Bligh's Hand

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Niall Ferguson Hb ~~\$49.95~~ **\$44.95**

A defining narrative of world history from the bestselling author of *The Ascent of Money*.

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### THE FORCE

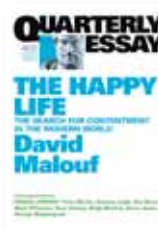
Lyn McLean  
in conversation with  
journalist Robyn Williams  
(from the *Science Show*  
on ABC Radio National)

Thursday 3 March  
6pm  
for a 6.30pm start

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### The Happy Life

The Search for  
Contentment in the  
Modern World  
Quarterly Essay #41  
David Malouf

140pp Pb \$19.95

In an age of environmental peril and in the wake of the GFC, Malouf returns to one of the most fundamental questions and gives it a modern twist: what is it to live a good life? With grace and profundity, he discusses new and old ways to talk about the self, morality and happiness. He returns to the classics, looks to Australian traditions and examines the idea of the global citizen.

## Abbey's Newsletters & e-Newsletters

From this issue, our monthly *Abbey's Advocate* and *Crime Chronicle* newsletters are merged into one. This format will be tweaked further over the coming months to ensure you keep receiving great reading ideas across all genres.

### Printed Newsletter

For anyone who likes to be mailed a printed *Advocate*, just a reminder to show or quote your Abbey's Card each time you buy to ensure you stay on our mailing list. Of course, printed copies are always available in-store.

### e-Newsletter

Our new fortnightly e-Newsletter is the best way to keep in touch with Abbey's and all the latest books, news, special offers and prize draws. It also notifies you when the latest monthly *Advocate* is available on our website. We encourage everyone – including all *Advocate* readers – to subscribe to this e-Newsletter.

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## Black Glass

Meg Mundell

288pp Tp \$32.95

Sisters Tally and Grace have always dreamed of moving to the city: a bright, glamorous world full of luck and promise. Yet neither of them expected to be living there broke, homeless and alone, which is what happens when they become separated after an accident. As undocumented people, or 'undocs', the sisters are confined to life's shady margins, where they encounter a range of memorable characters. But the city, increasingly dominated by surveillance, segregation and civil unrest, is more dangerous than they imagined. Now they must struggle just to survive, let alone find each other...



## Cloudstreet (TV Tie-in edition)

Tim Winton

576pp Pb \$26.99

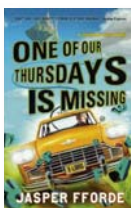
From separate catastrophes, two rural families flee to the city and find themselves sharing a great, breathing, shuddering joint called *Cloudstreet*, where they begin their lives again from scratch. For 20 years, they roister and rankle, laugh and curse, until the roof over their heads becomes a home for their hearts. Winton's funny, sprawling saga is an epic novel of love and acceptance. Winner of the *Miles Franklin Award*, this celebration of people, places and rhythms fuelled imaginations worldwide. (TV tie-in edition for the six-part mini-series starring Kerrie Fox, screening in May).

## One of Our Thursdays is Missing

Jasper Fforde

400pp Tp \$32.99

It is a time of unrest in the BookWorld. Only the diplomatic skills of ace literary detective Thursday Next can avert a devastating genre war. But a week before the peace talks, Thursday vanishes. Has she simply returned home to the RealWorld or is this something more sinister? All is not yet lost. Living at the quiet end of speculative fiction is the 'written Thursday Next', eager to prove herself worthy of her illustrious namesake. The written Thursday is soon hot on the trail of her factual alter ego, and stumbles upon a plot so fiendish that it threatens the very BookWorld itself.

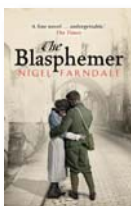


## The Blasphemer

Nigel Farndale

496pp Pb \$24.95

He had always been scared of flying. Now the fear is real. A plane crash. The water is rising over his mouth. In his nostrils. Lungs. As Daniel gasps, he swallows; and punches at his seatbelt. Nancy, the woman he loves, is trapped in her seat. He clammers over her, pushing her face into the headrest. It is a reflex, visceral action made without rational thought... But he did it. And already we have judged him from the comfort of our own lives. Almost 100 years earlier, Daniel's great-grandfather goes over the top at Passchendaele. A shell explodes and he wakes up alone and lost in the hell of no-man's-land. Where are the others? Has he been left behind? And if he doesn't find his unit, is he a deserter? Love; cowardice; trust; forgiveness. How will any of us behave when we are pushed to extremes?



## The Oracle of Stamboul

Michael David Lukas

320pp Tp \$32.99

A magical historical novel about an astonishing eight-year-old girl in the last days of the Ottoman Empire. It is 1877, on the shores of the Black Sea, and the omens for the newborn Eleonora Cohen are hardly promising. Not only does her mother die in childbirth, but her village is being attacked by the Tsar's Royal Cavalry. However, despite this bad beginning, a sour stepmother and a traumatic journey in the hold of a ship, she grows into a remarkably clever and engaging child. But when a heartbreaking tragedy leaves her marooned in Istanbul, where spies and sudden death are as much a part of life as delicious spices and rosewater, it is her extraordinary courage and character which lead her straight to the Sultan's court, and to her salvation.



## To Algeria, With Love

Suzanne Ruta

288pp Tp \$29.99

Louise, an American innocent, takes up a scholarship in the south of France in winter 1961 and promptly falls for Wally, a gregarious Algerian worker in flight from brutal colonial war. He teaches her about life and love in a chilly furnished room, against a background of French pop music that makes it all seem easy. But families and history reassert their claim and the inevitable separation leaves lasting wounds. 40 years later, finally old enough to understand how young she was back then, Louise enlists the help of another Algerian exile in an attempt to make amends.



## Farundell

L R Fredericks

416pp Tp \$32.99

In the golden summer of 1924, Paul Asher, still shattered by the trauma of the Western Front, comes to Farundell, an idyllic country house set deep in the Oxfordshire countryside. He falls under the spell of the rich and eccentric Damory family: the celebrated Amazon explorer Perceval; Lord Damory, now blind and dying, whose story echoes Paul's own strange dreams; brilliant 13-year-old Alice, on the cusp of adulthood and, like Paul, a seeker of knowledge; and, most fatefully, the wild and beautiful Sylvie, with whom he falls passionately in love. Before summer's end, there will be tragedy, comedy, resolution and, for Paul, a revelation that will change his life forever.

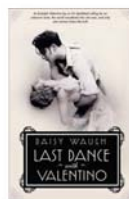


## Last Dance with Valentino

Daisy Waugh

400pp Tp \$32.99

August 1916, leaving war-ravaged London, Jenny Doyle sets sail for America. As she draws near the soaring skyscrapers of New York, her dreams are dashed when she learns she is to be sent to work for the wealthy de Saulles family. Known as 'the Box', their home is Gatsby-like in elegance, yet rife with undertones of malice and madness. Only her friendship with dancer Rodolfo offers her a chance to escape... August 1926, as Rudolph Valentino fights for his life, barricades keep the swarming fans at bay. Adored by millions of women, but loved by only one... Will she be able to reach him in time?



## The Weird Sisters

Eleanor Brown

368pp Pb \$27.99

The Andreas family is an eccentric one. Their father - a renowned, eccentric professor of Shakespeare who communicates almost exclusively in Shakespearean verse - named all three girls for great Shakespearean women - Rose (Rosalind), Bean (Bianca) and Cordy (Cordelia). As a result, the girls find they have a lot to live up to. With this burden, as well as others they shoulder, they have a difficult time communicating with both their parents and their lovers, but especially with each other. Why can't Rose leave her home town for the man she loves? Why has glamorous Bean come home from New York City with her tail between her legs to the small college town she swore she'd leave as soon as she could? And why suddenly has Cordy resurfaced after years of gypsy living? Each sister has found her life nothing like she had thought it would be - and suddenly faced with their parents' frailty and their own disappointments and setbacks, their usual quick salve of a book can't solve what ails them. As it turns out, the small town of Barnwell and their sisterly bond offer much more than they ever expected.



## A Discovery of Witches

Deborah Harkness

608pp Tp \$29.99

When historian Diana Bishop opens an alchemical manuscript in the Bodleian Library, it's an unwelcome intrusion of magic into her carefully ordered life. Though she is a witch of impeccable lineage, the violent death of her parents while she was still a child convinced her that human fear is more potent than any witchcraft. Now she has unwittingly exposed herself to a world she's kept at bay for years; one of powerful witches, creative, destructive daemons and long-lived vampires. Sensing the significance of her discovery, the creatures gather in Oxford, among them the enigmatic Matthew Clairmont, a vampire geneticist. Diana is inexplicably drawn to him and, in a shadowy world of half-truths and old enmities, ties herself to him without fully understanding the ancient line they are crossing. As they begin to unlock the secrets of the manuscript and their feelings for each other deepen, so the fragile balance of peace unravels...



## The Postmistress

Sarah Blake

336pp Pb \$24.95

It is 1940 and bombs fall nightly on London. In the thick of the chaos is young American radio reporter Frankie Bard. She huddles close to terrified strangers in underground shelters, and later broadcasts stories about survivors in rubble-strewn streets. But for her listeners, the war is far from home. Listening to Frankie are Iris James, a Cape Cod postmistress, and Emma Fitch, a doctor's wife. Iris hears the winds stirring and knows that soon the letters she delivers will bear messages of hope or tragedy. Emma is desperate for news of London, where her husband is working - she counts the days until his return. But one night in London the fates of all three women entwine when Frankie finds a letter which she vows to deliver...



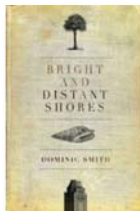


## Bright and Distant Shores

Dominic Smith

512pp Tp \$29.99

They were showing the savages on the rooftop - that was the word at the kerbstone. Set amid the skyscrapers of 1890s Chicago and the far-flung islands of the South Pacific, this is both a sweeping epic and a triumph of lyrical storytelling. Chicago First Equitable has won the race to construct the world's tallest building and its president, Hale Gray, hits upon a sure-fire way to make it an enduring landmark: to establish on the roof an exhibition of real-life 'savages'. He sponsors a South Seas voyage to collect not only weaponry and artefacts, but also "several natives related by blood" for the company's rooftop spectacle. Caught up in this scheme are two orphans: Owen Graves, the voyage's head trader from Chicago's South Side, and Argus Niu, a mission houseboy in Melanesia - two young men haunted by their pasts. A remarkable love story and a breathtaking adventure chronicling the clash of the tribal and the civilised at a pivotal moment in history.



## The Harlot's Press

Helen Pike 352pp Pb \$29.99

Set during the reign of George IV in the tumultuous summer of 1820, this is the story of Nell Wingfield, a gutsy 17-year-old print-maker of satirical political pamphlets. Her mother is dead, her 'blackamoor' stepfather - a liberated slave from Jamaica who officially runs the print shop, but whose real vocation is that of God-botherer and rebel - has just been released from jail, and her brother Tom is about to be hanged for treason. Nell has recently returned after a six-month absence that she would rather not explain. Distraught after her mother's death and more than a little naive, she was duped into working at one of the 'Houses of the Quality', where she found herself turning tricks with men at the heart of the English establishment. When one of them, a key protagonist in the plot to keep Caroline of Brunswick from the throne, is murdered in his bed, it is time for her to flee. Royalty and the rabble become thrillingly entangled as Nell battles to stay alive.



## Left Neglected

Lisa Genova

416pp Tp \$32.99

One typical morning, Sarah Nickerson, a woman in her mid-30s, is late for work, racing in her car after dropping her kids off at school and day care. She tries to phone in to a meeting she should already be at when she takes her eye off the road for a second too long. In that blink of an eye, all the rapidly moving parts of her over-scheduled life come to a screeching halt. She suffers a traumatic head injury. Her memory and intellect are intact, but she has lost all interest in, and the ability to perceive, information coming from the left side of space. The left side of her world has gone. She only eats the food from the right side of her plate. She can't see her watch, or her engagement diamond or her wedding ring. She tries to use a wheelchair, but can only spin in circles as her left arm dangles by her side.



## The Long Song

Andrea Levy

432pp Pb \$22.99

"You do not know me yet. My son Thomas, who is publishing this book, tells me it is customary at this place in a novel to give the reader a little taste of the story that is held within these pages. As your storyteller, I am to convey that this tale is set in Jamaica during the last turbulent years of slavery and the early years of freedom that followed. July is a slave girl who lives upon a sugar plantation named Amity and it is her life that is the subject of this tale. She was there when the Baptist War raged in 1831, and she was also present when slavery was declared no more. My son says I must convey how the story tells also of July's mama Kitty, of the negroes that worked the plantation land, of Caroline Mortimer, the white woman who owned the plantation, and many more persons besides - far too many for me to list here. But what befalls them all is carefully chronicled upon these pages for you to peruse." Longlisted for the 2010 Orange Prize and shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize, this is a breathtaking, hauntingly beautiful novel.



## Flock

Lyn Hughes

364pp Tp \$32.99

Sydney, 1950. Following a chance encounter at Central Station, Francis Sprigge and Lilian Powys, two strangers escaping their past, fall in love and move to the Blue Mountains to follow their dream of a creative life. But as Francis immerses himself in his newfound passion for designing exquisite wallpaper, Lilian finds that the life she has always craved is inexplicably beyond her reach, despite her loving husband and their young daughter Addie. However hard she tries to come to terms with the past, she ends up with more questions than answers, and cracks begin to appear in the family's harmonious veneer, with startling repercussions. Nearly 30 years later, Addie returns to the Blue Mountains to lead a small group of conservators in the restoration of a historic house to its 19th century glory. But as they peel back the layers of wallpaper and begin to uncover the secrets of the house, all four find the past resurfacing in unexpected ways.

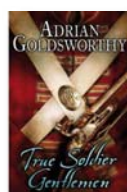


## True Soldier Gentlemen

Adrian Goldsworthy

400pp Tp \$32.99

The year is 1808, and Hamish Williams is a 'gentlemen volunteer' in the 106th regiment of foot, a man serving with the ranks, but living with the officers, and uncomfortable in both worlds: looked down on by those with the money or influence to buy their rank, and distrusted by the common soldiers who know he is not one of them. But he is determined to prove by deeds alone that he is a man worthy of advancement, and when the 106th embarks for Portugal to begin what will become known as the Peninsula War against Napoleon, he knows his chance of glory is at hand. Soon he is receiving a sharp lesson in the realities of war, as the 106th undergoes a bloody baptism at the hands of the French - and he realises his single-minded devotion to honour may not, after all, be the quickest route to promotion.



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## 30-Second Theories

Paul Parsons (Ed)

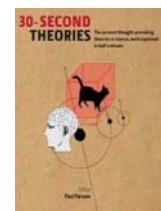
## 30-Second Philosophies

Barry Loewer (Ed)

## 30-Second Economics

Donald Marron (Ed) 160pp Hb \$19.99

This new series explains the 50 most thought-provoking ideas of each discipline in a concise and precise manner. Illustrated in a retro-graphic style, the contents are arranged in sections with glossaries and profiles of important thinkers. Each 30-second summation comes with a 3-second 'thrash' and a 3-minute thought and pointers to related subjects. Excellent introductions to big ideas, with well-regarded contributors. Pitched to older readers, but suitable for anyone with an interest in the topics.

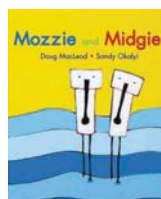


## Mozzie and Midgie

Doug Macleod & Sandi Okalyi

32pp Hb \$24.95

Mozzie and Midgie are two spoonbills, and happy enough until a brightly coloured and boastful parrot points out they are plain black and white birds with nothing special about them. Mozzie, who is three minutes older than Midgie, suggests a number of ways to beautify themselves. He is very inventive, but his younger and more sensible sibling keeps bringing him back to earth. A charming and warm-hearted story about looking for your strengths and appreciating what you already have, illustrated predominantly in primary colours and fairly simple shapes used inventively. Pre-schoolers



## 21st Century Art for Kids

Queensland Art Gallery 176pp Hb \$35

16 contemporary artists were asked about themselves and how they got started in their creativity. They tell a little about themselves, when they first became interested, what they liked doing as children, why they are artists, what they do and what's next. Each artist then suggests an activity with easily understood instructions. Colourfully put together, this book will inspire the budding artist. Ages 4+

## Encyclopedia Mythologica

### Dragons and Monsters

Robert Sabuda & Matthew Reinhart

Hb \$39.95

This is the latest in the amazing series by the master paper engineers, and perhaps the most wonderful of all! There are krakens, dragons from East and West, werewolves and vampires. 'Pop-up' doesn't even begin to describe the intricacies of this book, with its fold-outs and concealed cut-outs, and surprises within surprises. Not the sort of book you give to toddlers, but one older booklovers will appreciate!

## Yellowcake

Argo Lanagan

252pp Pb \$19.99

A new collection of 10 short stories from one of our most imaginative writers, this will not disappoint her many fans. Some of the stories are reimaginings of traditional fairy stories, with her usual inventive twists. There are weird and unbelievable beasts, people in odd circumstances, and strange moments of glory. Always thought-provoking, sometimes unsettling, but well worth the reading! Ages 14+





## Starman

David Bowie

The Definitive Biography

Paul Trynka 448pp Tp \$35.00

David Bowie - famously described as "rock's greatest chameleon" - has lived an extraordinary life.

From his early years in post-war, bombed-out Brixton to a troubled later childhood in Bromley to the decadent glamour of Ziggy Stardust to his controversial Berlin period, his life has been filled with drama. Trynka interviewed over 200 friends, ex-lovers and fellow musicians to write this fascinating biography.

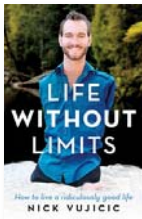


## Life Without Limits

How to Live a Ridiculously Good Life

Nick Vujicic 256pp Tp \$24.99

The life story of the amazingly gutsy Nick Vujicic, who despite being born without arms or legs, has an unbelievably infectious zest for life and now travels the world as a highly successful motivational speaker. Packed full of wisdom, testimonials of his faith and humour, he tells of life in his 'Chesty Bond' body, his visit to Africa at the age of 20 where he gave away \$20,000 of his life savings to the poor, and raised another \$20,000 for them on the side, and how he learned to surf, skateboard, dive and more. Noting that "perfection isn't always perfect" and that "brokenness can be a good thing", he shows how he learned to accept what he could not control and focus instead on what he could. He encourages everyone to find their life's purpose and, whatever their obstacles, go for it.



## Zeitoun

Dave Eggers

368pp Pb \$24.95

In August 2005, as Hurricane Katrina blew in, the city of New Orleans had been abandoned by most citizens. Abdulrahman Zeitoun's wife and family had gone, but he refused to leave. For days he traversed an apocalyptic landscape of flooded streets by canoe. He protected neighbours' properties, fed trapped dogs and rescued survivors. But eventually he came to the attention of those 'guarding' this drowned city. Only then did his nightmare really begin. Winner of the *American Book Award* and the *LA Times Book Award*.



## Henry's Demons

Living with Schizophrenia: A Father and Son's Story

Patrick & Henry Cockburn 256pp Tp \$35.00

On a cold February day two months after his 20th birthday, Henry Cockburn waded into the Newhaven estuary outside Brighton and tried to swim across, almost drowning in the process. The trees, he said, had told him to do it. Nearly halfway around the world, in Kabul, Afghanistan, journalist Patrick Cockburn learned that Henry, his son, had been admitted to a hospital mental ward and appeared to be suffering a mental breakdown. An achingly honest, harrowing and resonant dual memoir about Henry's sudden descent into schizophrenia.



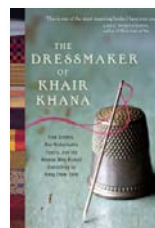
## The Dressmaker of Khair Khana

Five Sisters, One Remarkable Family and the Woman Who Risked Everything to Keep Them Safe

Gayle Tzemach Lemmon 288pp

Tp \$32.99

When the Taliban took control of Kabul, Kamila Sediqi and all the women of Kabul saw their lives transformed. Overnight, they were banned from schools and offices and even forbidden from leaving their homes on their own. The economy collapsed and young men left the city in search of work and security. Desperate to help her family and support her five brothers and sisters at home, Kamila began sewing clothes in her living room. Little did she know that this would be the beginning of a dressmaking business that would create jobs and hope for 100 neighbourhood women and would come to mean the difference between starvation and survival for hundreds of families like her own.



## A Widow's Story

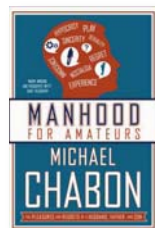
Joyce Carol Oates 450pp Tp \$35.00

"My husband died, my life collapsed." One February morning in 2008, Joyce drove her ailing husband to the emergency room of the Princeton Medical Centre, where he was diagnosed with pneumonia. She expected him to be discharged within a day or two. But in less than a week he was dead, having acquired a virulent infection in hospital, and she was suddenly faced with the reality of widowhood. She shares the derangement of denial, the anguish of loss, the disorientation of the survivor amid a nightmare of death duties, and the solace of friendship. She writes unflinchingly of the experience of grief - the almost unbearable suspense of the hospital vigil, the treacherous pools of memory that surround us, the vocabulary of illness and the absurdities of commercialised forms of mourning. Enlivened by the piercing vision, acute perception and mordant humour that are the hallmarks of her fiction, this is an extremely moving tale of life and death, love and grief.

## Manhood for Amateurs

Michael Chabon 320pp Pb \$24.99

*Pulitzer Prize*-winning author of *The Amazing Adventures of Kavalier and Clay* (Pb \$24.99) offers his first major work of non-fiction, an autobiographical narrative as inventive and powerful as his novels. In these insightful, provocative, slyly interlinked essays, he presents his autobiography and vision of life in the way so many of us experience our own: as a series of reflections, regrets and re-examinations, each sparked by a present encounter, that holds some legacy of the past. What does it mean to be a man today? As a son, a husband and above all as a father of four young children, his memories of childhood, of his parents' marriage and divorce, of moments of painful adolescent comedy and giddy encounters with the popular art and literature of his own youth, are like a theme played - on different instruments, with a fresh tempo and in a new key - by the mad quartet of which he now finds himself co-conductor.

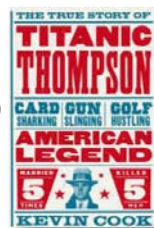


## The True Story of Titanic Thompson

Kevin Cook

256pp Tp \$34.99

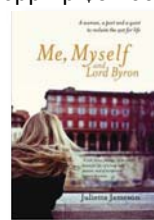
This is a rollicking biography of one of the most charismatic characters in 20th century America. Like Howard Hughes or Bonnie and Clyde, Alvin 'Titanic' Thompson was one of the great figures of this freewheeling era. Yet hardly anyone knows Titanic's name today. This was a man who travelled with only his golf clubs, a .45 revolver and a suitcase full of cash; he married five girls, the oldest just 18 on her wedding day. He murdered five men, though he'd say "they'd all agree they had it coming to them"; won and lost millions - when a pro golfer would earn \$10,000 a year, he was playing single holes for \$20,000. Filled with fascinating facts and famous faces, this is a brilliant snapshot of life on the road in 20th century America.



## Me, Myself and Lord Byron

Julietta Jameson 256pp Tp \$34.99

Byron was a poet who lived life writ large. Smart, funny, good-looking, troubled, sexually ambiguous, he left for Europe in self-imposed exile in 1822 and was never to return. But rather than running away, he stood defiant and found himself a new identity. So when journalist Julietta Jameson came to a crossroads, she looked to the poet she'd admired since childhood and decided on her own travels to Europe, in Byron's footsteps. She knew she was sending herself on her own passage of exile, one that would allow her to cut ties with the elements of her life that no longer served her. She embarks on a journey through the life of the infamous Lord Byron; and simultaneously through her own life - tainted by a troubled upbringing, a swathe of failed relationships and an unhealthy love of alcohol. In the tradition of *Eat, Pray, Love* (Pb \$24.95), we follow her through Italy and Greece to find out what life really is about.

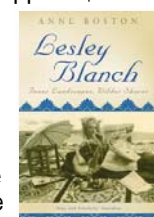


## Lesley Blanch

Inner Landscapes, Wilder Shores

Anne Boston 384pp Pb \$27.99

Blanch - writer, artist and adventurer - followed her own compass in everything she did. She called herself a romantic traveller and her appetite for the exotic colours all her books. The first, *The Wilder Shores of Love* (Pb \$27.99), became a worldwide bestseller. Emotions, she insisted, can be transposed to places or countries, and in this, she was her own best example. Her guiding passion for Russia began in childhood; later she found the 'eternal Slav' in Romain Gary, diplomat and writer, and with him embarked on a series of postings from Bulgaria to Los Angeles. After their divorce, she transferred her obsession to Turkey, Persia and the Islamic East, where she travelled widely, with tremendous baggage. She eventually settled on the Cote d'Azur in a small pink villa dressed as exotically as herself. Boston draws on publishers' archives, unpublished journals and conversations with those who knew her to piece together the portrait of an escapist for whom character plus opportunity equalled fortune.







## Gladiator

**The Roman Fighter's (Unofficial) Manual**  
Philip Matyszak

208pp Hb \$35.00

Experience firsthand the spectacular, brutal life and savage death of the most iconic figure of ancient Rome. This manual takes the reader from the first faltering steps over the threshold of gladiator school, through training to become a man of the sword. Find out how to get thousands to idolise you as the strongest, meanest fighter in the Roman empire. Learn why you should become a gladiator, how to join the profession, who will try to kill you (and with what), which arena of the empire is right for you, when and how often you will fight, and what happens before, during and after the bout.

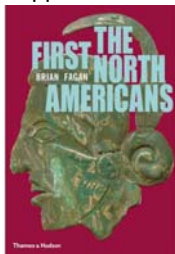


## The First North Americans

Brian Fagan

272pp Hb \$49.95

Here is a lavishly illustrated history of North America from first settlement around 15,000 years ago to the arrival of Europeans in the 15th century AD. The story is based mainly on archaeology, but also on cutting-edge research in many scientific disciplines, from biology and climatology to ethno-history and high-tech chemistry and physics. A succinct, authoritative summary by a master storyteller and prolific archaeological writer.



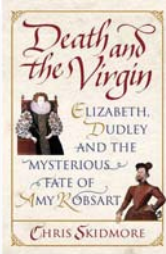
## Death and the Virgin

**Elizabeth, Dudley and the Mysterious Fate of Amy Robsart**

Chris Skidmore

456pp Pb \$24.99

Elizabeth came to the throne in 1558 a 25-year-old virgin - the most prized catch in Christendom. For the first 10 years of her reign, one matter dominated above all others: the question of who the queen was to marry and when she would produce an heir. Elizabeth's life as England's Virgin Queen is one of the most celebrated in history. Skidmore takes a fresh look at the familiar story of a queen with the stomach of a man, steadfastly refusing to marry for the sake of her realm, and reveals a very different picture: of a vulnerable young woman, in love with her suitor, Robert Dudley. Had it not been for the mysterious and untimely death of Dudley's wife, Amy Robsart, Elizabeth might have one day been able to marry him, since Amy was believed to be dying of breast cancer. Instead, the suspicious circumstances surrounding Amy's death cast a long shadow over Elizabeth's life, preventing any hope of a union with Dudley and ultimately shaping the course of Tudor history. Using newly discovered evidence from the archives, this book puts an end to centuries of speculation as to the true causes of Amy's death.



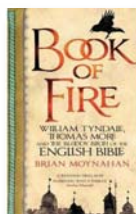
## Book of Fire

**William Tyndale, Thomas More and the Bloody Birth of the English Bible**

Brian Moynahan

448pp Tp \$35.00

The great echoing phrases of the King James Bible that have boomed through the English-speaking mind for 400 years (an eye for an eye; eat, drink and be merry; man shall not live by bread alone; death, where is thy sting?) are largely the work of a man whose genius for words matches Shakespeare. But William Tyndale, the young Gloucestershire tutor who wrote them, paid for them with his life. He was persecuted, exiled and eventually burned at the stake. This is the thrilling, moving story of the man who first translated the word of God into the English vernacular. Tyndale did so in defiance of church and state, hunted by the implacable enmity and the agents of the sainted Thomas More. He was finally betrayed, but by then his courage and poetic instinct had provided the backbone of the single most significant work in the English language.

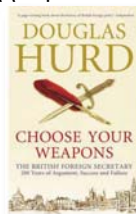


## Choose Your Weapons

Douglas Hurd

448pp Tp \$35.00

When writing his magnificent life of Robert Peel (Pb \$39.99), Hurd found himself caught up again in a debate that has always fascinated him - the argument between the liberal interventionist, or the more conservative diplomatic approach to cooperation between nations. He begins with the dramatic antagonism after Waterloo between Canning (liberal, populist, interventionist) and Castlereagh (institutions, compromise, real politics) - the last occasion on which ministerial colleagues fought a duel. A generation later comes Palmerston vs Aberdeen, from which Palmerston, the noisy interventionist, emerged the victor. Finally Eden and Bevin, from wholly different backgrounds, combined with the Americans to create a post-war compromise, which served its purpose for half a century, but is coming apart today as the old questions resurface in new and savage forms in an era of terrorism and racial conflict.

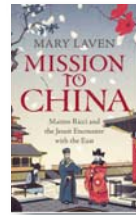


## Mission to China

**Matteo Ricci and the Jesuit Encounter with the East**

Mary Laven 304pp Hb \$39.99

In the 16th century, the vast and sophisticated empire of China lay almost entirely unknown to Western travellers. As global trade expanded, this land of reputedly boundless wealth and indecipherable tongues began to feed the fantasies of European merchants and adventurers. The Catholic Church, meanwhile, saw in this great people millions of souls who would be damned unless the Christian message could be brought to them. Laven tells the extraordinary story of the first Jesuit mission to China. Confronting enormous challenges, the Italian priest Matteo Ricci and a tiny handful of learned companions gained permission from the notoriously xenophobic Wanli emperor to settle in the fabled Forbidden City. Living among eunuchs and mandarins, wearing the clothes of Confucian scholars, Ricci and his associates strove to master the language and culture of their hosts. At the same time, they energetically preached the virtues of Western art and science.



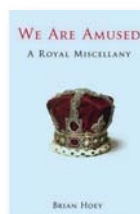
## We Are Amused

**A Royal Miscellany**

Brian Hoey

256pp Hb \$34.99

They're not like us, the Royal Family. Or are they? We simply don't know and we're all intrigued to find out. True or false - the Queen Mother gave her clothes to charity? Hundreds of people send Her Majesty boxes of chocolates on her birthday, but what happens to them? Where are the best places to go to see the Royal Family? Does the Queen hold a driver's licence and did she pass a test? What are the correct days and hours when it is permitted to fly a flag above Buckingham Palace? Including fascinating facts on Abdication, Equerries, Fashion, Insignia, the Jewel House, Kensington Palace, Liveries, Maids of Honour, the Queen's Piper, Racing, Queen Victoria and Zara Phillips, this is an unbeatable little guide to the Monarchy.



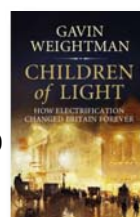
## Children of Light

**How Electrification Changed Britain Forever**

Gavin Weightman

352pp Hb \$55.00

In the early 1870s, a night-time view over Britain would have revealed towns lit by the warm glow of gas and oil lamps and a much darker countryside, the only light emanating from the fiery sparks of late-running steam trains. However, by the end of that decade, Victorian Britons would experience a new brilliance in their streets, town halls and other public places. Electricity had come to town! Weightman brings to life not just the most celebrated electrical pioneers, such as Thomas Edison, but also the men such as Rookes Crompton, who lit Henley Regatta in 1879; Sebastian Ziani de Ferranti, a direct descendant of one of the Venetian Doges, who built Britain's first major power station on the Thames at Deptford; and Anglo-Irish aristocrat Charles Parsons, inventor of the steam turbine, which revolutionised the generation of electricity. This book takes in the electrification of the tramways and the London Underground, the transformation of the home with 'labour saving' devices and the vital modernising of industry during two world wars.



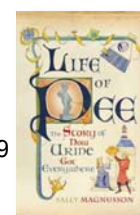
## Life of Pee

**The Story of How Urine Got Everywhere**

Sally Magnusson

208pp Hb \$29.99

Alchemists sought gold in it. David Bowie refrigerated it to ward off evil. In the trenches of Ypres, soldiers used it as a gas mask, whereas modern-day terrorists add it to home-made explosives. All the Fullers, Tuckers and Walkers in the phonebook owe their names to it. And in 1969, four bags of it were left on the surface of the moon. Bought and sold, traded and transported, even carried to work in jugs, urine has made bread rise and beer foam, and given us gunpowder, stained glass, Robin Hood's tights and Vermeer's *Girl With a Pearl Earring*. And we do produce an awful lot of it. Humans alone make almost enough to replace the entire contents of Loch Lomond every year. Add the incalculable volume contributed by the rest of the animal kingdom and it might soon displace a small ocean. No wonder it gets everywhere. Magnusson unveils the secret history of civilisation's most unsavoury and unsung hero, and discovers how our urine footprint is just as indelible as our carbon one.





## Fire and Song

**The Salvation of  
Luis De Carvajal and the  
Mexican Inquisition**

Anna Lanyon

384pp Pb \$29.99

It is 1596 and in Mexico the Inquisition is at its most efficient. A young man trembles in his cell as he prays for salvation, torn between the Christianity he was schooled in and his ancestral faith. What heresies will the Holy Office uncover? Can he protect his mother and sisters? He is Luis de Carvajal. His forbears had fled the Inquisition in Spain to Portugal and from there to the New World. But the lives they try to rebuild as conversos in Mexico are just as perilous, for the Inquisition is determined to root out heretics throughout its realms. His quest for true faith unfolds a tense and moving narrative as he and his family's spirit and ingenuity are tested again and again.



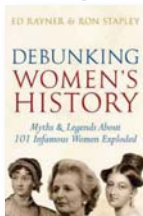
## Debunking Women's History

**Myths & Legends About  
101 Infamous Women  
Exploded**

Ed Rayner & Ron Stapley

384pp Hb \$39.95

History is not something that counts to men's credit alone, though they have often claimed it as their exclusive achievement. Women of all stations and in all walks of life have made their contribution to human history, whether queens or rulers, scientists or doctors, entertainers or artists, radicals or conservatives, or wives and mothers. Where myths or legends or simple forgetfulness have obscured the value of women's contributions to government, scientific research, artistic achievement, pioneering progress or radical reform, this book seeks to remedy the defect and restore women to their rightful importance.



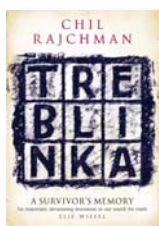
## Treblinka

**A Survivor's Memory**

Chil Rajchman

224pp Tp \$34.99

Rajchman, a Polish Jew, was arrested with his younger sister in 1942 and sent to Treblinka, a death camp where more than 750,000 were murdered before it was abandoned by German soldiers. His sister was sent to the gas chambers, but he escaped execution, working for 10 months under incessant threats and beatings as a barber, clothes-sorter, corpse-carrier and puller-of-teeth from those same bodies. In August 1943, there was an uprising at the camp and he was among the handful of men who escaped. In 1945, he set down this account - a plain, unembellished and exact record of the raw horror and unspeakable cruelty he witnessed every day. This unique testimony, which remained in the sole possession of his family ever since, has never before been published in English.



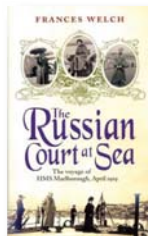
## The Russian Court at Sea

**The Voyage of HMS  
Marlborough, April 1919**

Frances Welch

244pp Hb \$35.00

On 11 April 1919, less than a year after the assassination of the Romanovs, the British battleship *HMS Marlborough* left Yalta carrying 20 members of the Russian Imperial Family into perpetual exile. They included the Tsar's mother, the Dowager Empress Marie; his sister, the Grand Duchess Xenia; Prince Felix Youssupov, the murderer of Rasputin and a man once mooted as a future leader of Russia; and Grand Duke Nicholas, once Commander-in-Chief of the Russian Armies. As the ship prepared to set sail, a British sloop carrying 400 White Russian soldiers drew up alongside. The soldiers stood on deck and sang the Russian National Anthem. It was the last time the anthem was ever sung to members of the Imperial Family in Russian territory. The Dowager Empress stood on deck alone. According to the *HMS Marlborough's* First Lieutenant, nobody dared to approach her. Welch vividly recreates this unlikely voyage, with its bizarre assortment of warring characters and its priceless cargo of treasures, including rolled-up Rembrandts and Faberge eggs - for they were a family riven with hostility and mutual resentment.



## The Resurrection of the Romanovs

**Anastasia, Anna  
Anderson, and the  
World's Greatest  
Royal Mystery**

Greg King & Penny

Wilson 432pp Hb \$44.95

The passage of more than 90 years and the publication of hundreds of books in dozens of languages has not extinguished an enduring interest in the mysteries surrounding the 1918 execution of the last Russian Tsar Nicholas II and his family. The authors of *The Fate of the Romanovs* (Pb \$27.95) draw on a wealth of new information to probe the most enduring Romanov mystery of all: the fate of the Tsar's youngest daughter, Anastasia, whose remains were not buried with those of her family, and her identification with Anna Anderson, the woman who claimed to be the missing Grand Duchess. They refute long-accepted evidence in the Anderson case to finally explode the greatest royal mystery of the 20th century.



## Mapping the World

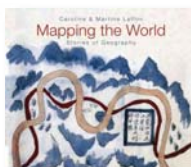
**Stories of Geography**

Caroline &

Martine Laffon

189pp Pb \$34.99

By patiently creating maps, globes, charts and atlases, humans have sought to understand the universe and our place in it. This book explores many rare and fascinating mapping artefacts, beginning with the first crude drawings and progressing to the stunning satellite views of today. Colour reproductions of beautiful maps and charts include: a Chinese map dated to 1229 that shows the city's bridges, pagodas and gardens; a French 15th century interpretation of the four corners of the Earth; a painted silk map of the universe dating from the 1830s; a modern inverse world map from Australia's perspective; and the cosmos as imagined in 1750.



## Batavia

Peter FitzSimons Hb \$49.95

In 1629, the pride of the Dutch East India Company, the *Batavia*, is on its maiden voyage from Amsterdam to the Dutch East Indies, laden with the greatest treasure to leave Holland. The magnificent ship is boiling over with a mutinous plot that is ready to break into the open when, just off the coast of Western Australia, it strikes an unseen reef in the middle of the night. While Commandeur Francisco Pelsaert decides to take the long-boat across 2,000 miles of open sea for help, his second-in-command Jeronimus Cornelisz takes over, quickly deciding that 250 people on a small island is unwieldy for the small number of supplies they have. Quietly, he puts forward a plan to 40-odd mutineers how they could save themselves, kill most of the rest and spare only a half-dozen or so women, including his personal fancy, Lucretia Jansz - one of the noted beauties of Holland - to service their sexual needs. A reign of terror begins, countered only by the previously anonymous soldier Wiebbe Hayes, who begins to gather those who are prepared to do what it takes to survive... hoping against hope that the Commandeur will soon return with the rescue yacht.



## Speech Matters

**Getting Free Speech Right**

Katharine Gelber

224pp Tp \$34.95

Why are Australians getting free speech wrong? Australia is the land of the 'fair go'. But does this extend to giving everyone the right to speak freely about politics? While most Australians take this vital freedom for granted, Gelber shows why many of Australia's laws and policies are actually damaging our democratic ideals. A council officer shuts down a Sydney art exhibition that challenges the basis for the Iraq war; Big Day Out organisers are attacked for asking attendees not to wear the Australian flag after the Cronulla riots. This book investigates a wide range of political expression to discover what value Australians place on free speech: from the national flag, hate speech and anti-terrorism laws to campaigns against corporate actions and provocative art.

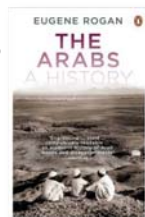


## The Arabs

Eugene Rogan

704pp Pb \$26.95

Starting with the Ottoman conquests in the 16th century, this landmark book follows the story of the Arabs through the era of European imperialism and the Superpower rivalries of the Cold War, to the present age of unipolar American power. Drawing on the writings and eyewitness accounts of those who lived through the tumultuous years of Arab history, it balances different voices - politicians, intellectuals, students, poets and novelists, famous and infamous - to give a rich, complex sense of life over nearly five centuries. Charting the evolution of Arab identity from Ottomanism to Arabism to Islamism, this book covers themes including the conflict between national independence and foreign domination, the Arab-Israeli struggle and the peace process, Abdel Nasser and the rise of Arab Nationalism, the political and economic power of oil, and the conflict between secular and Islamic values.





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## CRIME SCENE BIG GUNS

### Harlan Coben Caught

17-year-old Haley McWaid never gave her parents a moment's worry... until she goes missing. Three months quickly pass without a word, and everyone assumes the worst. Wendy Tynes is a reporter on a mission: to

identify and bring down sexual predators via televised sting operations. Her latest target is Dan Mercer, a social worker known as a friend to troubled teens. But his story soon becomes more complicated than Wendy could have imagined... (American, Journalistic)



400pp Pb \$22.99

### Mari Jungstedt The Killer's Art

*Chief Inspector Anders Knutas #4.* The naked body of art dealer Egon Wallin is found in the picturesque port town of Visby. As Inspector Knutas begins his investigation, Wallin's secrets come to the surface. He died on the eve of leaving his wife, so is his death a spurned lover's revenge? As the police piece together the clues, one scandal is followed by another and Knutas will discover that beneath the high-society world of art collecting, there are secrets worth killing for... (Swedish, Police Procedural)

432pp Pb \$24.95

### Alexander McCall Smith

#### The Saturday Big Tent Wedding Party

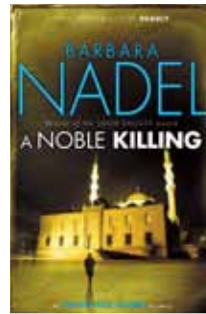
*No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency #12.* As the countdown to Mma Makutsi's wedding begins, apprentice mechanic Charlie seems to be avoiding certain important responsibilities. And as Mma Makutsi's big day approaches, her nemesis Violet Sepotho casts her net wider: by standing for election, possibly spelling trouble for the entire nation! But as friends and family gather under starry African night skies, it turns out that even the most perplexing of apparitions may yield to rational explanation. (Scottish, Private Eye)



256pp Hb \$34.99

### Barbara Nadel A Noble Killing

*Ikmen #13.* In Turkey, the police are called to the scene of what seems to be the honour killing of a young girl. Further investigations by Inspectors Cetin Ikmen and Mehmet Suleyman reveal the girl had a secret boyfriend who has now disappeared. He and the girl's family are prime suspects, even though forensic evidence is scant. And Mehmet Suleyman is on the verge of making a mistake that could ruin his career... (English, Police Procedural)



384pp Tp \$32.99

### Don Winslow Satori

Japan, 1951. Nicholai Hel has spent three years in solitary confinement for the murder of his mentor. A formidable assassin as well as a master of hoda korosu, or 'naked kill', he has developed a keen awareness of the presence of danger. Suddenly offered the chance of freedom, he must go to Beijing and kill the Soviet Union's commissioner to China. In a landscape primed for war, this is a suicide mission he has no choice but to accept... (American, Suspense)

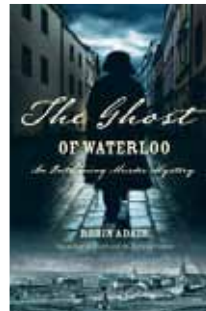


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### Robin Adair

#### The Ghost of Waterloo

Sydney, 1828. A daring bank robbery and a spate of murders have shaken Sydney. At the Governor's command, Nicodemus Dunne – a disgraced London thief-taker who is now the Running Patterer, a news-hawker roaming the streets of Sydney – sets out to discover the truth... and the evidence points to none other than Napoleon Bonaparte! But who is aiding this phantom? And how can he be stopped? (Australian, Historical)

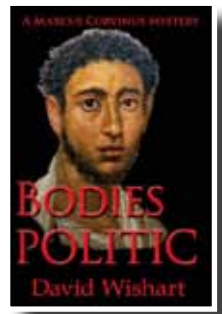


336pp Tp \$29.95

### David Wishart Bodies Politic

*A Marcus Corvinus Mystery.* When Corvinus is given a letter from Sertorius Macro – the Emperor Caligula's adviser who was forced into suicide for plotting against him – imploring Corvinus to clear his name, he isn't keen on the job at all. But when the inconsistencies mount up, he is hooked.

It'll take him two near-death experiences, a lot of fancy footwork in avoiding the fatal attentions of Rome's great and not so good, and some serious riot-dodging in Alexandria before he works it all out! (Scottish, Historical)



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### John Maddox Roberts The Year of Confusion

*SPQR #13.* Roman dictator Caius Julius Caesar has decided to revise the Roman calendar, bringing in astronomers and astrologers from Egypt, Greece, India and Persia. Decius is appointed to oversee this project, which he knows angers the Roman public. Not long after the project begins, two of the foreigners are murdered. Decius begins his investigations and, as the body count increases, it seems a fraudulent Indian fortune-teller, popular with the Roman ladies, is also involved! (American, Historical)



277pp Pb \$24.95

### Robert Graysmith

#### The Girl in Alfred Hitchcock's Shower

Marli Renfro was Janet Leigh's body double in the Hitchcock classic *Psycho*. When she disappeared in 1988, it was believed she was the victim of a rapist and serial killer. It was a mystery that took decades to solve... and a crime that could surely only have happened in Hollywood! (American, True Crime)



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Crime does not pay...  
as well as politics.

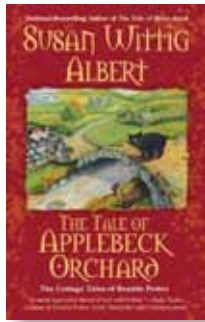
Alfred E Newman



**Susan Wittig Albert**  
**The Tale of Applebeck Orchard**

307pp Pb \$13.95

*Cottage Tales of Beatrix Potter #6.* Miss Potter and her friends take matters into their own hands when Mr Harmsworth barricades a common path that runs through his orchard - in retaliation for the arson of his haystacks. But witnesses - both human and animal - claim a ghost has perpetrated the deed. And the ghost has a message that Miss Potter hopes to figure out! (American, Cosy)



**Suzanne Arruda**  
**The Serpent's Daughter**

336pp Pb \$22.99

*Jade del Cameron #3.* Leaving British East Africa for a holiday in Morocco, Jade del Cameron is embroiled in a desperate bid to save her kidnapped mother's life and clear her name of the crime! To complicate matters, she learns of her connection to a legendary line of powerful women and a plot initiated by an ancient foe known as the 'serpent's daughter' - intended to bring about Jade's destruction...(American, Archaeological)

**Belinda Bauer**  
**Darkside**

352pp Tp \$32.95

When an elderly woman is murdered in the close knit community of Shipcott, village policeman Jonas Holly is taunted by someone who claims that Jonas is guilty. And when the killer claims another victim, these taunts become sinister threats. Blinded by rising paranoia and fear for his own invalid wife, Jonas strikes out alone on a mystifying hunt. But the threats don't stop - and neither do the murders... (English, Psychological)



**Sydney Bauer**  
**Matter of Trust**

517pp Pb \$19.99

*David Cavanaugh #5.* Cavanaugh offers to help his old friend Chris Kincaid - now a US Senator - concerning the disappearance of their childhood friend Marilyn Maloney. So when Chris is confirmed as Marilyn's lover and is arrested for her murder, he engages David as his attorney. Plagued with uncertainty, the situation worsens when David's older brother, Sean, returns home with long-held grudge to settle... (Australian, Legal)

**M C Beaton**  
**Death of a Chimney Sweep**

256pp Hb \$39.35

*Hamish Macbeth #27.* When a body is found stuffed inside a chimney, the entire town of Lochdubh believe the chimney sweep, Pete Ray, is guilty. But Police Constable Hamish Macbeth is doubtful. So when Pete's body is found on the Scottish moors, the mystery deepens. Once again, it's up to Hamish to discover who is responsible for the dirty deed... and this time, the murderer may be closer than he realises! (Scottish, Police Procedural)



**Donato Carrisi**  
**The Whisperer**

480pp Pb \$22.99

When six severed arms are discovered in a forest clearing, criminologist Goran Gavila is given the case, along with female police officer Mila Vasquez. But Mila has a tragic history of her own which has left emotionally scarred. Goran and Mila is a fiery, but strangely affecting, working relationship. And as they uncover more secrets about the murders in the forest, their lives move increasingly into each other's hands... (Italian, Romantic Suspense)

**Lee Child**  
**Worth Dying For**

512pp Pb \$14.95

*Jack Reacher #15.* In the wilds of Nebraska, Jack Reacher falls foul of the Duncans, a local clan that's terrified the county into submission. But it's the unsolved case of a missing eight-year-old girl that Reacher can't let go. The Duncans want Reacher dead; they're awaiting a secret shipment that's late, and they don't want to annoy their customers. As dangerous as the Duncans are, they're only the bottom of a criminal food chain... (English, Suspense)



**Mary Higgins Clark**  
**The Shadow of Your Smile**

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83-year-old Olivia Morrow faces a momentous choice: to expose a long-held family secret that will place Monica Farrell as the rightful heir to the Gannon fortune; or to take it with her to her grave. As the pressure mounts, little does she realise that those who are exploiting the Gannon inheritance will stop at nothing to silence Olivia's secret... (American, Suspense)



**Michael Connelly**  
**The Lincoln Lawyer [Film Tie-in]**

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Mickey Haller is a criminal defence attorney who travels between the far-flung courthouses of LA to defend clients of every kind. When a Beverly Hills playboy - arrested for attacking a woman he met at a bar - asks Haller to defend him, Haller believes this may be the easiest case of his career. Then someone close to him is murdered and Haller comes face-to-face with evil as pure as a flame... (American, Legal)



**Simon Conway**  
**A Loyal Spy**

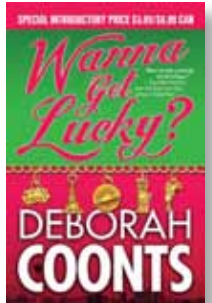
432pp Pb \$19.99

Jonah is an undercover operative for one of Britain's most secret agencies. Nor is the agent Jonah befriended, recruited, and then left for dead. Miranda is the woman he thought he loved enough to sacrifice everything. How far can loyalty be stretched before it reaches a limit? Millions of lives depend on the answer, as a road of betrayal and revenge leads from the mountains of Afghanistan to the heart of London... and a ticking bomb. (American, Spy)

**Deborah Coonts**  
**Wanna Get Lucky?**

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*Lucky O'Toole Las Vegas Adventures #1.* When a young woman falls to her death from a Vegas sightseeing helicopter, casino 'fixer' Lucky O'Toole smells a rat. When she discovers that one of her exes may be involved, the case is further complicated by cutthroat business stakes and her relationship with a female impersonator. Lucky finds herself solving a murder - all the while keeping her balance in six inch heels! (American, Suspense)



**Cleo Coyle**  
**Holiday Grind**

367pp Pb \$13.95

*Coffeehouse Mystery #8.* When Clare Così - manager of coffeehouse Village Blend - and her NYPD detective boyfriend discover a red-suited body in the snow, she adds solving Santa's slaying to her coffeehouse menu. She is convinced the death was more than a mugging gone awry and that the jolly old soul had a list he was checking twice - and the folks on it were not very nice! (American, Cosy)



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**Julia Crouch****Cuckoo****416pp Tp \$29.99**

Rose has it all: the gorgeous children, the husband, the beautiful home. But then her best friend Polly comes to stay. Very soon, Rose's cosy world starts falling apart at the seams. Her baby falls dangerously ill and her husband is distracted... Is Polly behind it all? It appears that once you invite Polly into your home, it's very difficult to get her out again... (English, Psychological)

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*Oregon Files #8.* To pull off their latest mission, Cabrillo and his remarkable men and women must survive a devastating new weapon unleashed in 13th-century China; a rescue mission in the snowbound mountains along the Afghanistan and Pakistan border; and a woman missing in the jungles of Northern Thailand and Myanmar. A convergence of these events will result in the greatest threat against security that the US has ever known! (American, Military)

**David Downing****Potsdam Station****320pp Pb \$19.95**

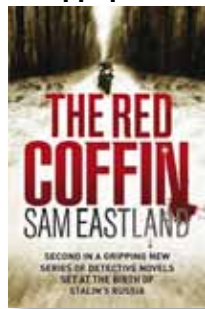
*John Russell #4.* April 1945. On the Oder front line, John Russell's 18-year-old son Paul awaits the Soviet's final onslaught. Inside Berlin, Russell's girlfriend Effi must care for a Jewish orphan, with the Gestapo on her trail. Russell is in Moscow. To find and save his son and girlfriend, he must reach Berlin no later than the Red Army. But only the Soviets can get him there and the price of their help threaten the world's post-war future... (English, Suspense)

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**Sam Eastland****The Red Coffin****368pp Tp \$32.99**

*Pekkala #2.* 1939. The Soviet Union is unprepared to face the onslaught of Nazi Germany. For the coming battles, Stalin has placed his hopes on a not-yet-completed 30-ton steel monster, known the 'Red Coffin'. And when Colonel Nagorski, the weapon's architect, is found murdered, Stalin sends for Pekkala to track down a sinister group called the 'White Guild' - intent on instigating a German invasion before the Red Coffin is ready... (British, Spy)

**Linda Fairstein****Silent Mercy****400pp Tp \$32.99**

*Alex Cooper #12.* NYPD cops Alex Cooper and Mike Chapman must investigate the headless body of a young woman found on the steps of a Baptist Church in Harlem. Before long another woman is slaughtered and found on the steps of a Catholic church in Little Italy. It becomes clear there is a serial killer on the loose, and Alex and Mike must keep one step ahead of this religious fanatic before anyone is killed... (American, Police Procedural)

**Jessica Fletcher & Donald Bain****A Fatal Feast****281pp Pb \$11.95**

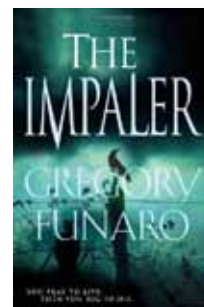
*Murder, She Wrote #32.* Suffering from writer's block despite her novel's deadline approaching, Jessica Fletcher would like to relax as Thanksgiving comes to Cabot Cove... but she's hosting a bountiful dinner for an ever-growing guest list! She couldn't be happier with the results - until she and her friend, Scotland Yard Inspector George Sutherland, stumble upon a body with a carving knife stuck in its chest... (American, Cozy)

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At age 17, Jodie Cramer survived an assault at the hands of three strangers. Now 35 years old, Jodie's past is a horror she's buried deep. When she sets out for a weekend in the country with three friends, all she has in mind is a break from routine. But their secluded cabin holds a dark secret... When Jodie finds evidence of prowlers at the cabin, none of her friends believe her. And then two men come knocking at their door... (Australian, Psychological)

**Gregory Funaro****The Impaler****352pp Pb \$13.95**

*Sam Markham #2.* The victims are found in desolate rural areas, naked and impaled on long wooden stakes. FBI Agent Sam Markham's last investigation ended with a serial killer's death and Sam's promotion. This time, the killer's methods are evolving too fast, his bloodlust growing too swiftly. This time, no one is safe. And as the clues finally slip into place, Sam will discover just how easy it is to cross the line from hunter... to hunted. (American, Suspense)

**Lisa Gardner****Live to Tell****464pp Pb \$12.99**

Danielle often thinks about the night her childhood ended: the night her father shot her mother and brother, before turning the gun on himself. Danielle has always wondered why her father didn't kill her too. Years later, Danielle is working in a hospital that deals with the most violent and damaged of children. But someone there knows something about her past - and is prepared to kill to keep it quiet... (American, Psychological)

**Lisa Gardner****Love You More****368pp Tp \$32.99**

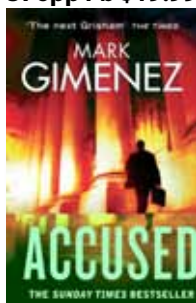
State police trooper Tessa Leoni claims to have shot her husband in self-defence, bearing bruises to back up her tale. For veteran detective D D Warren it should be an open-and-shut case. But where is Tessa's six-year-old daughter? As the homicide investigation becomes a search for a missing child, Warren must partner with former lover Bobby Dodge to pin down a trooper who will use every ounce of her training to do what must be done... (American, Suspense)

**Julie Garwood****Sizzle****374pp Pb \$13.95**

*Buchanan-Renard #8.* LA film student Lyra Prescott is working on her final filmmaking assignment. During the project, a series of sinister incidents convince Lyra that she's trapped in a scenario headed for a violent ending. She turns to her best friend, Sidney Buchanan, whose connections bring handsome FBI agent Sam Kincaid into Lyra's life, not expecting that the passion between them will escalate with dangerous intensity... (American, Romantic Suspense)

**Mark Gimenez****Accused**

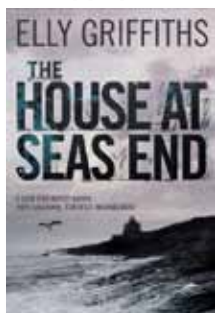
After years of silence, Texan lawyer Scott Fenney receives a phone call from his ex-wife. Rebecca has been accused of murdering her boyfriend, Trey - the man she left Scott for. Now she is begging Scott to defend her. If Rebecca is found guilty, she will be sentenced to life imprisonment. Her future lies in Scott's hands, and Scott finds himself questioning everything he believes to save the life of the ex-wife he still loves... (American, Legal)

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A killer is loose on the streets of Glasgow, experimenting with death. Faced with a string of unconnected victims, DCI Lorimer turns to psychologist and friend Solomon Brightman for his insights. Lorimer is also assigned to review the case of a fatal house fire. His suspicions are raised by shocking omissions in the original investigation. Some uncomfortable questions have been buried but Lorimer is the man to ask them! (Scottish, Police Procedural)

**Elly Griffiths****The House at Sea's End 352pp Tp \$32.99**

*Ruth Galloway.* When a team from the University of North Norfolk, investigating coastal erosion, finds six bodies buried at the foot of the cliff, Ruth Galloway is put on the case. Forensic tests prove that the bodies are from Southern Europe, killed 60 years ago. When a visiting German reporter is killed, Ruth realises that someone is still alive who will resort to murder, to keep this mystery unsolved. Can Ruth discover the truth in time? (English, Police Procedural)

**Carolyn Hart****Dare to Die**

*Death On Demand #19.* Years ago Iris Tilford disappeared after a fatal high school tragedy. Now that she's back in Broward's Rock, Annie and Max Darling are extending the hand of friendship by inviting the beautiful and mysterious stranger to their party. Suddenly Max and Annie find themselves in the middle of a devastating storm of rage and secrets. Someone is trying to kill them - and it's someone they call their friend... (American, Suspense)

**307pp Pb \$13.95****David Hewson****The Fallen Angel**

*Nic Costa #9.* When British academic Malise Gabriel falls to his death from a Rome apartment, detective Nic Costa realises there is much more to the accident. As the investigation deepens, Rome's dark and seedy side is uncovered, revealing a web of deceit, treachery and corruption. Malise's family may also be withholding vital information. Why are they so unwilling to co-operate, and what is the reason for their silence? (English, Police Procedural)

**400pp Tp \$32.99****Graham Hurley****Beyond Reach**

When a mutilated body is discovered on a road in Portsmouth, evidently killed in a hit and run, there are few regrets; the victim had been terrorising an entire estate. DI Joe Faraday unpicks the dead man's life, uncovering a world of hurt. Meanwhile, ex-cop Paul Winter has been sucked into even deeper water. Drug lord Bazza Mackenzie's married daughter is having an affair... and it's Winter's job to rein her in. (English, Police Procedural)

**400pp Pb \$22.99****Michael Koryta****So Cold the River**

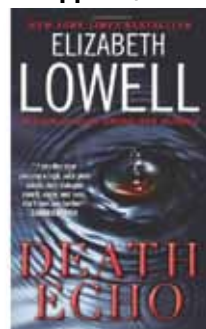
The beautiful Alyssa Bradford approaches Eric Shaw to unearth the life story of her father-in-law, Campbell Bradford, a mysterious 95-year-old billionaire. Eric grabs the job. In Bradford's hometown, Eric discovers an extraordinary past - a glorious recently-restored hotel where movie stars, presidents, athletes and mobsters once intermingled. But something else has been restored: an evil that will stop at nothing to settle a decades-old score... (American, Suspense)

**528pp Pb \$22.99****Simon Lelic****The Facility**

Henry Graves has been tasked with managing a government facility hidden in the countryside, finding himself tested by the frightened prisoners, the sinister Dr Silk... and his conscience. Meanwhile, journalist Tom Clarke's career is shaken by Julia Priestley, who seeks his help in locating her husband Arthur, who has been arrested under strict anti-terrorism legislation. And so begins a quest to discover the truth of Arthur's incarceration... (American, Suspense)

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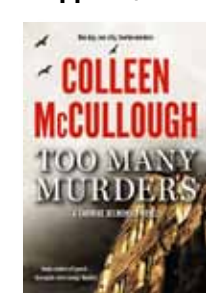
*St Kilda #5.* Ex-CIA agent Emma Cross is tracking the yacht *Blackbird*, believed to be carrying a lethal cargo that will destroy a major American city in seven days. Former Special Forces member MacKenzie Durand is also tracking the yacht. Emma and Mac find they must put their differences aside to form an alliance that could take down a formidable international crime network. The race is on, and there's no telling who will win! (American, Spy)

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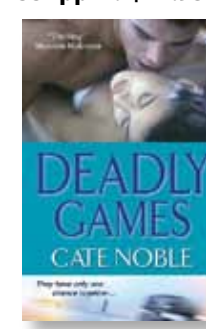
When a justice is attacked, private investigator Dana Cutler is called in. Her investigation leads her to a shoot-out that took place years ago on a small freighter docked in Oregon, containing a dead crew and illegal drugs. With the help of attorney Brad Miller and FBI agent Keith Evans, Dana uncovers a plot by a rogue element in the American intelligence community - involving the president's nominee to the US Supreme Court! (American, Suspense)

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1967. The world teeters on the brink of nuclear holocaust as the Cold War persists. In Holloman, Connecticut, 12 murders have taken place in one day, and chief of detectives Captain Carmine Delmonico is drawn into a gruesome web of secrets and lies. To complicate matters, Carmine soon finds himself pitted against the mysterious Ulysses - a spy who is providing an armaments company secret to the Russians. (Australian, Political)

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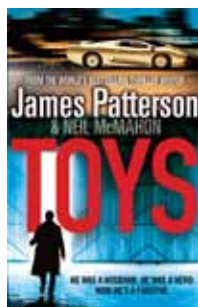
Rocco Taylor can't stand waiting, while an innocent woman pays the price. He knows that the last thing Gena wants is a hero - or him. Rocco made the mistake of letting her go once, putting the assignment ahead of the attraction between them. Since then, Gena has survived things Rocco can only imagine - but no one can escape a death agent alone. Rocco has one last chance to win Gena's trust... Game on! (American, Romantic Suspense)

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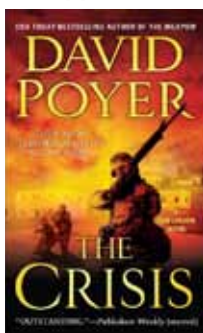


**James Patterson & Neil McMahon****Toys****400pp Tp \$32.95**

'Elites' are modified and enhanced versions of humankind, who have slowly usurped humans from leadership. Hays Baker is a high-ranking agent in the Elite forces and at the forefront of keeping rebellious humans under control. But Hays is unknowingly hiding a secret that makes him a threat to the Elite regime. Now hunted by the people he used to work alongside, Hays must search for the truth of his identity... (American, Suspense)

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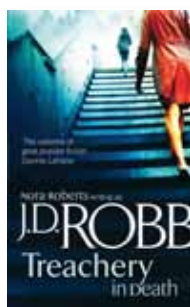
*Dan Lenson #12.* Navy Commander Dan Lenson and his SEALs are assigned an urgent mission in a war-torn, famine-plagued country on the brink of collapse. But the situation is worse than intelligence suggests. A charismatic Islamic warlord is winning a village-by-village battle with a hit-and-run battle strategy. With thousands of lives at stake, Dan and his team must scour the forbidding desert for a man whose name they don't even know. (American, Military)

**Spencer Quinn****To Fetch a Thief****324pp Pb \$23.99**

*Dog On It #3.* When a valuable circus elephant and his trainer go missing, Chet and Bernie are hired to investigate. Have Peanuts and his trainer been lured away by animal rights activists? Or have they been kidnapped by someone with a grudge? Soon, Chet and Bernie discover that their disappearance is much more sinister than an animal rights stunt, involving the huge illegal international trade in exotic animals! (American, Canine)

**J D Robb****Treachery in Death****384pp Tp \$32.99**

*In Death #32.* Detective Eve Dallas and her partner, Peabody, are following up a senseless crime - an elderly grocery owner killed by three stoned punks for nothing more than kicks. But Peabody soon stumbles upon a trickier situation, when she overhears two fellow officers, Garnet and Oberman, arguing. Peabody realises they're both guilty of corruption... and murder. And the two crooked cops will kill to keep their secret. (American, Police Procedural)

**Michael Robotham****Bleed for Me****480pp Pb \$19.99**

Ray Hegarty, a highly respected former detective, lies dead in his daughter Sienna's bedroom. 14-year-old Sienna is found covered in his blood. Everything points to her guilt, but psychologist Joe O'Loughlin isn't convinced. Against police advice, he launches his own investigation, embarking upon a hunt that will lead him to a predatory schoolteacher; a conspiracy of silence and a race-hate trial that is captivating the nation. (Australian, Psychological)

**David Rosenfelt****Down to the Wire****384pp Pb \$16.95**

Small-time reporter Chris Turley could never measure up to his father, a famous investigative journalist. One day, while waiting to meet a source, a giant explosion takes out half of an office building next door. Chris' firsthand account in the next day's paper makes him a celebrity. But it seems that an anonymous source has a plan laid out for Chris, and what seemed like a reporter's dream becomes an inescapable nightmare... (American, Journalistic)

**Mark Sanderson****Snow Hill****352pp Pb \$24.99**

London, 1930s. John Steadman is an ambitious young journalist in London. When he gets a tip-off about a murdered policeman, he thinks he's found his scoop. Problem is, when John finally finds someone willing to talk, they end up dead. John's on the verge of a front-page scandal that will make or break his career. But to get to the heart of this story, he must first go undercover. Six feet undercover, to be precise! (English, Journalistic)

**Jeffrey Siger****An Aegean Prophecy****320pp Pb \$19.99**

*Andreas Kaldis #3.* St John wrote the 'Book of Revelation' over 1900 years ago in a cave on the Greek Aegean island of Patmos. When a revered monk from that holy island's 1,000-year-old monastery is murdered in Patmos's town square during Easter Week, Chief Inspector Andreas Kaldis is called upon to find the killer - bringing him face-to-face with a scandal haunting the world's oldest surviving monastic community! (American, Police Procedural)

**Dana Stabenow****A Night Too Dark****352pp Pb \$13.95**

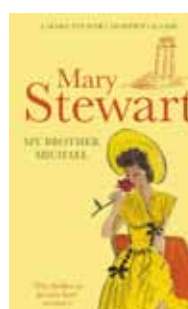
*Kate Shugak #17.* In Aleut, Alaska, people are going missing. And Kate Shugak's and state trooper Jim Chopin think it's related the recent discovery of the world's second-largest gold mine in their very own backyard. Then Kate finally finds a body - but the identity of the body vanishes too. It's up to Kate and Jim to dig deeper into the mining controversy and find the truth about what's going on in her homeland... (American, Police Procedural)

**Mary Stewart****Madam, Will You Talk? [1955]****298pp Pb \$19.99**

Charity had been greatly looking forward to her road trip through France with her old friend Louise... long, leisurely days under the hot sun, enjoying the beauty of the parched Provencal landscape. But very soon, Charity's dreams turn into a nightmare, as she becomes enmeshed in the schemes of a gang of murderers - one of them a man with whom she is rapidly falling in love... (English, Suspense)

**Mary Stewart****My Brother Michael [1959]****360pp Pb \$19.99**

Camilla Haven is on holiday alone, and wishes for some excitement. No sooner has she written to her friend Elizabeth in England, than her life suddenly begins to take off... and she finds herself in the midst of an exciting, intriguing, yet dangerous adventure as she sets out on a mysterious car journey to Delphi! (English, Suspense)

**Mary Stewart****Nine Coaches Waiting [1958]****456pp Pb \$19.99**

After a rather drab existence in an English orphanage, Linda Martin is appointed governess to the nine-year-old owner of the Chateau Valmy in the French Alps. During little Philippe's minority, the estates are being managed by his crippled uncle Leon, and Leon's handsome son Raoul. All seems delightful, but there are tensions below the smooth surface. And then one sunny afternoon a bullet is fired in the beechwoods... (English, Suspense)



**Mary Stewart****Thunder on the Right [1957]****296pp Pb \$19.99**

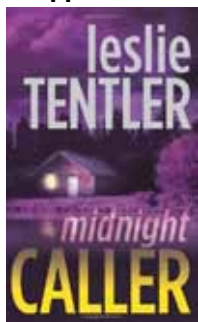
Perturbed by a letter from her cousin Gillian, Jenny Silver has travelled to Gavarnie in the Pyrenees to discover why Gill has entered a convent. On arrival, however, she finds herself caught up in a mesh of intrigue. Her cousin has vanished, and there is evidence that she is dead. Refusing all explanations, Jenny throws herself into a dramatic and dangerous search! (English, Suspense)

**Mary Stewart****Wildfire at Midnight [1956]****262pp Pb \$19.99**

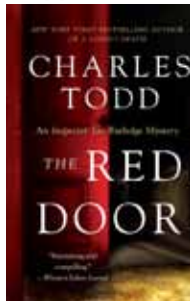
A young crofter's daughter is cruelly and ritually murdered on the bleak Scottish mountainside. Very soon Gianetta Brooke, a guest at the deceptively idyllic Camasunary Hotel nearby, finds herself tangled in a web of rising fear and suspicion. When she discovers that her ex-husband has booked into the same hotel, the peaceful holiday for which she had hoped takes on quite another complexion! (English, Suspense)

**Leslie Tentler****Midnight Caller****410pp Pb \$13.95**

Late-night radio-show psychologist Rain Sommers is chilled by one caller's disturbing obsession with her long-ago murdered mother. Now a sadistic serial killer known as 'the Vampire' is prowling New Orleans. FBI agent Trevor Rivette is convinced that Rain's midnight caller and the serial killer are one and the same. And soon it becomes disturbingly clear that the Vampire has a sick bloodlust only Rain can satisfy... (American, Suspense)

**Charles Todd****The Red Door****368pp Pb \$24.99**

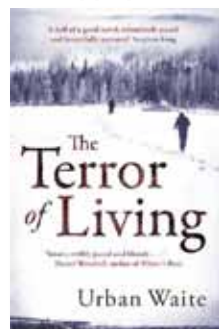
*Inspector Rutledge.* In the English summer of 1920, a war-widow is savagely bludgeoned to death. In London, a man suffering from a mysterious illness goes missing. Then, suddenly, he reappears, miraculously recovered. Inspector Ian Rutledge, still haunted by the battlefield's horrors, must solve two possibly connected mysteries: uncovering the family secret that drove a man mad, and bringing a ruthless killer to justice. (American, Police Procedural)

**Dan Vyleta****The Quiet Twin****384pp Tp \$32.99**

Vienna, 1939. Professor Speckstein's dog has been brutally killed and he wants to know why. Does one of Speckstein's enigmatic neighbours have blood on their hands? After a house visit to Speckstein's home, Doctor Beer - who has his own reasons for keeping his private life hidden from public scrutiny - finds himself becoming reluctantly embroiled in an enquiry that forces him to face the dark realities of Nazi rule. (Czech, Psychological)

**Urban Waite****The Terror of Living****320pp Tp \$32.99**

Hunt, an ex-convict, has spent the past 20 years on a small ranch with his wife, supplementing his income with the odd drug smuggling job. Drake, a deputy sheriff, has almost escaped the shadow of his father, who was also a sheriff... and no stranger to the drug trade himself. Drake is on Hunt's trail when a big drug deal in the mountains goes awry - sparking a race against time. But soon, Hunt must face a terrible choice... (American, Suspense)

**CRIME HISTORICAL****Susanna Gregory****A Murder on London Bridge****464pp Pb \$24.99**

*Thomas Chaloner #5.* London, 1664. The streets and coffee houses are thick with rumours and anger at the new laws governing church attendance. When infamous church-smasher Dick Culmer is killed near London Bridge, the investigations of Thomas Chaloner - spy to the Lord Chancellor, the Earl of Clarendon - link the dead man to a group of puritan conspirators who are planning an explosive climax to achieve their rebellion... (English)

**Michael Jecks****The Oath****544pp Pb \$22.99**

*Knights Templar #29.* England, 1326. Although England is rife with conflict under the reign of Edward II, even in such times the brutal slaughter of an entire family - right down to a babe in arms - still has the power to shock. Three further murders follow, and bailiff Simon Puttock is drawn into a web of intrigue, vengeance, power and greed as Roger Mortimer charges him to investigate the killings. (English)

**Graham Moore****The Holmes Affair****300pp Tp \$32.95**

Modern-day New York. When the world's leading Doylean scholar is found murdered in his hotel room, only literary researcher Harold White is familiar enough with the Holmes novels to recognise the killer's clues - leading him not only to a murderer prepared to stop at nothing, but also to the mystery of Conan Doyle's missing diary... and the secret that Conan Doyle, 100 years earlier, risked everything to expose... (American)

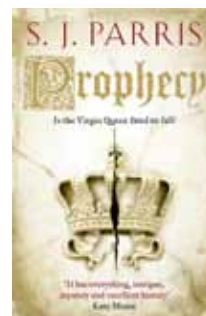
**S J Parris****Heresy****512pp Pb \$24.99***Giordano Bruno #1.*

England, 1583. Radical monk Giordano Bruno, with his theories of astronomy and extraterrestrial life, has fled the Inquisition for the court of Elizabeth I, attracting the attention of spymaster Francis Walsingham.

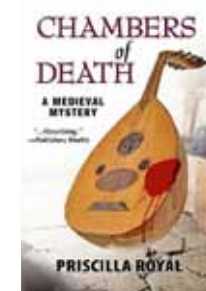
When Bruno is sent undercover to Oxford - a hotbed of French dissent - he finds himself drawn into college intrigues, investigating a series of murders - each linked by a letter offering clues. But is Bruno the next target? (English)

**S J Parris****Prophecy****416pp Tp \$32.99***Giordano Bruno**#2.* England, 1583.

England's tentative peace is under threat when one of the Queen Elizabeth's young maids is found murdered inside the palace walls. Meanwhile, Giordano Bruno - working for spymaster Francis Walsingham at the French Embassy - closely monitors a Catholic conspiracy funded by King Philip of Spain. Bruno soon believes there's a connection between the murdered girl and the conspirators at the embassy. (English)

**Priscilla Royal****Chambers of Death****250pp Pb \$24.95***Medieval Mystery*

*#6.* When one of her company falls ill on a return journey to Tyndal, Prioress Eleanor accepts lodging at a nearby manor. There, the master's wife is having an affair with the groom, his eldest son is obsessed with religion, and his youngest son, bound for the Church, shows more interest in lute playing. It is no surprise when someone's throat is cut. Can Eleanor unravel the murder before the killer strikes again? (American)



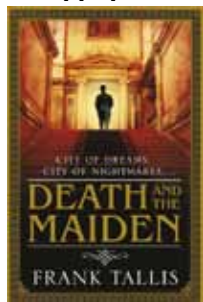


**Frank Tallis**

**Death and the Maiden** 384pp Tp \$32.95

*Dr Max Liebermann #6.* Vienna, 1903. An opera diva, Ida Rosenkrantz, is found dead in her luxurious villa – supposedly overdosed on morphine, though an autopsy suggests sinister possibilities.

Detective Inspector Oskar Rheinhardt seeks the assistance of his friend, psychoanalyst Dr Max Liebermann. Their investigations will soon pit the Mayor of Vienna, Karl Lueger, as the prime suspect. With elections only months away, the case becomes politically explosive! (English)



## CRIME NON-FICTION



**Rachael Jane Chin**

**Nice Girl**

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This is the story of Australian Keli Lane – water polo champion and elite private school teacher – who did not want children, yet became pregnant five times in seven years! She had two abortions and three births. At no time did her family, friends or lovers know she was pregnant. Two babies were adopted and one, Tegan Lane, went missing. Since Tegan's disappearance, Keli has been charged with her murder. (Australian)

**Owen Dudley Edwards**  
**Burke and Hare**

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In a boarding house in West Port, an old army pensioner dies of natural causes. Instead of burying the body, the landlord William Hare, and his friend William Burke, fill the coffin with bark and sell the corpse to Dr Robert Knox, an ambitious Edinburgh anatomist.

After making a profit, Burke and Hare decide to suffocate another tenant. So begins the criminal career of the most notorious double act in serial killing: the infamous Burke and Hare murders. (Irish)



**Colin Evans**

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New York, 1916. Charles Frederick Stielow, a 37-year-old farmhand with the mind of an infant, is just minutes away from the electric chair for a double murder he didn't commit. With a vengeful legal system baying for blood, his situation looks hopeless. Evans presents a nail-biting true story of wrongful conviction in an age of bare-knuckle politics, forever changing the face of American justice. (American)

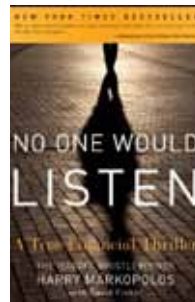


**Harry Markopolos**

**No One Would Listen**

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The story of how the Harry Markopolos – a little-known number cruncher from a Boston equity derivatives firm – uncovered Bernie Madoff's scam years before it made headlines, and how they desperately tried to warn the government, the industry, and the financial press. Page by page, Markopolos details his pursuit of the greatest financial criminal in history, revealing the massive fraud and governmental incompetence that changed thousands of lives. (American)



**James Morton**

**Kings of Stings**

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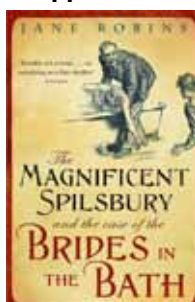
In this volume, Morton and Lobez look at the careers of the highly talented swindlers and their tricks, including schemes such as changing paper into banknotes; selling Melbourne's Tramway sheds; horse and dog doping; fixing fights and athletic races; faking deaths; forging paintings; impersonating aristocracy... In fact, anything necessary to separate the unwary from their money over the course of the last 150 years! (English)

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**The Magnificent Spilsbury and the Case of the Brides in the Bath**

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Bessie Mundy, Alice Burnham and Margaret Lofty were spinsters who were desperate to marry. Each woman met a smooth-talking stranger who promised her a better life. Each woman fell under his spell and became his wife. But marriage soon turned into a terrifying experience and England turned to a young forensic pathologist, Bernard Spilsbury, to explain why young women were suddenly expiring in their baths... (English)



**Caitlin Rother**

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416pp Pb \$11.95

Tom and Jackie Hawks lived a charmed life in sunny Southern California and were delighted when former child star Skylar Deleon and his pregnant wife Jennifer purchased their 55-foot yacht. But a trial voyage turned into a nightmare. Out at sea, the Hawks begged for their lives as they were forced to sign everything over to Skylar. In return, they were thrown overboard. For this former child actor, the answer to 'Where Are They Now?' is Death Row... (American)



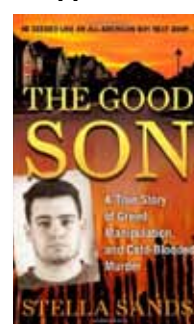
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**Stella Sands**

**The Good Son**

272pp Pb \$13.95

This volume details the brutal murder of Rick and Suzanna Wamsley, who – after giving their children everything they ever wanted – were both killed by their son Andrew and his teenage girlfriend, Chelsea Richardson. Although Rick and Suzanna disapproved of Chelsea – who was from the 'wrong side of the tracks' – Andrew also stood to inherit two million dollars in the event of his parents' deaths. (American)



**Patricia Springer**  
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352pp Pb \$11.95

In 1993, 12-year-old Stephanie was raped and bludgeoned to death with an axe. Stephanie's stepfather, Ricky McGinn, was convicted and sentenced to death for the murder. But 18 minutes before execution time, the sentence was postponed so his DNA could be tested against blood found at the crime scene... (American)



**Douglas Starr**

**The Killer of Little Shepherds**

320pp Tp \$35

At the end of the 19th century, serial murderer Joseph Vacher terrorised the French countryside, eluding authorities for years – until he ran up against prosecutor Emile Fourquet and Dr Alexandre Lacassagne, the era's most renowned criminologist. With drama and detail, Douglas Starr revisits Vacher's infamous crime wave, interweaving the story of how Lacassagne and his colleagues developed forensic science as we know it. (American)

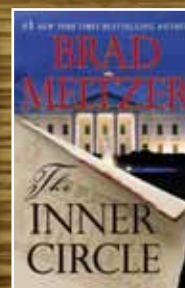
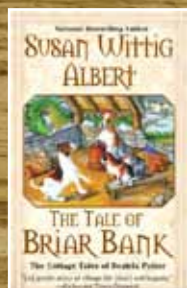
**Larry Writer**  
**Bumper:**

**The Life and Times of Frank 'Bumper' Farrell**

400pp Tp \$35

Based on never-before-published family, police and court records, photographs, interviews with people who knew him – including criminals, football colleagues and police officers – this is the biography of Frank 'Bumper' Farrell. He was a gambler, a hard drinker, a devoted husband and father, a devout Catholic, a staunch friend... but he is most renowned as a deadly enemy. (Australian)





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- The Maya Codex**  
by Adrian D'Hage (Australian, Archaeological) Pb \$24.95
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by David Ellis (American, Suspense) Tp \$32.99
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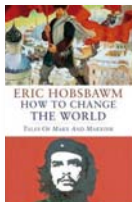
## How to Change the World

### Tales of Marx and Marxism

Eric Hobsbawm

480pp Hb \$55.00

In the 144 years since Karl Marx's *Das Kapital* (3 vols Tp \$35 each), Marxism has been embraced by millions in the name of equality, and just as dramatically has fallen from grace with the retreat of communism from the Western world. But as the free market reaches its extreme limits in the economic and environmental fallout, a reassessment of capitalism's most vigorous and eloquent enemy has never been more timely. Hobsbawm provides a fascinating and insightful overview, analysing the spectacular reversal of Marxism's fortunes over the past 30 years.



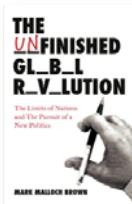
## The Unfinished Global Revolution

### The Limits of Nations and the Pursuit of a New Politics

Mark Malloch Brown

272pp Hb \$49.95

The ex-Deputy Secretary-General of the UN writes an intimate portrait of the politicians he has watched and advised, including Kofi Annan, Tony Blair, Bill Clinton, George Bush and Jacques Chirac. This book is also a political history of governments that have failed to match the demands placed on them by those they govern, and lays out a much-needed agenda for the management of globalisation. Brown calls for stronger international institutions that revive rather than replace national government, an enhanced role for non-governmental organisations and business, and above all, global rather than national policies on core issues such as the environment, poverty, migration and security. He argues that leadership in the modern age is no longer the province of CEOs or Presidents with an iron control of their offices. The demand now is for those leaders who are able to reach across cultures and shareholders to build an alliance of common action from apparently disparate interests. It requires a multicultural sensibility, an emotional intelligence, and places value on listening, persuading and understanding different points of view.



## Making the Future

### The Unipolar Imperial Moment

Noam Chomsky

272pp Pb \$19.95

Chomsky takes on a wide range of hot-button issues including the ongoing financial crisis, Obama's presidency, the limits of the two-party system, nuclear Iran, Afghanistan, Israel-Palestine, corporate power and the future of American politics. Laced throughout his critiques are expressions of commitment to democracy and the power of popular struggles. "Progressive legislation and social welfare", he writes, "have been won by popular struggles, not gifts from above. Those struggles follow a cycle of success and setback. They must be waged every day, not just once every four years, always with the goal of creating a genuinely responsive democratic society, from the voting booth to the workplace". This is fierce, accessible, timely, gloves-off political writing by one of the world's foremost intellectual and political dissidents.



## The Price of Everything

### The Cost of Birth, the Price of Death, and the Value of Everything in Between

Eduardo Porter

304pp

Tp \$35.00

Why is a life saved from a terrorist attack felt to be worth two saved from a natural disaster? Why are men more valuable than women? Why do Americans tip when Europeans don't? And how can orange juice be used to predict the weather? Porter starts with a simple idea: behind every decision we make lies a price, whether that's buying a cup of coffee, taking a new job, or deciding to become a parent. Prices are the invisible thread that connect and explain our society, economy, culture, mistakes and successes. Revealing connections that are ingenious and unexpected, he shows the price of things - work, happiness, faith, family and the future - is fundamental to both our everyday behaviour and to civilisation as we know it.



## Triumph of the City

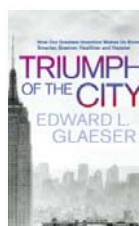
### How Our Greatest Invention Makes Us Richer, Smarter, Greener, Healthier and Happier

Edward Glaeser

456pp

Tp \$34.95

In 2009, for the first time in history, more than half the world's population lived in cities. In a time when family, friends and co-workers are a call, text or email away, 3.3 billion people on this planet still choose to crowd together in high-rises, subways and buses. Not too long ago, it looked like our cities were dying, but in fact they boldly threw themselves into the information age, adapting and evolving to become the gateways to a globalised and interconnected world. Now more than ever, the well-being of human society depends upon our knowledge of how the city lives and breathes. Understanding the modern city and the powerful forces within it, is Harvard urban economist Glaeser's life's work. Travelling from city to city, speaking to planners and politicians across the world, he uncovers questions large and small: Should New Orleans be rebuilt? Is London the new financial capital of the world? Is my job headed to Bangalore? From Mumbai to Paris, Rio to Shanghai - he takes us into the mind of the modern city to reveal how cities think, and what wisdom they share with the people who inhabit them.



## Decent Capitalism

### A Blueprint for Reforming Our Economies

Christian Kellermann, Hansjorg Herr

& Sebastian Dullie 240pp Pb \$39.95

The GFC, created by finance capitalism, has brought us to the economic abyss. The excessive freedom of international markets has rapidly transformed into international panic, with states struggling to rescue and bail out a globalised financial sector. Reform is promised by our leaders, but in governments dominated by financial interests, there is little hope of meaningful change. This book takes a different approach and argues for a response that addresses capitalism's systemic tendency towards crisis. The authors develop a concept of a moderated capitalism that keeps its core strengths intact, while reducing its inherent destructive political forces.



## Driving with Plato

### The Meaning of Life's Milestones

Robert Rowland Smith

256pp

Tp \$32.95

If life is meaningless, as Sartre suggests, what is the point of being born? What does Freud have to say about losing one's virginity? Or Nietzsche about having a mid-life crisis? From birth to death (and beyond), the best brains in history have thought long and hard about the meaning behind the landmarks that shape our lives - and now acclaimed popular philosopher Rowland Smith brings their genius together for the first time in this smart, witty and accessible journey through life's ups and downs. Drawing on philosophy, art, literature and psychology, he explores the real meaning of the hoops we all have to jump through. You'll hear from Aristotle on starting school, learn from St Paul about falling in love and get tips from Cicero on becoming wise in your old age.



## Darwinism and the Divine

### Evolutionary Thought and Natural Theology

Alister McGrath

320pp

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McGrath examines the implications of evolutionary thought for natural theology, from the time of Darwin's *On the Origin of Species* (Pb \$11.95) to current debates on creationism and intelligent design. He questions whether Darwin's theory of natural selection really shook our fundamental beliefs, or whether it served to transform and illuminate our views on the origins and meaning of life. He brings together material from a variety of disciplines - including the history of ideas, historical and systematic theology, evolutionary biology and the cognitive science of religion - to consider how Christian belief has adapted to Darwinism. A thought-provoking exploration of 21st-century views on evolutionary thought and natural theology.



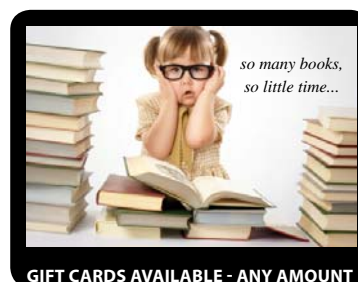
## The Complete World of the Dead Sea Scrolls

Philip Davies, George Brooke & Phillip Callaway

216pp

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This is a fully illustrated volume on the discovery, meaning and significance of all the Dead Sea Scrolls by acknowledged experts in the field. Offering intriguing historical and religious insights into the period of authorship, from Babylon to Bar Kokhba, and expert interpretation of the manuscripts using palaeography, Carbon-14 dating and computer reconstructions, it includes fact files, tables, reconstructions, scroll photographs and a guide to where to see the scrolls today.



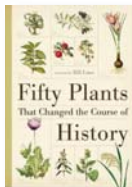
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## Fifty Plants that Changed the Course of History

Bill Laws 224pp Hb \$35.00

Plants are ubiquitous, such a common feature of the world around us, yet we rarely stop to consider the profound impact they have on our everyday lives. We give flowers on special occasions, spend many dedicated hours nurturing gardens, use them for dyes and construction, and turn them into cosmetics and medicines. We are also entirely dependent on them for sustenance - even when we eat meat, those animals have been raised on plants. This is a beautifully presented guide to the plants that have had the greatest impact on human civilisation. Entries range from crops like rice and wheat that feed whole populations, to herbs and spices highly prized for their medicinal qualities. Weaving together strands of economic, political and industrial history, this is a fascinating look at the most influential plants known to mankind.

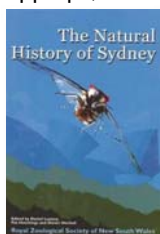


## The Natural History of Sydney

Daniel Lunney, Pat Hutchings & Dieter Hochuli 438pp Tp \$75.00

Is the natural history of Sydney so camouflaged it will not survive? How similar is Cumberland Plain Woodland to other coastal valley grassy woodlands in NSW? What does the future hold for the koalas of Campbelltown? Are the yuppie bandicoots of the inner west in hiding or urban renewal?

In this original and in-depth study, the authors answer these and many other questions. They cover a wide range of topics on the natural history of Sydney, from Aboriginal rock art depictions of fauna to what Darwin actually saw in Sydney in 1836, from museum collections to Council wildlife programs and observations on the potential loss of threatened species.



## The Beginning of Infinity

Explanations that Transform the World

David Deutsch 480pp Hb \$49.95

Deutsch explores the unlimited scope and power of the big issues that inform our understanding of how the physical world works. He looks at the philosophy of science from an uncompromising perspective and reaches startling new conclusions about the nature of human choice, scientific explanation and the evolution of culture. This opens a door to a whole new way of thinking about free will, creativity, the laws of nature, the origin and future of our species, reality and beyond - and reveals that all these things have a fundamental place in our universe. And human beings, he argues, are the most significant entities in the cosmic scheme of things. Everything - not only science and mathematics, but morality, politics and aesthetics - is within the reach of reason. In this bold, uncompromising and all-embracing intellectual exploration, he shows us that within the universal laws of physics, there are no limits to progress.

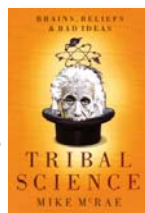


## Tribal Science

Brains, Beliefs and Bad Ideas

Mike McRae 272pp Tp \$32.95

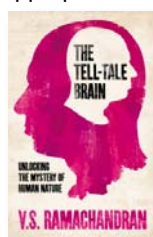
McRae - Australia's next-gen Dr Karl - argues that humans didn't evolve to do science, but to get along in tribes. Survival depended more on social connections than understanding the universe, but somehow science - the quest for objective knowledge - developed anyway. He shows how our tribal brains are driven by beliefs and biases and the need to belong, and how this social way of thinking meddles with our capacity to think critically. From here he charts an intriguing history of science, from the emergence of critical enquiry among early philosophers, to the development of the scientific method, major scientific discoveries and bizarre delusions, and our current dependence on modern medicine and technology. He looks at how our tribal brains manipulate science and why, in an age of evidence and enlightenment, we still cling to superstitions, beliefs and bad ideas - from 'clinically proven' cosmetics to bogus medical treatments and other miracles of pseudoscience. Finally, he considers the future of knowledge and the vital place of critical thinking in an information-saturated digital world.



## The Tell-Tale Brain

V S Ramachandran 384pp Tp \$35.00

Ramachandran has exploded the boundaries of modern science - so much so that he has been praised by Richard Dawkins as a latter-day Marco Polo. A specialist in brain damage, he is famous for an instinctive, intuitive approach to neurological disorders that has led him to successfully 'amputate' phantom limbs, as well as solving the riddles of apotemnophilia (an obsession with self-amputation) and Capgrass syndrome (where patients who are in all other respects fully recovered become convinced that their loved ones are imposters). He explores why the human brain is so unique and how it became so enchantingly complex. Taking us to the frontiers of neurology, he reveals what baffling and extreme case studies can teach us about the brain and how it evolved.



## The Hidden Reality

Parallel Universes and the Deep Laws of the Cosmos

Brian Greene 384pp Hb \$49.95

Greene explores our most current understanding of the universe, its deepest laws of nature and our continuing quest to know more. He reveals how major developments in different branches of fundamental theoretical physics - relativistic, quantum, cosmological, unified, computational - have all led us to consider one or another kind of parallel universe. In some, they are separated from us by enormous stretches of space or time, in others they are hovering millimetres away, in others still the very notion of their location proves to be a concept beyond our reach. Most extraordinarily, he shows how all of these parallel universe proposals emerge unbidden from the mathematics of theories developed to explain conventional data and observations of the cosmos.



## Incoming

Or, Why We Should Stop Worrying and Learn to Love the Meteorite

Ted Nield 272pp Hb \$45.00

We imagine meteorites as bringers of death and destruction, but in this riveting and lively challenge to orthodox thinking, Nield describes how meteorites may have helped create life on earth. He argues that one of the most widely known scientific theories - that dinosaurs were wiped out by a strike 65 million years ago - isn't the whole picture, and that the causes of the end-Cretaceous mass extinction (of which the dinosaurs' demise was a part) were much more varied and complex. Meteorites have been the stuff of legend throughout human history, interpreted as omens of doom or objects of power. But only in the 18th century, when the study of falling space debris became a science, were meteorites used to unlock the mysteries of our universe. This book traces the history of meteorites from the first recorded strike to the video recordings made routinely today, showing how our interpretations have varied according to the age in which they fell, and how meteorite impacts were given fresh urgency with the advent of the atomic bomb.

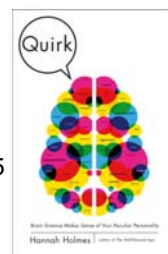


## Quirk

Brain Science Makes Sense of Your Peculiar Personality

Hannah Holmes 288pp Pb \$24.95

As a highly social species, humans have to navigate among an astonishing variety of personalities. But how did all these different permutations come about? And what purpose do they serve? With her trademark wit and sly humour, Holmes takes readers into the amazing world of personality and modern brain science. Using the Five Factor Model, which slices temperaments into the major factors (Extraversion, Neuroticism, Agreeableness, Conscientiousness and Openness) and minor facets (such as impulsive, artistic or cautious), she demonstrates how our genes and brains dictate which factors and facets each of us displays.



## The Secret Language of Cats

The Body Language of Feline Bodies

## The Secret Language of Dogs

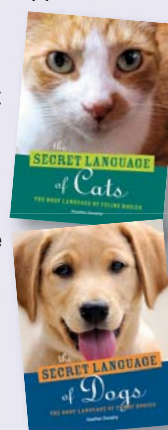
The Body Language of Furry Bodies

Heather Dunphy each 192pp Pb \$19.99

Cats are often thought to be solitary and hard to read, but if you know what to look for, they possess a secret language that relies on expressions, body postures and noises.

Known as 'man's best friend' for a reason, dogs are scientifically proven to enhance our quality of life.

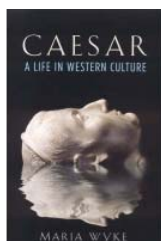
Dunphy shows how to interpret what our pets are telling us, and explains how they, in turn, interpret our body language and communicate with us. She also addresses common health and behavioural problems, and suggests ways to strengthen the bond with your cat or dog.





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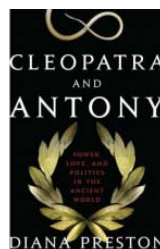
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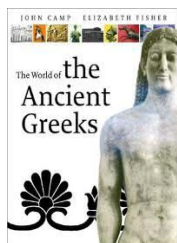
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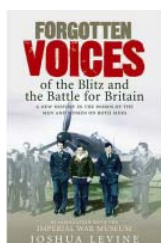
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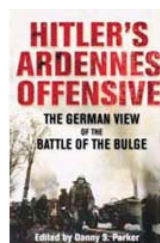
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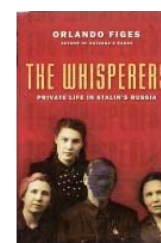
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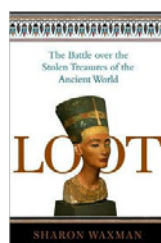
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Sharon Waxman

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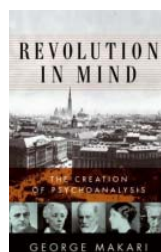
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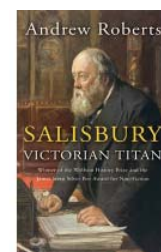
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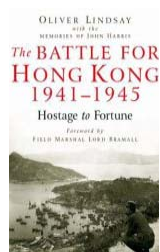
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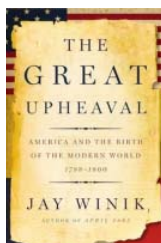
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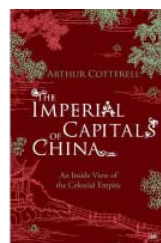
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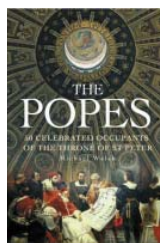
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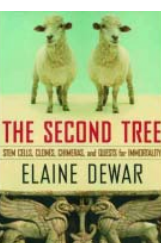
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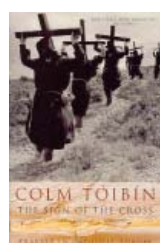
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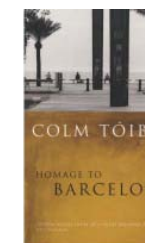
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Atul Gawande

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Today we find ourselves in possession of stupendous know-how, which we willingly place in the hands of the most highly skilled people. But avoidable failures are common, and the reason is simple: the volume and complexity of our knowledge has exceeded our ability to consistently deliver it - correctly, safely or efficiently. In this groundbreaking book, Gawande makes a compelling argument for the Checklist, which he believes to be the most promising method available in preventing failure. Whether following a recipe, investing millions of dollars in a company, or building a skyscraper, the checklist is an essential tool in virtually every area of our lives. This book explains how breaking down complex, high-pressure tasks into small steps can radically improve everything from airline safety to heart surgery survival rates.



## Is Dementia a Bigger Word Than Cancer?

Dr Ross Colquhoun

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Dementia will soon be the major cause of disability and death, outstripping cancer, heart disease and stroke, imposing a massive burden on families, health systems and economies worldwide. This book aims to prepare people for dementia. It clearly explains what you might expect and what you can do. Early diagnosis provides many benefits: symptoms like memory loss may not be dementia, but may be normal or treatable; interventions can delay onset or slow progress and new medications are just around the corner; early diagnosis protects sufferers' rights and allows them a say in their care before it is too late.



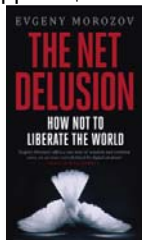
## The Net Delusion

### How Not to Liberate the World

Evgeny Morozov

432pp Pb \$29.95

Does free information mean free people? At the start of the 21st century, we were promised that the internet would liberate the world. We could come together as never before, and from Iran's 'twitter revolution' to Facebook 'activism', technological innovation would spread democracy to oppressed peoples everywhere. We couldn't have been more wrong. Morozov destroys this myth, arguing that 'internet freedom' is an illusion and that technology has failed to help protect people's rights. Not only that - in many cases the internet is actually helping authoritarian regimes. From China and Russia to Iran, oppressive governments are using cyberspace to stifle dissent: planting clandestine propaganda, employing sophisticated digital censorship and using online surveillance. We are all being manipulated in more subtle ways too - becoming pacified by the net, instead of truly engaging. This book is a wake-up call. It shows us how our misplaced faith in cyber-utopia means the West risks missing the real opportunities.



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Brands make corporations accountable for their actions and, especially now, they give those corporations something valuable to lose if they fail us. This book faces consumers with that power, explains how we got it, then shows how the choices we make at the cash register can change our own lives, the way corporations go to market and, ultimately, our entire way of life. Just as an engaged citizen is essential to an effective democracy, so an engaged consumer is the key to a sustainable free market. This is a challenge to all of us to vote with our money - and to marketers to be ready for a future in which they will face their customers eye to eye.



## To Die For

### Is Fashion Wearing Out the World?

Lucy Siegle 352pp Tp \$32.99

Coming at a time when the GFC and contraction of consumer spending is ushering in a new epoch for the fashion industry, Siegle, *Ethical Living* columnist for the *Observer*, offers a very plausible vision of how green could really be the new black. Taking particular issue with our current mania for both big-name labels and cheap fashion, she sets an agenda for the urgent changes that can and need to be made by both the industry and the consumer. Far from outlining a future of drab, ethical clothing, she believes it is indeed possible to be an 'ethical fashionista', simply by being aware of how and where (and by whom) clothing is manufactured. Refocusing the debate squarely back on the importance of basic consumer rights, this book reveals the truth behind cut price, bulk fashion and the importance of purchasing decisions, advocating the case for a new sustainable design era where we are assured of value for money: ethically, morally and financially.



## Wilful Blindness

### Why We Ignore the Obvious at Our Peril

Margaret Heffernan

400pp Tp \$35.00

In the 2006 case of the US Government vs Enron, the presiding judge instructed the jurors to take account of the concept of wilful blindness as they reached their verdict about whether the chief executives of the disgraced energy corporation were guilty. It was not enough for the defendants to say they did not know what was going on; that they had not seen anything. The guilty verdict sent shivers down the spine of the corporate world. Drawing on a wide array of sources - from psychological studies and social statistics to interviews with the relevant protagonists - Heffernan examines what it is about human nature that makes us so prone to wilful blindness. Taught from infancy to obey authority, and absorbing the importance of selective vision as a key social skill, humans exacerbate their tendency to become institutionalised by joining organisations which are run by like-minded people. In the tradition of Malcolm Gladwell and Nassim Nicholas Taleb, this thought-provoking book forces open our eyes.



## In Too Deep

### BP and the Drilling Race That Took it Down

Stanley Reed

& Alison Fitzgerald

240pp Hb \$32.95

In 2005, 15 workers were killed when BP's Texas City refinery exploded. In 2006, corroded pipes owned by BP led to an oil spill in Alaska. Then in 2010, 11 BP contract workers were killed in the Gulf of Mexico's Macondo well blowout. By the time it plugged the hole at the bottom of the Gulf, BP had become the biggest oil polluter in US history, dwarfing the notorious *Exxon Valdez*, the oil tanker whose drunken captain ran his ship aground in Prince William Sound off Alaska. Stanley Reed, who has been covering BP for over 10 years, and investigative reporter Alison Fitzgerald show there is likely a reason that it was a BP well that blew out, and not one that belonged to Exxon or Shell - and that the blame may lie in BP's culture of risk-taking and hard focus on financial results.

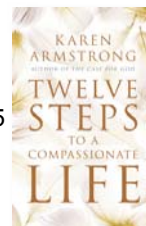


## Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life

Karen Armstrong

224pp Tp \$29.95

After the bestselling *The Case for God* (Pb \$24.95), Armstrong makes the case for compassion - an urgent appeal to establish empathy and altruism at the centre of our private and public lives. Since time immemorial, religion has enhanced our altruistic tendencies: all faiths insist that the Golden Rule is the test of true spirituality - "Always treat others as you wish to be treated yourself". Taking as her starting point the teachings of the great world religions, she demonstrates in 12 practical steps how we can bring compassion to the forefront of our lives. These steps reveal the inadequacies of our knowledge of ourselves and others, enabling us to unlock our potential for understanding, empathy and altruism that can be translated into acts of kindness and charity.



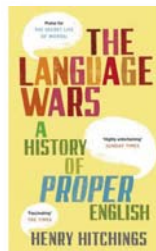
## The Language Wars

### A History of Proper English

Henry Hitchings

416pp Hb \$39.95

The English language is a battlefield. Since the age of Shakespeare, arguments over correct usage have been acrimonious, and those involved have always really been contesting values - to do with morality, politics and class. Hitchings examines the present state of the conflict, explores the most persistent issues to do with English and unpacks the history of 'proper' usage. He examines grammar rules, regional accents, swearing, spelling, dictionaries, political correctness and the role of electronic media in reshaping language. He also takes a look at such niggling concerns as the split infinitive, elocution and text messaging. Peopled with intriguing characters - such as Jonathan Swift, H W Fowler and George Orwell, as well as the more disparate figures of Lewis Carroll, Buffy the Vampire Slayer and Lenny Bruce - this is an essential volume for anyone interested in the state of the English language today or intrigued about its future.







Here's a recommendation for those of you interested in British politics during the 20th century. *Climbing the Bookshelves* by Shirley Williams (\$55 Hb, \$27.99 Pb, 432pp) is the autobiography of a woman who took part in most of the changes in Britain since the Second World War. Daughter of the famous writer and feminist Vera Brittain, she grew up in a household constantly aware of the political scene and she was fascinated by politics all her life. She was evacuated to America during the war for several years, so also had an understanding of the American view. She was a Minister in the Labor governments of both Harold Wilson and Jim Callaghan, and was one of the Gang of Four who founded the Social Democratic Party. She knew an awful lot of people and still, in her seventies, contributes to democracy, and not only in her role as a Professor at the Harvard University's School of Government. If you lived in Britain at this time, you will relish her insider's view of the history you lived through.



I was anxious to read Gail Jones' new novel, as I was sorry her book *Sorry* (\$24.95 Pb) didn't win the *Miles Franklin* in 2008, although on the other hand I was glad Steven Carroll received the recognition he deserved for his trilogy *The Art of the Engine Driver*, *The Gift of Speed* and *The Time We Have Taken* (all \$24.99 Pb), extolling the quiet changes in a Melbourne suburb over the decades. Gail's earlier books were *Dreams of Speaking*, *Sixty Lights* and *Black Mirror* (all \$24.95 Pb). Her new book, inspired by Kenneth Slessor's poem, is called *Five Bells: Four Individuals, One Radiant Sydney Day* (\$29.95 Pb 216pp). Ellie, a young woman, newly arrived in Sydney, is remembering her adolescence in Western Australia; another woman, an Irish journalist, newly arrived, is remembering her beloved brother; an older Chinese woman is remembering the horrors of the re-education camps and her life in Australia; and an unhappy young man, who had been the teenage lover of Ellie, has arranged to meet her after many years. It begins sketchily, but builds to a most satisfying round. I thought the Irish episodes the least successful, but continue to admire this intelligent and perceptive writing. Recommended indeed.



Remember Abbey's is one of the very few bookshops in the world to stock ALL the titles in the Loeb Classical Library distributed by Harvard University Press (all Hb \$44.95). These are facing-page, dual-language titles in Greek (green covers) or Latin (red covers). We can only do this because of you, our clever customers. If they didn't sell, we couldn't stock them.

We now have another series distributed by Harvard University Press called the *Dumbarton Oaks Medieval Library*. These present original Byzantine Greek, Medieval Latin and Old English texts with facing-page translations in English. The first three titles have just arrived (all Hb \$49.95). They are *The Vulgate Bible: Vol #1 The Pentateuch in the Douay-Rheims*, a translation from the 16th century. There will be five volumes in this set. Also arrived is *The Beowulf Manuscript*, edited and translated by Robert Fulk, Professor at Bloomington University. This also includes, from the sole surviving *Beowulf* manuscript, *Passion of St Christopher*, *Wonders of the East*, *Letter of Alexander the Great to Aristotle*, and the poem *Judith*. The third title is *The Arundel Lyrics / The Poems of Hugh Primas*, edited and translated by Christopher McDonough, Emeritus Professor of Classics at the University of Toronto. These are all out of my range, but I am sure Abbey's will have some scholars and readers who will be fascinated to see these classics made available.

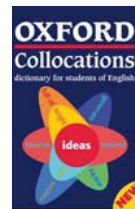
Of course, we do have other editions of *Beowulf*, not least the verse translation by Seamus Heaney, edited by Daniel Donoghue in the Norton Critical edition (\$32.95 Pb). This also includes a glossary of personal names and very extensive bibliography, plus the web address for you to hear Heaney read 600 lines of his translation.

I notice the 16th edition of *The Chicago Manual of Style* in our Writing & Publishing section (\$105 Hb 1,056pp). 16th edition really says something, doesn't it? It must be a major job to keep this famous standard up to date. I also noticed an obituary in February for John Pitson, the originator of the Australian Government's *Style Manual: For Authors, Editors and Printers*, now in its 6th edition (\$44.95 Hb 550pp).

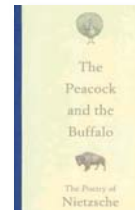


Lots of our customers have been buying *Puzzled: Secrets and Clues from a Life Lost in Words* by David Astle (\$29.99 Pb 424pp), who sets crosswords some days for the *Sydney Morning Herald* and is the adjudicator on the SBS program *Letters and Numbers*. Although called a memoir, it is really a rave about the history of word games, puzzles, quizzes and other brain-teasers. There are some puzzles (and solutions) at the end, but you get lots of clues for solving some of those other tortures, not least cryptic crosswords. Upstairs in our Games section you can find your own brand of amusement, from Chess, Scrabble and Sudoku to Tredoku, Card Games and even *Enigma 3: The Big Book of Mathematical Brain Teasers and Games of Logic* (\$39.95 Hb 384pp).

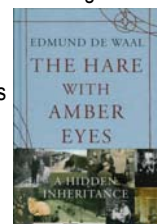
Whilst upstairs you can browse around in the stock of Language Book Centre, which has dictionaries for languages from Arabic to Yoruba (I think that's something like 104 languages). In the English as a Second Language section, I found a very new type of dictionary called *The Oxford Collocations Dictionary for Students of English* (\$69.95 Hb 992pp, incl CD-ROM for pronunciation). I'm none too sure how to pronounce this, but it's a dictionary which suggests many adjectives and adverbs which can usually go with a noun. For instance, next to "mist", you are offered "dense, heavy, thick" etc, then it moves on to "be shrouded in" and "vanish in". A really useful book. I took it to mean co-locations, but maybe collocations is a new word in the world of linguistics? An excellent idea with 250,000 offerings.



While shelving in poetry, I found a little treasure for someone. This is *The Peacock and the Buffalo: The Poetry of Nietzsche* (\$56 Hb 388pp) in a bilingual edition translated by James Luchte. Students of European philosophy should take a look at this. A friend was in a music shop recently and overheard someone asking for anything about Osbert Sitwell. The reply was "the only place you'll get something like that is at Abbey's". Too true.



Did you notice the stir in the paper about a book which won the Biography category of the *Costa Book Award* and the publisher felt was not being properly promoted in Australia? This subtle and sensitive book is *The Hare with Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal (\$39.95 354pp), a small hardback now with a colourful photographic band around the dust jacket. The paperback is due this month (\$24.95). The author is a renowned English potter who uses a very valuable collection of netsuke (little sculptures used to tie the sash of men's kimonos) to lead him on a voyage to trace his family. This family was the fabulously wealthy Ephrussi, originally grain merchants from Odessa, but later famous bankers. We watch as de Waal imagines the life of Charles, a dandy and patron in Paris at the turn of the 19th century, and then - with the aid of letters, photographs, novels and magazines of the time - travels to Vienna to a Palais on the Ringstrasse surrounded by works of art, and ultimately to the terrible treatment of Jews in Vienna as the Second World War overtakes these good citizens. The netsuke collection is saved by their maid Anna, hidden in her apron and her mattress, until one of the daughters returns in 1945. The collection ends up displayed again in Tokyo in a vitrine owned by one of the sons, who has become a businessman in Japan and lives with his Japanese male lover. A fascinating story which has much to remind people today. Such displays of wealth are seldom seen now - more likely to be a huge motor boat!



The Francis Forbes Society for Australian Legal History is calling for entries in their Essay Competition. The award for 2010 was won by Sarah Webster of Cecil Hills High School for her essay on the Forgotten Generation. Go to [www.forbessociety.org.au](http://www.forbessociety.org.au) for information.

Some of you will be interested in the Australian Romance Readers Convention to be held at the Swiss Grand Resort & Spa at Bondi Beach from Fri 25 to Sun 27 March. Galaxy Bookshop sponsor the Paranormal Romance Award at this convention, which is for readers, but of course many writers will be there, including keynote speakers Anna Campbell, Nalini Singh and Cindy Gerard. For more details visit [www.australianromancereaders.com.au](http://www.australianromancereaders.com.au).

My very dear friend Joyce Nicholson died on 30 January. She was 91 and packed a great many good things into that long life. Always generous and fair-minded, Joyce took over from her father the running of D W Thorpe Pty Ltd, publishers of book trade journals. It was Joyce who, in effect, began the printing of Australian Books in Print. Before that booksellers had to consult the various catalogues put out by publishers. Just look at what it has blossomed into - now a database combined with books from all over the world. Joyce was a Founding Member of the Women's Electoral Lobby, Sisters Publishing and the National Book Council; she has left a superb collection of books about women to the Melbourne University, along with money to maintain it. Joyce wrote around 25 books, mostly about women and children, but also about bridge and games for children. Dear, wonderful Joyce, I hope there are more like her.

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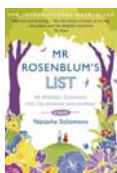
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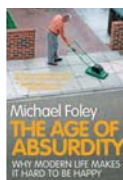
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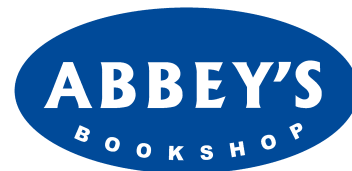
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