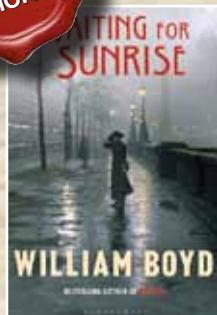


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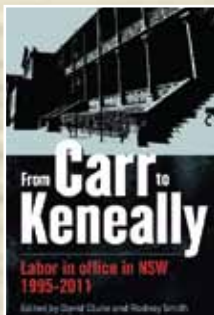
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International Women's Day is on 8 March and there are some bold initiatives underway to recognise excellent writing by women. The Australian Women Writers' Challenge is a read/review group in which you, the avid reader, can participate. There is also the *Stella Prize*, offering a whopping \$50,000 award. See p2 for more info. *Craig (Ed.)*

Notes from Eve Abbey...

If you read Jeanette Winterson's autobiography... I'm sure you will want to read her other books. As she says herself of her work, "some think it is brilliant and others think it is rubbish". [page 10]



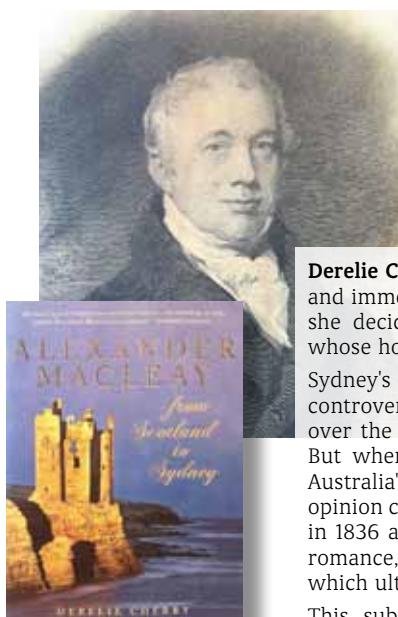
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The Messenger Bird
Rosanne Hawke

Tamar can't make sense of the world: her beloved brother has died in a car crash, her mother is in hospital suffering depression, her father has thrown himself into restoring their old farmhouse in an attempt to forget his sorrow. Even her cherished music holds no consolation. When her father discovers a hand-notated music manuscript, Tamar is drawn to the melancholy

beauty of the piece. Playing it opens a window onto a former inhabitant's life - Nathaniel, who lived in the farm house when it was first built. Nathaniel becomes her lifeline, and his past holds answers for her future... A rather lyrical exploration of transcending grief, with a delicate air of mystery. Suitable for 14+ Pb \$19.99

Do Not Forget Australia
Sally Murphy

Billy lives in Melbourne, and Henri in Villers-Bretonneux. These young boys do not know each other, but their lives will touch in the events of the Great War, and the echoes of their stories come down through the years. A lovely, moving story of how the people of different countries form a link, and something positive can be forged in the brutality of war. Beautifully illustrated by Sonia Kretschmar in strong, bold colours. Perfect for Anzac Day and ages 7-10. Hb \$29.95



Wonder
R J Palacio

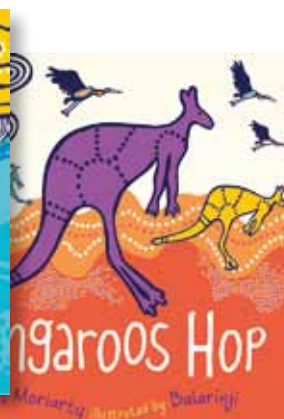
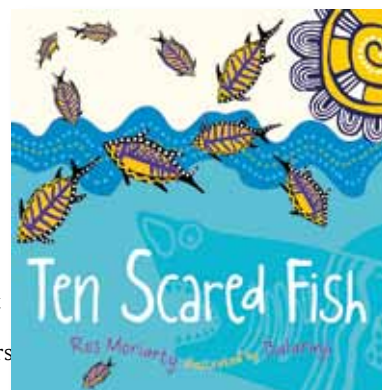
Augie has been home-schooled, but now it's time for him to attend middle primary. He's a funny, cheerful, intelligent and observant boy, loved by his family but with little experience of dealing with other children.

A genetic disorder caused him to be born without a 'normal' face, and years of surgery and being stared at have meant he's kept to himself. Going out into the world will mean he has to find a bit more bravery... Told in different voices, this is a truly lovely novel, with more than the obvious moral to not judge a book by its cover. A young reader of my acquaintance wouldn't put this book down - we both found it equally absorbing and a wonderful read! 12+ Pb \$21.95

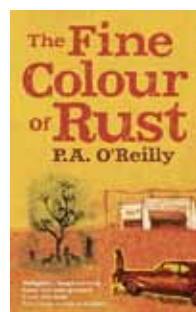


Ten Scared Fish; Kangaroos Hop **Ros Moriarty**

These two delightful books introduce early childhood concepts. The boldly coloured, playful and attractive illustrations are by Balarinji (the Indigenous art studio best known for covering Qantas planes with vibrant indigenous motifs). The first title not only counts to ten but introduces prepositions as the fish make their way down a river to the sea; the second identifies native animals and verbs. Perfect for youngsters here or overseas! Pb \$12.99 each



AUSTRALIAN FICTION



The Fine Colour of Rust
P A O'Reilly

Single mother Loretta Boskovic may fantasise about dumping her two kids in an orphanage and riding off on a Harley, but her reality is an outback country town called Gunapan. Loretta's got a big heart and

a strong sense of justice. So when Gunapan's primary school is threatened with closure, and there's a whiff of corruption wafting through the corridors of the local council, she stirs into action. Armed with loyal friends, she'll do whatever it takes to hold on to the scrap of world that is home. 320pp Pb \$24.99

Now in paperback
Sarah Thornhill
Kate Grenville

Sarah Thornhill is the youngest child of William Thornhill, convict-turned-landowner on the Hawkesbury River. She grows up a strong-willed young woman who is certain of her future. She's known Jack Langland since she was a child, and always loved him. But the past is waiting in ambush with its dark legacy. There's a secret in Sarah's family. A secret Jack can't live with. A secret that will change everything, for both of them... 304pp Tp \$29.95



The Boy Who Fell to Earth
Kathy Lette

Merlin is Julia's bright, beautiful and autistic son. Since Merlin's father, Jeremy, left them in the lurch shortly after Merlin's diagnosis, Julia has made her son the centre of her world, and doesn't have room for any other man in her life... so why bother? When she realises she's become overly cynical, she finally dips a toe back into the world of dating. Just as the most imperfectly perfect man lands on her doorstep, so does Jeremy, begging for forgiveness and a second chance. 320pp Tp \$32.95

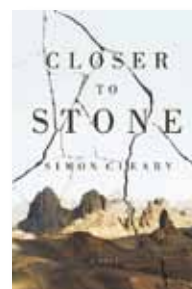


The Memory Tree
Tess Evans

When Paulina dies mid-dance, leaving her children Zav and Hal with their loving yet unstable father, the family decides to plant a tree in her memory. This beautiful magnolia tree grows apace with



the children, standing proud in the garden. As the memory tree grows, Hal, in pure grief for his mother, feels increasingly suspicious of the world, and turns to his own brand of salvation to make sense of the voices he hears... until he is persuaded into the most tragic of acts. 384pp Pb \$27.99



Closer to Stone
Simon Cleary

Determined to discover what happened to his missing brother, Sebastian travels into the war-torn desert interior of northern Africa. There he finds the unexpected - something which will have shocking consequences for him and his family. Through the story of two very different brothers, raised as Catholics, this story delves into the rise of fundamentalist Islam and its culmination in the terrorist attacks of 9/11. 304pp Tp \$29.95



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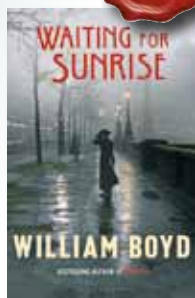


This new literary prize is aimed at encouraging a future generation of Australian women writers and also aims to significantly increase readership of books by women.

FICTION

Waiting for Sunrise William Boyd

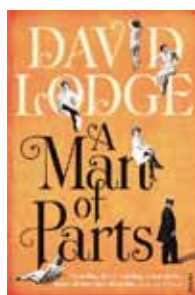
Vienna, 1913. English actor Lysander Rief sits in the waiting room of an eminent psychiatrist when a distressed young woman enters. Drawn to Hettie Bull's hazel eyes and intense beauty, they begin a passionate love affair and life is tinged with a powerful frisson of excitement. Back in London, 1914. War is imminent and events in Vienna have caught up with Lysander in the most damaging way. Unable to live an ordinary life, he is plunged into the dangerous theatre of wartime intelligence. 368pp Tp \$29.99 **\$24.99**



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A Man of Parts David Lodge

Sequestered in his blitz-battered Regent's Park house in 1944, the ailing Herbert George Wells looks back on a life crowded with incident, books and women. Has it been a success or a failure? Once he was the most famous writer in the world; now he feels like yesterday's man, deserted by readers and depressed by the collapse of his utopian dreams. Reliving his relationships with two wives and many mistresses, this is the tale of a man as contradictory as he was talented - but always vitally human. 576pp Pb \$19.95



BOOKSELLER'S PICK



The Bellwether Revivals Benjamin Wood

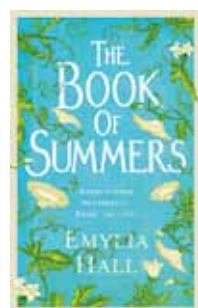
Oscar Lowe is a bookish, working class boy who has escaped the stifling confines of his unsympathetic family. He works in a Cambridge nursing home and enjoys the friendship

of an irascible resident, Dr Paulsen, who encourages his love of reading and knowledge. One fateful day, Oscar meets Iris Bellwether and is ineluctably drawn into her privileged, somewhat jaded circle of friends, but more importantly, comes to the attention of her self-absorbed, musically talented and dangerously intelligent brother, Eden. He has some very strange qualities and believes in the healing qualities of a particular Baroque composer's music - are they based in truth, or are they the delusions of a mentally disturbed man? As Eden experiments with his theories, Oscar is increasingly alarmed at what is happening... A beautifully written and beguiling novel. *Lindy* Pb \$29.99

Salmon Fishing in the Yemen

Paul Torday

Dr Alfred Jones is a fisheries scientist - for whom diary-notable events include the acquisition of a new electric toothbrush and getting his article on caddis fly larvae published in *Trout and Salmon*. Then he finds himself reluctantly involved in a project to bring salmon fishing to the Highlands of the Yemen - a project that will change his life and the course of British political history. This is a novel about hypocrisy and bureaucracy and the transforming power of faith and love. 352pp Pb \$22.99



The Book of Summers Emyia Hall

Beth Lowe has been sent a parcel. Inside is a letter informing her that her long-estranged mother has died and a scrapbook Beth titled *The Book of Summers*. Stuffed with photographs

and mementos compiled by her mother, the scrapbook records the seven glorious childhood summers Beth spent in rural Hungary. It was a time that came to a brutal end when Beth turned 16. Since then, she has refused to think about those years. But the scrapbook pulls the past into the present, as vivid as ever... 336pp Pb \$29.99

The Cove Ron Rash

Siblings Laurel and Hank Shelton live in the cove, which is reputedly cursed. Hank has returned an amputee from WWI and soon falls in love - but his new bride refuses to live in the cove. He must choose between his bride and abandoning his sister. But Laurel's fate is altered forever when she discovers an injured man on their land. The stranger slowly heals and brings Laurel happiness and love, but when she discovers the stranger's true identity, she realises they are in danger. 240pp Tp \$29.95



The Misfortunates Dimitri Verhulst

Sobriety and moderation are alien concepts to the men in Dimmy's family. Within hours of his son's birth, Pierre plucks Dimmy from the maternity ward, props him on his bike, and takes him on an introductory tour of the village pubs. His mother soon leaves them to it and as Dimmy grows up amid the stench of stale beer he seems destined to follow the path of his forebears and make a low-life career in inebriation... until he starts piecing together his own plan for the future. 208pp Pb \$27.99



The Paris Wife Paula McLain

Chicago, 1920. Hadley Richardson is a shy 28-year-old who has all but given up on love and happiness when she meets Ernest Hemingway. She is captivated by his energy, intensity and ambition to write. After a whirlwind courtship and wedding, the pair set sail for France. But glamorous Jazz Age Paris is no place for family life and fidelity. Their marriage suffers and the birth of a beloved son drives them further apart... as does another woman, intent on making Ernest her own. 400pp Pb \$19.99



The Detour Gerbrand Bakker

A Dutch woman rents a remote farm in rural Wales. She says her name is Emilie. She is a lecturer doing some research, and sets about making the farmhouse more homely. When she arrives, there are 10 geese living in the garden... but one by one they disappear. 240pp Pb \$27.95



The Orphan Master's Son Adam Johnson

Jun Do is the son of an influential man who runs Long Tomorrows, a work camp for orphans. There the boy is given his first taste of power, picking which orphans eat first and

which will be lent out for manual labour. Recognised for his loyalty and instincts, he comes to the attention of superiors in the state, rises in the ranks and becomes a professional kidnapper who must navigate the shifting rules, arbitrary violence and baffling demands of his Korean overlords in order to stay alive. 464pp Tp \$32.95

This Isn't the Sort of Thing That Happens to Someone Like You Jon McGregor

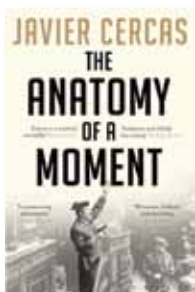
This collection of short stories is set in the flat fenlands of eastern England. Some stories are mere fragments of language, others are technically and cleverly proficient and others still are achingly detailed observations of people and the landscape. All of them, though, are the work of a master craftsman, who catches a multiplicity of voices and characters in believable situations and treats all of them with dignity (even - or especially - the characters who are society's refuse). Each book McGregor has produced is different from the others and this one just confirms what I believe is his amazing talent; when I had finished, I went right back to the beginning and re-read them all. *Lindy* 272pp Hb \$29.99

BOOKSELLER'S PICK



The Stranger's Child Alan Hollinghurst

In the summer of 1913, George Sawle brings the charming, aristocratic young poet Cecil Valance to his family's home. The shared intimacies of this weekend link the Sawle and Valance families irrevocably, becoming legendary events in a larger story. Throughout this richly comic history of sexual mores and literary reputation, we follow the two families in a series of widely spaced episodes, through startling changes in fortune and circumstance. 576pp Pb \$19.99

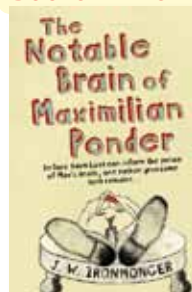


The Anatomy of a Moment Javier Cercas

In February 1981, just as Spain was finally leaving Franco's dictatorship in the first democratic vote in parliament for a new prime minister, Colonel Tejero and a band of right-wing soldiers burst into the Spanish

parliament and began firing shots. Only three members of Congress defied the incursion and did not dive for cover. In this novel, Cercas examines a key moment in Spanish history, where people all over Spain stayed inside waiting for the coup to be defeated... or to triumph. 416pp Pb \$19.99

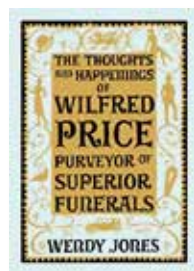
BOOKSELLER'S PICK



The Notable Brain of Maximilian Ponder J W Ironmonger

Maximilian, a very rich young philosophy student, decides that his thesis will be to catalogue the memories of the human brain, notably his. A project he envisages will take three years. To do so, though, he needs

the assistance of his closest friend, Alex, to keep the world at bay so Max's memories are not tainted. Thirty or so years later, Alex is standing over the body of his dead friend, ready to fulfil one last, rather grisly, obligation before he calls the police... If you enjoy Paul Torday's novels (as I do), this one will appeal, with its keen observations, gently obsessive characters and ever-so-slightly quirky sensibility. *Lindy* 304pp Tp \$32.99



The Thoughts and Happenings of Wilfred Price, Purveyor of Superior Funerals Wendy Jones

Wilfred Price proposes to a girl he barely knows at a picnic. Grace joyfully accepts and

rushes to tell her family of his intentions. But Wilfred realises his mistake: he doesn't love Grace. On the verge of extricating himself, the situation becomes more serious when her father steps in. To add to Wilfred's dilemma, he thinks he's met the perfect girl for him. As he struggles in a tangled web of expectation and duty, love and lies, Grace reveals a secret that changes everything... 208pp Hb \$24.99

The Secret Children Alison McQueen

Assam, 1925. A son of the empire, James MacDonald, has no yearning for England. Running a tea plantation, he is reluctant to choose a British bride. But when he takes a beautiful young Indian woman as his courtesan, he can't imagine what he has begun. So begins the story of Mary and Serafina. Growing up beloved, but hidden away, their childhood is one of contradiction. But the shadow of war and Indian partition compels the girls to face the truth of their parentage and find a place to belong. 368pp Tp \$29.99



The Revelations Alex Preston

A group of young people are searching for meaning in a directionless world. The Course, a religious movement led by a charismatic priest, seems to offer everything the friends have been looking for: a community of thoughtful people. But as they are drawn deeper into the Course, money, sex and God collide, threatening to rip them apart. This gripping novel lays bare a world where the advancement of a movement becomes more important than the lives of its followers. 336pp Tp \$29.99



Various Pets Alive and Dead Marina Lewycka

Marcus and Doro were part of a commune from the late 1960s until the early 1990s. Their children have grown up rather different from them. Clara is a primary school teacher who craves order and clean

bathrooms. Serge is pretending to his parents that he is doing a Maths PhD at Cambridge, while in fact he is working and making loads of money in the City. And Oolie Anna, who has Downs Syndrome, is desperate to escape home and live on her own. 384pp Pb \$24.95



Lone Wolf Jodi Picoult

24-year-old Edward Warren has been living in Thailand for five years, a prodigal son who left his family after a fight with his father. But he gets a frantic phone call: his father lies comatose, gravely injured in

the same accident that has also injured his younger sister Cara. With her father's chances dwindling, Cara waits for a miracle. But Edward wants to terminate life support and donate his father's organs. Is he motivated by altruism, or revenge? 432pp Tp \$32.99

In the Orchard, the Swallows Peter Hobbs

In northern Pakistan, a frail young man is flung out of prison gates. Looking up, scanning the horizon for swallows in flight, he stumbles and collapses in the roadside dust. His ravaged body tells the story of 15 years of brutality. Just one image has held and sustained him through the dark times – the thought of the young girl who had left him dumbstruck with wonder all those years ago, whose eyes were lit up with life... 160pp Pb \$27.99



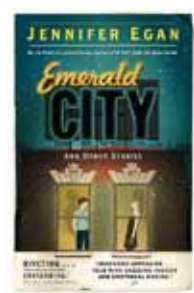
In Search of the Blue Tiger Robert Power

11-year-old Oscar Flowers is making sense of the world of adults that surrounds him in the seaside town of Tidetown. The bizarre behaviour of his parents and great-aunt impels him to search for the blue tiger, a powerful animal that will save his family from themselves. Mrs April, the town's librarian, helps Oscar in his pursuit of knowledge. A deep and wondrous friendship develops, but as Oscar falls under the influence of his peers, he is embroiled in a dark crime of vengeance with disastrous consequences... 336pp Tp \$29.95



Emerald City Jennifer Egan

In these 11 masterful stories, Egan deals with loneliness and longing, regret and desire. Her characters – models and housewives, bankers and schoolgirls – are united by their search for something outside their own realm of experience. They set out from locations as exotic as China and Bora Bora, as cosmopolitan as downtown Manhattan, or as familiar as suburban Illinois to seek their own transformations. Elegant and poignant, these stories are seamless evocations of self-discovery. 192pp Pb \$19.99



Today David Miller

In 1924, John Conrad arrives at his parents' home in Canterbury, where family and friends assemble for the bank holiday weekend. His crippled mother has been discharged from a nursing home and his brother drives down from London with wife and child. But as the guests converge, John's father dies. There is surprise, shock and deep fissures in a family exposed through grief... all viewed through the eyes of the dead man's secretary - never quite at the centre, but always observing. 176pp Pb \$19.99





West of Here Jonathan Evison

It's been over 100 years since settlers of Port Bonita dammed the Elwha River. Now their descendants gather in anticipation of the dam's blasting and a new era of restoration. But the past is populated by intrepid folk: an

exploration party penetrating the Olympic Mountain range; Klallam natives sickened by dispossession and whiskey; a young feminist at odds with motherhood, a sex worker doing covert battle with her employer; and an entrepreneur blasting the river canyon into submission. 496pp Pb \$24.99

The Siege Siege #1 Nick Brown

270 AD. The weakened Roman Empire faces a desperate threat: Queen Zenobia of Palmyra has turned her Roman-trained army against her former masters and the once invincible legions have been crushed. Cassius Corbulo is a young intelligence agent assigned to menial tasks. He is the only ranking Roman officer left in the line of the Palmyran advance. Cassius must find the resourcefulness to organise the garrison, save Alauran and secure Rome's eastern frontier... 400pp Pb \$19.99



The Edgeworth David Women Jennifer Horsfield

Cara David was an orphan from a working-class background in England, whose drive and intelligence saw her become the founding principal of the new Hurlstone Women's Training School in Sydney. She met her future husband, the young mining surveyor Edgeworth David, on the voyage to NSW in 1882. Making her mark as a supporter of women's emancipation, Cara's two daughters would become resourceful women in their own right, forging creative pathways and positively impacting their communities. 304pp Tp \$29.99



HISTORICAL FICTION

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The Winter Palace Eva Stachniak

When Vavara, an orphaned Polish girl, is brought to serve at Empress Elizabeth's court in St Petersburg, she is schooled in becoming Elizabeth's secret eyes and ears. Then the young princess Sophie arrives from Prussia as a prospective bride for Elizabeth's heir. Set to spy on her, Vavara soon becomes her friend and confidante. But Sophie's destiny is to become Catherine the Great. Will Sophie stop at nothing to achieve absolute power? 480pp Tp \$32.95 \$27.95



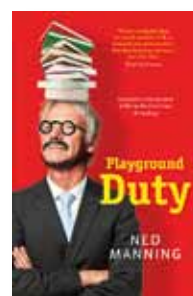
The Virgin Cure Ami McKay

Manhattan, 1871. Moth was abandoned by her father and, at the age of 12, sold by her mother to become the servant to a wealthy woman. These betrayals eventually lead Moth to meet Miss Everett, the owner of a brothel that caters to gentlemen's expensive taste in young virgins. But Moth dreams of answering to no one but herself. There's a high price for independence though and no one knows that better than a girl from Chrystie Street... 368pp Tp \$29.99



Playground Duty Ned Manning

In 1973, Ned Manning faced down a classroom full of kids in remote NSW. It was the start of many years of teaching – by turns exhilarating, nerve-fraying and inspiring. Packed with stories of students both bored and enthusiastic, this memoir roams from high schools in dusty country towns, to the crucible of creativity at EORA Aboriginal College. Through the challenges he inevitably faces, Mr Manning finds the common thread of possibility and hope that runs through his profession. 240pp Tp \$34.99



AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHY



Master and God Lindsey Davis

81AD. The Roman Emperor Domitian seizes power. Afflicted by classic paranoia, the self-styled Master and God sees enemies everywhere – and he is right. His suspicions lead to a Reign of

Terror. Gaius and Lucilla find solace together, yearning for normality, while Gaius' house plots against the Emperor. Lucilla must watch Gaius choose between his love for her and risking death; between his sworn duty to protect the Emperor and killing Domitian for the good of Rome... 496pp Tp \$29.99

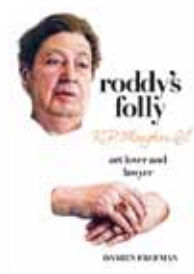


God of War The Epic Story of Alexander the Great Christian Cameron

Alexander the Great conquered the world – first crushing the Greek resistance to Macedonian rule, then destroying the Persian Empire in three monumental battles, before marching into the unknown and final victory in India – a truly epic tale that has mesmerised countless generations. Alexander crammed more adventure into his 33 years than any other human being before or since. And now for the first time, a novelist tells his tale in one epic volume! 800pp Tp \$32.99

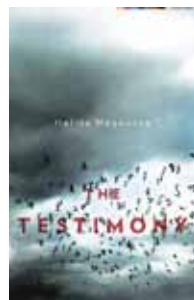
Roddy's Folly R P Meagher QC: Art Lover and Lawyer Damien Freeman

This is the first book-length study of the life and work of Roddy Meagher QC, covering his relationship with the Roman Catholic Church, the University of Sydney, the Australian Bar and the tradition of legal scholarship to which he made a monumental contribution. Getting inside the mind of the man, Freeman offers analyses Meagher's attitude to feminism and political correctness, his place in Sydney's bohemian and establishment circles and his marriage to the painter Penny Meagher. Tp \$39.95



The Testimony Halina Wagowska

Described by Wagowska as "...her last testimony before she drops off the twig", this autobiography is one in which the people and places she has known take centre stage. Following a career in pathology and her life's work in human rights – pouring her energy into everything from bursaries for Aboriginal education, books for the victims of the Black Saturday bushfires, bioethics and gay marriage – Halina's accounts provide wisdom from a woman who has lived a full life. 208pp Pb \$24.95

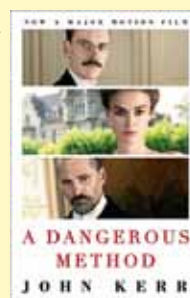


BIOGRAPHY

A Dangerous Method The Story of Jung, Freud and Sabina Spielrein

John Kerr

In 1907, Sigmund Freud and Carl Gustav Jung began a momentous collaboration and a deep friendship. Six years later they were bitter antagonists. In between them stood a young woman named Sabina Spielrein: a patient and lover to Jung, a colleague and confidante to Freud – and one of the greatest minds in modern psychiatry. This mesmerising book reconstructs the fatal triangle between them, exploring hysteria, anti-Semitism, sexual duplicity and intellectual brilliance wielded as blackmail. 624pp Pb \$22.99



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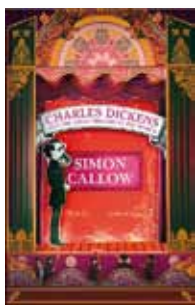
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Charles Dickens and the Great Theatre of the World

Simon Callow

From his early years as a child entertainer in Portsmouth to his reluctant retirement just before his death, Dickens was obsessed with the stage. He was a dazzling mimic who wrote, acted in and stage-managed plays, all with fanatical perfectionism and this fascinating biography brings a unique insight to a life driven by performance and showmanship. 384pp Hb \$35

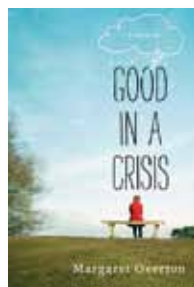


Good in a Crisis

A Memoir

Margaret Overton

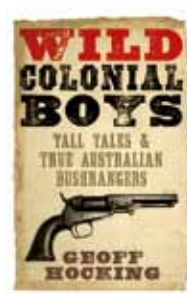
During the four years of physician Overton's acrimonious divorce, she was determined to find her soul mate and live happily ever after. Then she discovered she had a brain aneurysm, so she set out on a course to take control of her future and finally become independent of men. This is a laugh-out-loud account of dealing with the most serious of life's problems: loss of life, loss of love and loss of innocence which will leave you a lot humbler, and just a little wiser! 256pp Tp \$29.99



Wild Colonial Boys

Tall Tales and True Australian Bushrangers
Geoff Hocking

Here is a bold and exciting look at the bushranging period of Australia's colonial history, taking a chronological journey from the arrival of the First Fleet in 1788 to the tormented years of Port Arthur and Norfolk Island, then on to the saga of the defiant Irishman Ned Kelly. Including more than 200 photographs, engravings and items of ephemera, this revised classic is pictorial history at its finest! Pb \$29.95



Franklin and Eleanor

An Extraordinary Marriage
Hazel Rowley

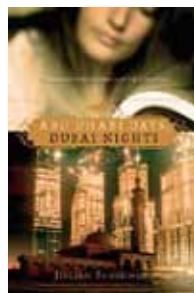
Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt's marriage is one of the most celebrated and scrutinised partnerships in presidential history.

Raising eyebrows in their lifetimes, they have only become more controversial since their deaths. From FDR's lifelong romance with Lucy Mercer, to Eleanor's purported lesbianism, the public has never tired of speculating on the ties that bound these two headstrong individuals, who go down as one of history's most fascinating and inspiring couples! 368pp Pb \$24.99

Abu Dhabi Days, Dubai Nights

Jillian Schedneck

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The Diggers' Menagerie

Mates, Mascots and Marvels - True Stories of Animals Who Went to War

Barry Stone

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The Tragic and Scandalous Life of Mrs Oscar Wilde

Franny Moyle

Up until 1895 – when her husband Oscar was convicted for homosexual crimes – Constance Wilde held a privileged position in society. After this

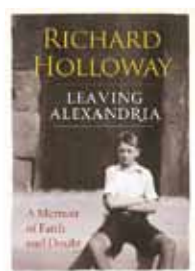
scandal, she changed her name, moved to the Continent and lived in exile until her death. Drawing on unpublished letters, Moyle brings to life the story of a woman at the heart of fin-de-siecle London and the Aesthetic movement, with revelations about a woman who was the victim of one of the greatest betrayals of all time. 384pp Pb \$22.99

Leaving Alexandria

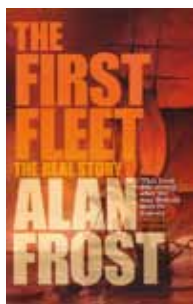
A Memoir of Faith and Doubt

Richard Holloway

During his years as a priest before his controversial resignation as Bishop of Edinburgh in 2000, Holloway touched many lives – but he was also troubled by questions. Why is the Church, which claims to be the instrument of God's love, so prone to cruelty and condemnation? With this long-awaited memoir, Richard offers readers a fiercely honest book that recounts a fascinating life – and his attempts to answer those questions. 408pp Tp \$32.95



HISTORY



The First Fleet The Real Story

Alan Frost

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David Clune & Rodney Smith [Eds]

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The Japanese on the Kokoda Track
Craig Collie & Hajime Marutani
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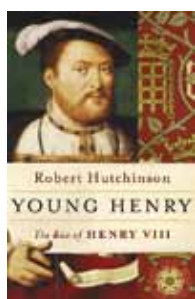


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Decoding Royal Conspiracies
Ian Mortimer
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The Politics of Passion
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After helping to oust her father from his throne, Queen Anne inherited the crowns of England and Scotland in 1702. With a personal life riven by passion, illness and intrigue, she presided over some

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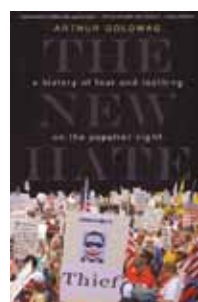
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Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity
Katherine Boo

Annawadi is a makeshift settlement in the shadow of luxury hotels near the Mumbai airport, filled with hope despite its poverty. But as terror and a

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The Rise of the Russian Corporation
Alexander Litvinenko & Vladimir Pribylovsky

Using first-hand information from oligarchs, spies and classified sources, this describes how all power was taken away from the businessmen – who thrived on the chaos under Yeltsin – and shifted to a corporation of 300 spies, joined through a web of joint shareholdings and Kremlin positions. Every rich person in Russia nowadays has become a mini version of Vladimir Putin – connected to the secret service, beholden to the Kremlin and willing to kill if necessary. 536pp Pb \$22.99

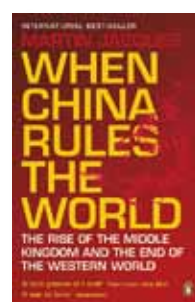


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A History of Fear and Loathing on the Populist Right
Arthur Goldwag
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a pattern that runs through the American grain. From the Illuminati in the 1790s, to McCarthyism in the 1950s and the Tea Party today, he takes readers on a bizarre and amusing tour through the swamps of nativism, racism and paranoid speculations about money that have long thrived on the American fringe. 384pp Tp \$32.95

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The Rise of the Middle Kingdom and the End of the Western World
Martin Jacques

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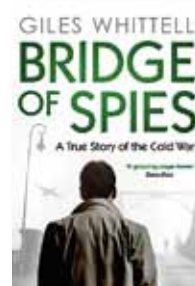
Bigger or Better?
Australia's Population Debate
Ian Lowe

When Kevin Rudd claimed he believed in 'a big Australia', there was a strong public reaction. Lowe clarifies and provides an historical account of

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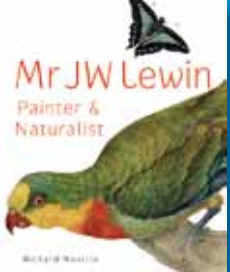


ART

The Art of the First Fleet
Lisa Di Tommaso

This is a captivating collection of artwork that was created during the historic period of the First Fleet and depicts the natural history of this extraordinary land and the events that marked these initial formative years, as seen through the eyes of European settlers. Included are artists' drawings of the people and culture of the Eora – the local indigenous population of the area – the only lasting visual record of their lives from that time. 112pp Hb \$29.95





Mr J W Lewin Painter and Naturalist

Richard Neville
In 1813, author, illustrator, printmaker and natural historian John William Lewin created the first illustrated book ever published in Australia.

Featuring more than 150 exquisite artworks, this book takes a fascinating look at Lewin's life and work, his place in colonial Australian society and the natural history craze that swept the world at that time. Neville is the Mitchell Librarian at the State Library of New South Wales and he provides a wonderful testament to Lewin's artistic legacy. 272pp Pb \$39.99 **\$34.95**

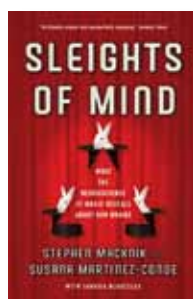
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Sleights of Mind

What the Neuroscience of Magic Reveals About Our Brains

Stephen Macknik & Susana Martinez-Conde with Sandra Blakeslee

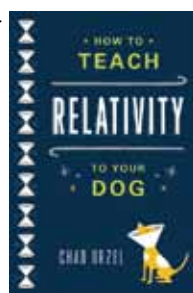
Two leading neuroscientists meet with magicians from around the world to explain how the magician's art sheds light on consciousness, memory, attention and belief. They combine cutting-edge scientific research with startling insights into the tricks of the magic trade. By understanding how magic manipulates the processes in our brains, we can better understand how we work – for both good and ill. 304pp Pb \$22.99



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Chad Orzel

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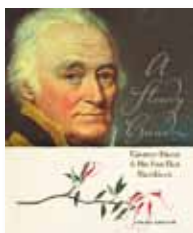


A Steady Hand

Governor Hunter and His First Fleet Sketchbook

Linda Groom

History looks back on John Hunter with mixed reviews. Some biographers are critical of his leadership style as the Governor of Port Jackson. Others say he was a failure at sea. Groom disagrees on both counts. Using Hunter's sketchbook as a focus, she explores how he drew inspiration from the paintings of one of his midshipmen, George Raper, demonstrating Hunter's willingness to learn – quite the reverse of the usual naval hierarchy. 236pp Hb \$49.99



Survival of the Beautiful

Art, Science and Evolution

David Rothenberg

Taking inspiration from Darwin's observation that animals have a natural aesthetic sense, Rothenberg probes why animals, humans included, have innate



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TODAY'S WORLD

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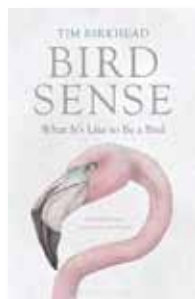
Why Success Always Starts with Failure

Tim Harford

Harford demonstrates how the world's most complex and important problems – including terrorism, climate change, poverty, innovation and the financial crisis – can only be solved from the bottom up by rapid experimentation and adaption. From a spaceport in the Mojave Desert to the street battles of Iraq; from a blazing offshore drilling rig to everyday decisions in our business and personal lives; this is a handbook for surviving in a complex and ever-shifting world. 320pp Pb \$22.99



SCIENCE



Bird Sense

What it's Like to be a Bird?

Tim Birkhead

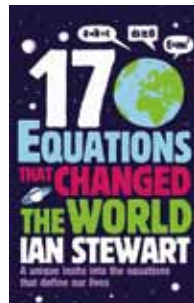
What is it like to be a swift, flying at over 100 kilometres an hour? Or a kiwi, plodding flightlessly among the humid undergrowth in the pitch dark of a New Zealand night?

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Ian Stewart

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Ben Saul [et al]

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Dana Mackenzie

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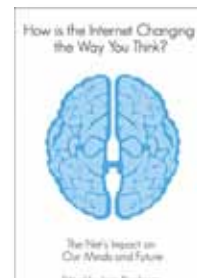


How is the Internet Changing the Way You Think?

The Net's Impact on Our Minds and Future

John Brockman [Ed]

154 of the world's leading intellectuals, including scientists, artists and creative thinkers, explore exactly what it means to think in the new age of the Internet. From Nicholas Carr's reflections on what the Internet is doing to our brains, to Richard Dawkins's sanguine assessment of its long-term potential for good, each contribution is guaranteed to make readers think more critically about a technology which we now take for granted. 352pp Tp \$29.99



Quiet the Mind

An Illustrated Guide on How to Meditate

Matthew Johnstone

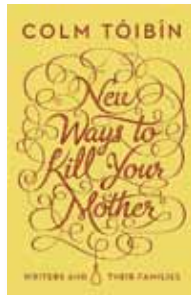
Modern society has made sitting still a near impossible task. Our brains never get a break and the result is stress, anxiety, insomnia and depression. But there is something you can do – nothing! Johnstone provides a simple, accessible, step-by-step guide on how to meditate. Stripping back the mystical concepts that often put meditation in the too-hard basket, this beautiful guide will help you find the space and peace for daily relaxing meditation. 72pp Pb \$19.99



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Colm Toibin

In his essay on Tennessee Williams, Toibin reveals an artist tormented by his sister's mental illness. Through the relationship between W B Yeats and his father, Toibin examines a world of family relations. From the importance of aunts in the English 19th century novel, to the relationship between fathers and sons in the writing of Barack Obama, Toibin illuminates not only the intimate connections between writers and their families, but also articulates the great joy of reading their work. 352pp Tp \$29.99



Big Fat Lies

How the Diet Industry is Making You Sick, Fat and Poor

David Gillespie

Gillespie explores the myths about diet, exercise and vitamin supplements, examining scientific evidence and exposing the role the multibillion-dollar

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Sex Drive

In Pursuit of Female Desire

Dr Bella Ellwood-Clayton

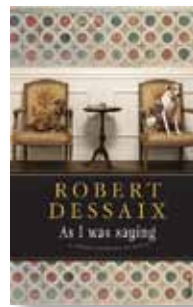
Sexual anthropologist Dr Ellwood-Clayton explores sexuality as it relates to body image, parenting, ageing, depression and the

wear and tear of relationships. Increasing numbers of women with 'low libido' are being diagnosed as sexually dysfunctional, but Ellwood-Clayton posits that it is more a case of women directing their creative, vibrant energies elsewhere. 336pp Pb \$27.99

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Robert Dessaix

This is a swirling conversation with the reader on everything from travel to dogs and cats, from sport and swearing to the pleasures of idleness. Punctuated at regular intervals by talks which Dessaix has given on a wide range of subjects, as well as by some of his most incisive journalism, the conversation invites the reader to join a leisurely guided tour of his chamber of curiosities, featuring pieces collected all over the globe from across the centuries. 224pp Pb \$27.95

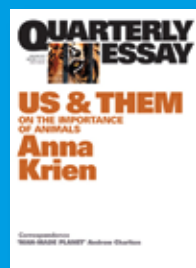
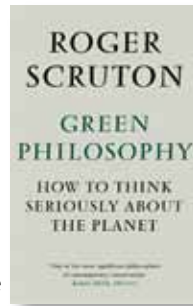


Green Philosophy

How to Think Seriously About the Planet

Roger Scruton

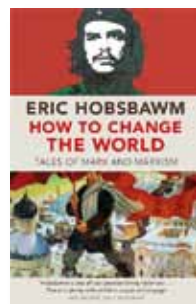
Scruton argues that conservatism is better suited to tackle environmental problems than either liberalism or socialism. He shows that rather than entrusting the environment to unwieldy NGOs and international committees, we must assume personal responsibility and foster local sovereignty. Our common future is by no means assured, but as Scruton clearly demonstrates in this important book, there is a path we can take that can ensure the safety of our planet and our species. 464pp Hb \$39.99



Us and Them: On the Importance of Animals

Quarterly Essay #45
Anna Krien

For the first time in history, humans sit unchallenged at the top of the food chain. As we encroach on the wild and a vast wave of extinctions gathers force, how has our relationship to animals changed? Ranging from the joyful to the deeply unsettling, Krien delivers a clear-eyed look at how we treat animals, considering everything from animal lawyers to Indonesian abattoirs. 128pp Tp \$19.95



How to Change the World

Tales of Marx and Marxism

Eric Hobsbawm

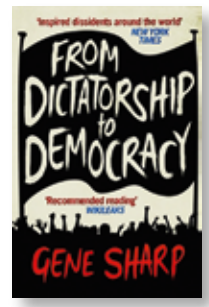
In the 144 years since Karl Marx's *Das Kapital* has been published, Marxism has been embraced by millions in the name of equality – but just as dramatically fallen from

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NOAM CHOMSKY MAKING THE FUTURE

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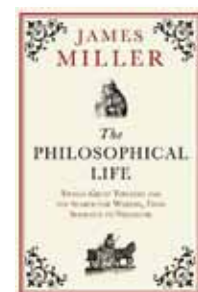
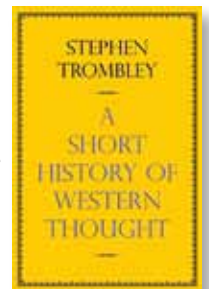
Noam Chomsky

Chomsky explores issues such as the ongoing financial crisis, Obama's presidency, 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. A fierce and timely book by one of the world's foremost intellectual and political dissidents. 272pp Pb \$19.95

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Stephen Trombley

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Twelve Great Thinkers and the Search for Wisdom, from Socrates to Nietzsche

James Miller

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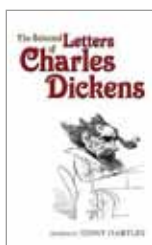
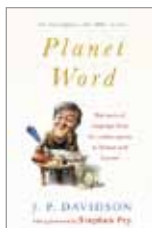
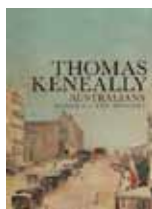


If you read Jeanette Winterson's autobiography **Why Be Happy When You Could Be Normal?** (\$29.95 Hb), I'm sure you will want to read some of her other books. As she says herself of her work, "some think it is brilliant and others think it is rubbish". She is famous for her first work, **Oranges are Not the Only Fruit** (\$12.95 Pb), which was made into a hugely successful TV drama about her life as an adopted child in the rather poor home of religious zealots in a small town outside Manchester. This theme continues in **Why be Happy** until she eventually makes contact with her birth mother. The very weird Mrs Winterson is certainly the star of the show (although she is then dead) and it is interesting to find Jeanette protecting her from criticism. As she says, "she might be a monster, but she is my monster". She is a writer of great imagination and sheer style for both young and old. Also very interested in myths and fairy tales, two of her books in our Young Readers section are **Battle of the Sun** (\$16.99 Pb 460pp), set in the 17th century, full of dragons and knights and Queen Elizabeth, and **Tanglewreck** (\$16.95 Pb 416pp), in which a battle is fought for control of Time. This theme is expanded in **LightHouseKeeping** (\$24.99 Pb 304pp), which is for adult readers.

Some of her other books are **Sexing the Cherry** (\$24.95 Pb 144pp), set in 17th century London where an orphan child named Jordan is found floating in the river and is taken care of by the Dog Woman, a monster with a huge vocabulary. There are twelve dancing princesses in this story who all live happily every after, but not with their husbands, which ties in with Winterson's own sexual politics. Another is **The PowerBook** (\$24.95 Pb 256pp), in which an ebook writer can write any story to order and where past, present and future intertwine. Another successful story is **The Passion** (\$19.95 Pb), about a chef in Napoleon's army and a beautiful web-footed woman in Venice - for sure a strange tale! Winterson, now in her fifties, has been awarded an OBE and has written countless articles and stories. Now scholars are writing books about her books! Quite a success for someone who ran away from home at sixteen and who was not allowed to have books in her home.

I simply had to read **Come the Revolution** (\$39.95 Pb 536pp incl index), the memoir of Sydney journalist Alex Mitchell, because on the back cover is a photograph of the young people who went on the Marx Centenary March in 1983 from Trier, Germany, to Marx's grave site in Highgate Cemetery, London. This photo includes not only Vanessa Redgrave, of the Workers Revolutionary Party, but also our own Ann Leahy, manager of Abbey's from 1994 to 2000 (and until recently Editor of *Abbey's Advocate*). Ann is on the far right in the photograph. There is another good story here and maybe one day Ann will tell it. In 1984, she stood for election to the Legislative Assembly as a member of the Socialist Labor League in the seat of Swansea in Wales and gained a credible vote of more than 3,500, which was more than Vanessa Redgrave received in England. The Marx Centenary March is actually not covered in **Come the Revolution**, but there is plenty of in-fighting and protesting going on. Mitchell served his cadetship on the *Townsville Bulletin*, but was enormously proud as a 19-year-old who got a job "working for Rupert" in Sydney in the Big Time. Like many others, he left for the UK, where he was part of the famous *Times* investigating team and where he became an ardent Trotskyite, eventually editor of their daily paper. He returned to Sydney in 1986 after the break-up of the Workers Revolutionary Party. If you are into socialist politics, this will be a fascinating read, although I could have done with a few more amusing anecdotes.

Lindy is making her mark on the Childrens' section, now downstairs in the back corner of Abbey's. She recently had a big display of all the **Tintin** books in conjunction with the gorgeous Christmas movie. We also carry all the **Asterix** books, which are also for both young and old. The large format paperbacks of Tintin and Asterix are \$19.95, and the hardbacks are \$29.95. The Tintin stories are also now available in neat little hardback omnibus editions with 2 or 3 stories per volume (\$39.95).



There are many, many titles in our Picture Paperbacks section, but I noticed one that is especially good value: **The Bedtime Collection** compiled by Wendy Cooling (\$19.99 Pb 92pp) in which you will find stories by forty different authors, illustrated by almost as many different artists. This is a great starter if you have young people to read to. You can see which style appeals most to your audience! All royalties go to the Book Start project, which is a terrific organisation in England that arranges to give a bookbag containing two books and a pamphlet to all new babies. This is usually arranged through the Health Visitor. It would be nice to do something like that here in Australia wouldn't it? The movie *Arietty*, which has had good reviews, is taken from those Borrower stories. You can get **The Complete Borrowers** by Mary Norton (\$19.95 Pb 720pp) and if you loved the wonderful *Hugo* movie you might like to read the original story, **The Invention of Hugo Cabret** by Brian Selznick (\$29.99 Hb 534pp).

I've been enjoying the second volume of Thomas Keneally's history, **Australians: Eureka to the Diggers** (\$59.95 Hb 449pp incl index). The first volume, **Australians: Origins to Eureka** (\$39.99 Pb 640pp) is now back in stock. These books are very readable, full of interesting sidelights and unusual characters - an easy way to find out more about our history. Ideal for high school libraries or the general reader.

Here's another book full of easy information. It is called **Planet Word: The Story of Language from the Earliest Grunts to Twitter and Beyond** (\$45 Hb 445pp) by J P Davidson with a foreword by the ubiquitous Stephen Fry. This is intended as a companion to a new TV series called *Fry's Planet Word*, which hasn't turned up here in Australia yet. Davidson is the TV director of this programme. This very well produced and illustrated book, which is not Linguistics, covers an amazing variety of subjects, from Akbar the Great depriving children of speech, to Turkana children learning to write in the sand, to Taboos, Innuendos and Euphemisms, to Oratory and Propaganda.

I read a nice piece recently by someone who was extolling the joys of browsing in a library among "all those books I didn't even know had been written", which is also a rather good reason to browse in a good bookshop like Abbey's. For instance, here are two books I saw on our shelves recently: **The Oxford Handbook of Cuneiform Culture** by Eleanor Robson and Karen Radner (\$210.95 Hb 800pp) or **The Invention of Hebrew** by Seth Sanders (\$48.95 Pb 280pp). If you look on our website www.abbey.com.au, you will see you can look inside both these books just by clicking on the symbol in the entry.

There has been much movement in the field of Dickens just now as it is two hundred years since his birth. Years ago, when we had the Oxford & Cambridge Bookshop, we stocked the 12-volume edition of his letters. They were impressive decoration, but seldom sold. Due in April is **The Selected Letters of Charles Dickens** (\$37.95 Hb 496pp) edited by Jenny Hartley, who wrote that nice little book about Dickens and the House of Fallen Women, which I mentioned last year (now out of print). It is said Dickens wrote more than 30 letters a day and once said "I walk around full of letters". What an amazing mind.

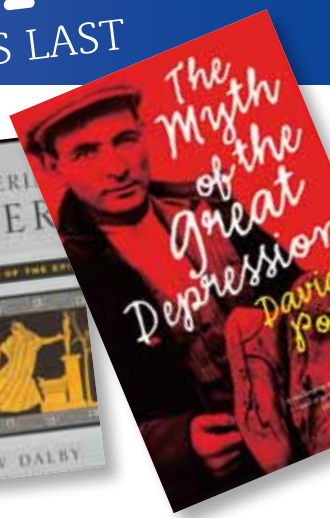
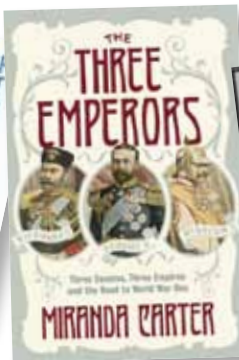
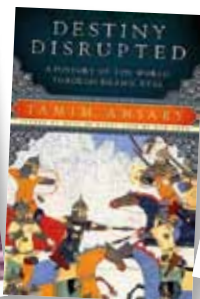
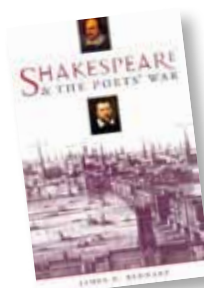
I hope you enjoyed the film of John le Carre's masterpiece, **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy** (\$19.99 Pb, audio \$39.99 3 CDs). I thought it wonderful, but know some people were a bit confused. We also now stock an omnibus edition, **Smiley Versus Karla** (\$32.99 Pb), which contains **Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy**, **The Honourable Schoolboy** and **Smiley's People**, which is great value if your wrist is strong enough to hold it up! A helpful clue, if you haven't seen the film yet, is that Smiley wears a different pair of glasses depending on whether the action is in the past or the present!

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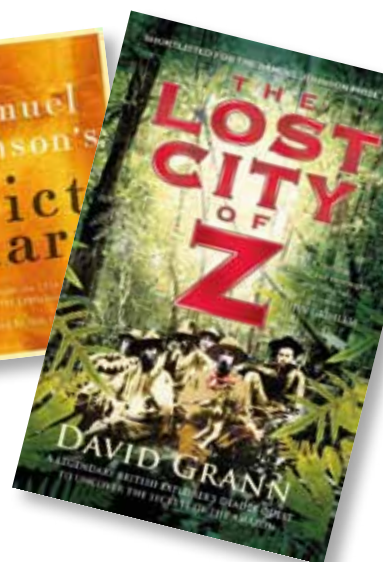
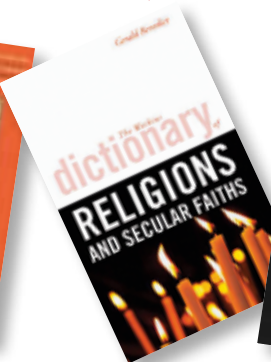
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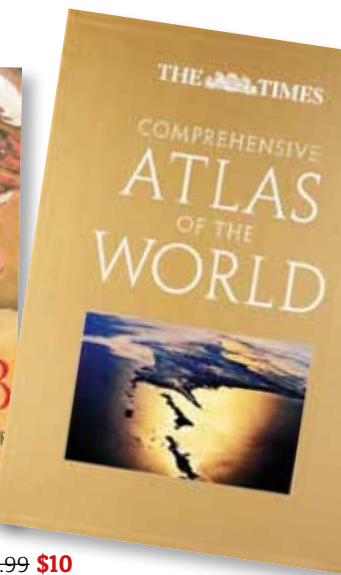
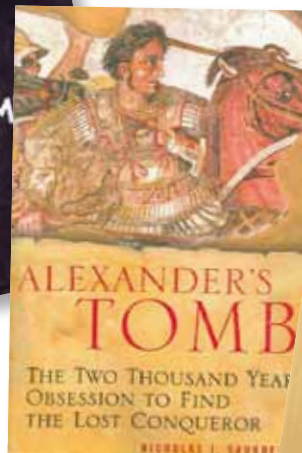
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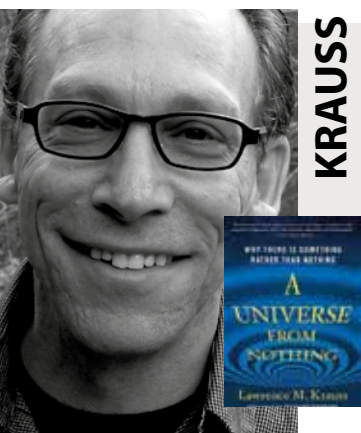
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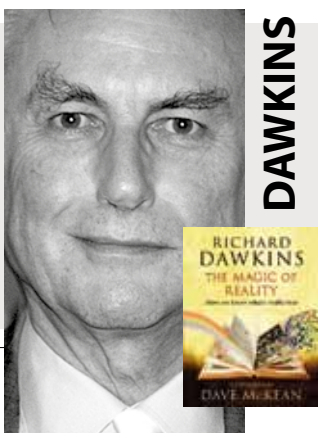
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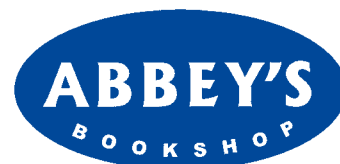
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