

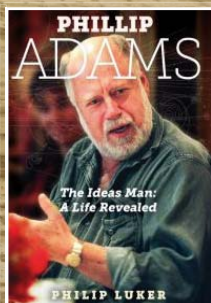


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Our pick of the new releases at Abbey's special prices



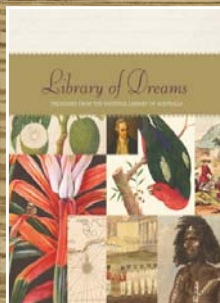
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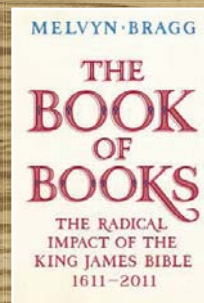
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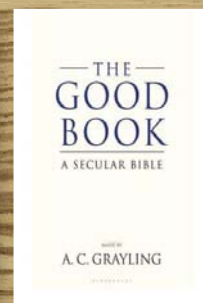
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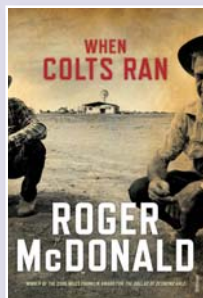


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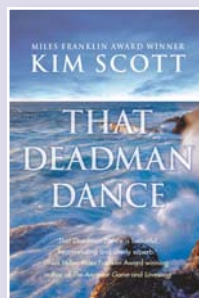
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### MILES FRANKLIN LITERARY AWARD - SHORTLIST



Tp \$32.95

Its cavalcade of flawed, rough cut Australian characters, illustrates poignantly the way the optimism and confidence of rural Australia in the middle of the 20th century slipped away.



Tp \$32.99

The story of the rapid destruction of Noongar people and their traditions. At the same time, there is the enchanting possibility of the birth of a new world in the strange song, dance, ceremony and language that are produced by these encounters of very different peoples.  
Winner announced 22 June



Pb \$24.95

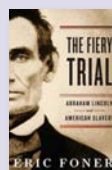
A beautifully written book, spare and compelling. The tragedy and bleakness of the story are, at times, almost unbearable but the fine prose and narrative intensity make this unforgettable.

### PULITZER PRIZES



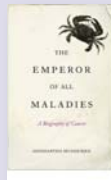
#### FICTION

**A Visit from the Goon Squad**  
Jennifer Egan Pb \$24.99  
This spellbinding novel circles the lives of Bennie Salazar, an ageing former punk rocker and record executive, and Sasha, the passionate, troubled young woman he employs.



#### HISTORY

**The Fiery Trial: Abraham Lincoln and American Slavery**  
Eric Foner Hb \$49.95  
In a work of great scholarship and insight, Foner gives us a life of Lincoln as it intertwined with slavery - the defining issue of the time and the tragic hallmark of US history.



#### GENERAL NON-FICTION

**The Emperor of All Maladies: A Biography of Cancer**  
Siddhartha Mukherjee Tp \$35.00  
A comprehensive history of one of the greatest enemies of medical progress and an insight into its effects and potential cures.



#### BIOGRAPHY

**Washington: A Life**  
Ron Chernow Hb \$59.95  
This takes us through his troubled boyhood, his precocious feats in the French and Indian Wars, his creation of Mount Vernon, his heroic exploits with the Continental Army, his leadership at the Constitutional Convention and his performance as America's first President.

### VINTAGE CLASSICS NOW ONLY \$12.95

#### TheThirty-Nine Steps

John Buchan

First published in 1915 (just before my time), this nevertheless is one of the best espionage novels ever written in my opinion. It has been made into movies (1935, 1959, 1978, 2008), sometimes disastrously, but it is only with the whole book that you get the real feel of the story. This novel introduces Richard Hannay and, like the four subsequent books in the series, involves a chase across open country with the life of the hero at stake... and sometimes the life of the villain. The book moves at a rapid pace and the villain of the piece is truly dastardly. If, like me, you enjoy a thrilling chase and a baffling solution, then this is highly recommended, even if you have seen one of the movies. The best movie for me is Alfred Hitchcock's original version starring Robert Donat. *Peter*



Join us for the launch of  
**The Tin Ticket**  
**The Heroic Journey of Australia's Convict Women**  
by Deborah Swiss

(Hb \$29.95) See page 6



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This year is shaping up to be a great year for new books. Our shelves are bursting with terrific new titles which would enhance any mother's day. A good place to start is the shortlist for the *Orange Prize for Fiction*. Celebrating its 16th anniversary this year, this award celebrates excellence, originality and accessibility in women's writing from throughout the world. All great reads on this year's shortlist:

#### The Room

Emma Donoghue (Pb \$22.99)

#### The Memory of Love

Aminatta Forna (Pb \$22.99)

#### Grace Williams Says it Loud

Emma Henderson (Pb \$19.99)

#### Great House

Nicole Krauss (Tp \$32.95)

#### The Tiger's Wife

Téa Obreht (Pb \$29.99)

#### Annabel

Kathleen Winter (Hb \$36.95)

Also worth a mention is Beryl Bainbridge's 1998 novel, *Master Georgie* (Pb \$24.99), which has just been announced the winner of a special prize created to honour this much-loved author - the *Man Booker Best of Beryl*. Beryl was shortlisted for the *Booker Prize* five times - more than any other author - but never actually won.

And don't miss Lindy's number one recommendations so far this year *When God was a Rabbit* by Sarah Winman (Pb \$29.99) and *My Dear I Just Wanted to Tell You* by Louisa Young (Tp \$32.99).

A must-have book is *The Hare with Amber Eyes: A Hidden Inheritance* by Edmund De Waal (Pb \$24.95). This is an extraordinary unravelling of the Euphrussi family history told through an intriguing collection of Japanese netsuke carvings. Betty Churche's *Notebooks* (Pb \$44.99) is an illustrated guide to her most beloved paintings.

## SPECIALS

#### Atonement (DVD)

Starring James McAvoy and Keira Knightly, based on the Ian McEwan novel. Now only \$9.95

The 2007 *Man Booker Prize* winner *The Gathering*

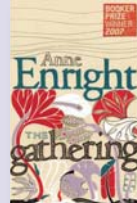
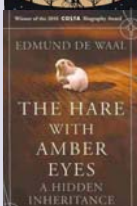
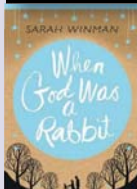
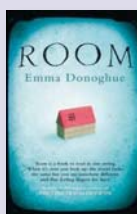
by Anne Enright \$14.95 \$6.95

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two great books from the National Library for the price of one: Pack \$39.95

#### A Brush with Birds:

Australian Bird Art by Penny Olsen and *Women of Flowers: Botanical Art in Australia from the 1830s to the 1960s* by Leonie Norton.

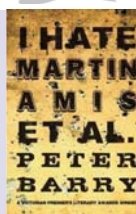


## FICTION

### I Hate Martin Amis et al

Peter Barry 256pp Tp \$29.95

Milan Zorec, a frustrated (to say the least) unpublished writer decides to become a sniper in the Serbian army and becomes embroiled in the siege of Sarajevo. To say this is a somewhat unconventional novel is an understatement. Barry plays with language in a most ingenious way, constantly toying with the reader. On other occasions the book takes the reader into very dark and disturbing territory. One scene involves a nightmarish place called 'The Farmhouse' that soldiers visit for pleasure. This would easily sit beside some of the darkest moments of Cormac McCarthy's *Blood Meridian* (Pb \$22.99). This is the sort of literature that should be celebrated - dark, funny and challenging - a novel that will have you revisiting certain scenes not only for reasons of clarity (this novel demands your full attention), but also for its sheer wicked inventiveness. Winner of the 2005 *Victorian Premier's Literary Award* for an unpublished manuscript. Greg

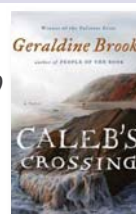


### Caleb's Crossing

Geraldine Brooks

400pp Tp \$32.95

Growing up in the tiny island settlement of Great Harbour amid a small band of pioneering English Puritans, Bethia Mayfield has a restless spirit and a curious mind. She slips the bounds of her rigid society to explore the island's glistening beaches and observe its native inhabitants. At 12, she meets Caleb, the young son of a chieftain, and the two forge a secret bond that draws each into the alien world of the other. Bethia's father is Great Harbour's minister, who feels called to convert the Wampanoag to his own strict Calvinism. He awakens the wrath of the medicine men, against whose magic he must test his faith in a high-stakes battle that may cost his life, and his very soul.



### The Maid

Kimberly Cutter

304pp Pb \$29.99

It is the early part of the 15th century and the tumultuous Hundred Years War rages on. The French city of Orleans is under siege, English soldiers tear through the countryside wreaking destruction on all who cross their path, and Charles VII, the uncrowned king, has neither the strength nor the will to rally his army. And in the quiet of her parents' garden in Domremy, a 12-year-old peasant girl, Jehanne, hears a voice that will change her life - and the course of European history. The tale of Jehanne d'Arc, the saint and warrior who believed she had been chosen by God to save France, and who led an army of 10,000 soldiers against the English, has captivated our imagination for centuries.

### Dolci di Love

Sarah-Kate Lynch

384pp Pb \$29.99

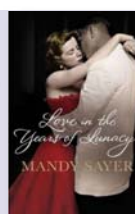
Nothing tastes sweeter than a second chance. The Tuscan town of Montedovola is famous for its rolling green hills, long lazy lunches and delectable cantucci biscuits. It even has its own patron saint. But Manhattan workaholic Lily Turner is not interested in any of that. She's only there to find her cheating husband. Then a mischievous six-year-old girl, full of the joys of baking, skips into Lily's world, igniting the demons of her past... and the promise of the future.



### Love in the Years of Lunacy

Mandy Sayer 320pp Tp \$32.99

A writer starts to clear out his Aunt Pearl's house. She was his father's twin sister and had lived an amazing life as a musician - in fact, Pearl was an innovator in the local jazz scene. He finds her account of the war years and a great story unfolds - of love, music and daring. Pearl, at 18, fell in love with an American serviceman, James Washington, a fabulous saxophonist who had worked with all the greats of the jazz scene and who also happens to be black, with a commanding officer who hates him for that very reason. When his request to the CO to marry Pearl is met not only with refusal, but with a transfer to New Guinea, she won't let such a thing as a war get in the way of their great love... A vivid portrayal of Sydney in wartime and an entertaining and involving story. Even the inclusion of a far-fetched episode cannot detract from the verisimilitude of this tale. Lindy



### The Forgotten Waltz

Anne Enright 240pp Tp \$32.95

Gina Moynihan recalls the trail of lust and happenstance that brought her to fall for 'the love of her life', Sean Vallely. Enright turns her attention fully to love as she follows another flawed and unforgettable heroine on a journey of the heart.



### The Moment

Douglas Kennedy

444pp Tp \$32.95

Thomas Nesbitt is a divorced American writer in the midst of a rueful middle age. Living a very private life in Maine - in touch only with his daughter and still trying to reconcile himself to the end of a long marriage that he knew was flawed from the outset - he finds his solitude disrupted by the arrival, one wintry morning, of a box postmarked Berlin. The return address on the box - Dussmann - unsettles him completely. For it is the name of the woman with whom he had an intense love affair 26 years ago in Berlin at a time when the city was cleaved in two, and personal and political allegiances were haunted by the deep shadows of the Cold War. Kennedy has written that rare thing: a love story as morally complex as it is tragic and deeply reflective. Brilliantly gripping, it is an atmospherically dense, ethically tangled tale of romantic certainty and conflicting loyalties, all set amidst a stunningly rendered portrait of Berlin in the final dark years before The Wall came down.



### Toploader

Ed O'Loughlin

300pp Tp \$32.99

Spying inside the Embargoed Zone is an expensive business, not to say risky, and Agent Cobra wants his wages in full. But his down-at-heel spy-master can only offer payment in kind - and the first thing he finds in an unattended storeroom. Both men are sucked into the mysterious 'Toploader' project, a race to retrieve a deadly secret from inside the world's first - and best - walled-off terrorist entity. Also caught in the crossfire are a resourceful teenage girl, a gung-ho reporter, a hapless drone pilot and at least one very unfortunate donkey. 'Toploader' is about to make their lives a lot more dangerous, and an awful lot more bizarre.





## The Registrar's Manual for Detecting Forced Marriages

Sophie Hardach

416pp Hb \$29.99

Selim is a Kurdish refugee, who at a young age was smuggled into Europe in the hope of a better life. Judged to be 13 - although how anyone knows his birth date when his mother doesn't - he has five years to persuade the authorities he shouldn't be extradited back to a country which doesn't want him, nor thinks his own country exists. Some years later, a young German woman who works in France as a town hall registrar, receives an instruction manual at the same time she suspects a young Kurdish woman is being forced to marry. She has both personal and political reasons to be worried... A really interesting novel with a lot to say about the position of the stateless, and how contemporary European society deals with them.

*Lindy*



## Red Dog

Louis de Bernieres Pb \$19.95

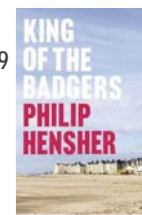
Red Dog is a West Australian, a lovable, friendly red kelpie who found widespread fame as a result of his habit of travelling all over Western Australia, hitching rides over thousands of miles, settling in places for months at a time and adopting new families before heading off again to the next destination and another family - sometimes returning to say hello years later. While visiting Australia, de Bernieres heard the legend and decided to do some research on this extraordinary story. After meeting countless people who have known and loved Red Dog, he produced this charming tale.



## King of the Badgers

Philip Hensher 300pp Tp \$32.99

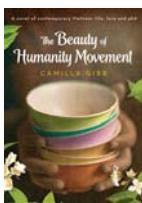
After the success of *The Northern Clemency* (Pb \$27.99), Hensher brings us another slice of contemporary life, this time the peaceful civility and spiralling paranoia of a small English town. Hanmouth, situated where the river Hand flows into the Bristol channel, is usually quiet and undisturbed. But it becomes the centre of national attention when an eight-year-old girl vanishes. This tragic event exposes the range of segregated existences in the town as spectrums of class, wealth and lifestyle are blurred in the investigation. As the search for the missing girl continues, the case is made for increased surveillance, and old notions of privacy begin to crack.



## The Beauty of Humanity Movement

Camilla Gibb 320pp Pb \$27.99

Tu' is a young tour guide working in Hanoi. As he leads bands of Westerners on 'war tours' through the scarred landscape of Vietnam, he wonders what it is his clients see - and what they miss entirely. Maggie is Vietnamese by birth but has lived most of her life in the US. Returning to her homeland, she sifts through history for clues as to the fate of her dissident father. Witness to both their stories, Old Man Hung has lived through decades of political upheaval, but he has found a way to provide hope in his waterside community. A keenly observed novel about the reverberation of conflict through generations, the enduring legacy of art and the redemption, and renewal, of long-lost love.



## The Girl Who Would Speak for the Dead

Paul ELWORK

288pp Pb \$29.99

Emily and her twin, Michael, have just turned 13. It is the summer of 1925 and their quiet life of privilege is shaped by the loss of their father in WWI. Emily discovers she can make unearthly knocking sounds with her ankle, and a practical joke takes on a life of its own, casting her into the role of spirit communicator. As the twins carry on their pretense, Emily has only the desire to help others in their grief and is drawn into the places of the heart, but Michael is more cynical and becomes less sympathetic towards others. A finely drawn and elegiac novel, quietly unfolding in an atmospheric setting. *Lindy*

## Before I Go to Sleep

S J Watson 368pp Pb \$29.95

This is a cerebral thriller, the sort that compels you to keep reading to see how the author will handle his topic, as much as for how the story will unfold. Christine wakes up, in a strange room next to a strange man, with no memory of how she got there. In the bathroom she sees photographs of him, labelled as her husband - and also sees that she has aged. Every day of her life she wakes up and she doesn't know where she is, what has happened or who she's with, and her husband has to remind her all over again. But when she finds that she is leaving secret notes for herself, and is keeping a journal hidden from him, the flashes of dreams and impressions she experiences throughout the day start to coalesce into a vivid and horrifying uncertainty even worse than her persistent amnesia. At times quite creepy - especially as you start to understand what is probably happening before the character does - the suspense and cleverness of the narration make for a great read! *Lindy*



## The Novel in the Viola

Natasha Solomons

400pp Hb \$29.99

Elise Landau is persuaded by her beloved parents (a celebrated singer and a controversial writer) to leave Vienna on a domestic worker's visa to England, with the promise that as soon as they get to America they will send for her. It is 1938 and the cultured Jews of Vienna are being persecuted. But Elise, aged 18, with her fractured English, wonders if life on a country estate in Dorset, working as a parlour maid, will be any better. As war approaches, it is not only her lifestyle that has disappeared; the great traditions of English country homes are crumbling as fast as the buildings, and her relationship to the owner and his son are the harbingers of change. It is increasingly difficult to keep in contact with her family, but she holds fast to a secret - her father's last novel, hidden in an old viola. A charming read, not as quirky as *Mr Rosenblum's List* (Pb \$22.99), but full of loving descriptions of the countryside, a dash of romance and nostalgia for what once was. *Lindy*



## Congratulations Competition Winners!

Vintage Classics Competition - Elizabeth Chandler Hamper for *The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul* (Tp \$32.95) - Susan McKerihan Lunch at Fort Denison - Ross Wagland

## Too Close to Home

Georgia Blain Tp \$32.99 \$27.95

Freya and Matt and their young daughter have moved to the inner western suburbs from the eastern, where all their friends live. Freya writes plays that hover on the edge of domestic polemic, Matt is an architect, and their circle includes artists and actors and a cross-section of trendy leftists with fine ideas and the income to afford superiority. When Shane, an old friend of Matt's, moves into the street, both what he is and what he knows forces Freya and Matt to re-evaluate their priorities. For all her lofty ideals, Freya can't cope with Shane as either an indigenous activist, or a loving but disorganised father; and the news that Matt may have fathered a child after a brief liaison 18 years previously changes his whole idea of family responsibilities. With a keen eye for the contemporary mindset matched to a talent for spare, sometimes achingly beautiful, turns of phrase, Blain gives her readers another fine novel. *Lindy*



## Past the Shallows

Favel Parrett 272pp Pb \$26.99

A debut novel from a young Australian writer, this will undoubtedly be compared to Tim Winton's work. Set on the bleak and hard coast of Bruny Island, Harry and Miles live with their widowed father, a hard, bitter and violent abalone fisherman who regards his sons and the law with equal contempt. Miles is forced to help his father on his boat, because almost no-one else will work with him; Harry is terrified of the water and as the youngest, he bears the particular brunt of his father's hatred. Events take a turn for the worse when Joe, the oldest brother, escapes his father's tyranny and leaves the youngsters to deal with their father's increasingly more abusive behaviour. Devastating in its simplicity and the inevitability of the climax, this is a story that certainly stays with the reader long after the last page. *Lindy*



## The Collaborator

Mirza Waheed 320pp Tp \$32.95

It is Kashmir in the early 1990s and war has finally reached the isolated village of Nowgam close to the Pakistan border. Indian soldiers appear as if from nowhere to hunt for militants on the run. Four teenage boys, who used to spend their afternoons playing cricket or singing Bollywood ballads down by the river, have disappeared one by one, to cross into Pakistan and join the movement against the Indian army. Only one of their friends, the son of the headman, is left behind. The families in the village begin to think it's time to flee, to search for a place of greater safety. But the headman will not allow his family to leave... Waheed lights our way into the heart of a war that is all too real.



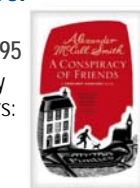
## A Conspiracy of Friends

A Corduroy Mansions Novel

Alexander McCall Smith

368pp Hb \$29.95

Corduroy Mansions is inhabited by a glorious assortment of characters: among them, Oedipus Snark, the first ever nasty Liberal Democrat MP, who is so detestable his own mother, Berthea, is writing an unauthorised biography about him; and one small vegetarian dog, Freddie de la Hay, who has the ability to fasten his own seatbelt.





## Good Living Street

### The Fortunes of my Viennese Family

Tim Bonyhady

464pp Tp \$35.00 **\$29.95**

Bonyhady grew up visiting his grandmother's and great aunt's flat in Cremorne. It was ordinary to him, but what it contained was an amazing collection of furniture, artworks, silver and household goods that had been transported from a grand apartment in Vienna - things that were without parallel because anything comparable had long been lost or dispersed. He knew next to nothing of his relatives' lives and only the death of his mother spurred him on to discover the stories of his great-grandmother, grandmother and mother, from fin-de-siecle Vienna to suburban Australia. A fabulous and fascinating read, full of colour and the sort of detail that proves life to be stranger than fiction! *Lindy*



## Between the Leaves

### Stories of Australian Women, Writing and Gardens

Katie Holmes

304pp Tp \$34.95

This is an intimate exploration of the lives of nine 20th century women including Judith Wright, Katharine Susannah Prichard, Winifred Stephens and Jean Galbraith, who wrote about their gardens in their letters and diaries. Holmes provides a moving insight into these women's lives, seeking to understand the ways women were involved in transforming the Australian landscape and creating within it places they called home. The writings are rich, diverse, eloquent and surprising, conveying a powerful sense of the importance of the garden and the writing of it. The collection reveals stories of grief, hope, friendship, separation, family, ageing, creativity, identity and the value of tending new growth and the question of how we live in a changing climate.

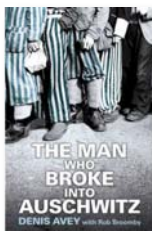


## The Man Who Broke into Auschwitz

Denis Avey with Rob Broomby

272pp Tp \$35.00

In the summer of 1944, Denis Avey was being held in a POW labour camp, E715, near Auschwitz III. He had heard of the brutality meted out to the prisoners there and was determined to witness what he could. He hatched a plan to swap places with a Jewish inmate and smuggled himself into that sector of the camp. He spent the night there on two occasions and experienced the cruelty of a place where slave workers had been sentenced to death through labour. Astonishingly, he survived to witness the aftermath of the Death March where thousands of prisoners were murdered by the Nazis as the Soviet Army advanced. After his own long trek right across central Europe, he was repatriated to Britain. For decades, he couldn't bring himself to revisit the past that haunted his dreams, but now he feels able to tell the full story - a tale as gripping as it is moving - which offers us a unique insight into the mind of an ordinary man of extraordinary courage.



## Phillip Adams

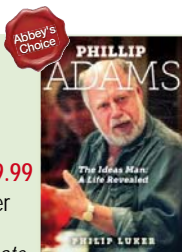
### The Ideas Man

### A Life Revealed

Philip Luker

310pp Tp \$34.99 **\$29.99**

His velvety voice reaches over 300,000 Australian listeners each week on ABC Radio's *Late Night Live*. Former advertising guru, journalist, passionate Labor Party member and melancholic enigma: who is Phillip Adams? Journalist Philip Luker has written the first biography of the broadcaster with his cooperation and the result is an insightful, surprising and revealing portrait of the popular cultural commentator and conversationalist extraordinaire.



## An Eye for Eternity

### The Life of Manning Clark

Mark McKenna

800pp Hb \$54.99

Manning Clark was a complex, demanding and brilliant man. McKenna's compelling biography of this giant of Australia's cultural landscape is informed by his reading of Clark's extensive private letters, journals and diaries. This book paints a sweeping portrait of the man who placed narrative ahead of facts. A controversial public figure who marked slights and criticisms with deeply held grudges. Yet to understand Clark's life is to understand 20th century Australia. Clark incessantly documented his life - leaving notes to the biographers he knew would pursue his story. He had a deep need to be remembered and this book means he will indeed be understood in an unforgettable way.



## Beautiful Thing

### Portrait of a Bombay Bar Dancer

Sonia Faleiro

224pp Pb \$29.95

When Sonia Faleiro set out to report on Bombay's bar dancers, she thought she knew what she would find: downtrodden, voiceless women, the helpless victims of predictable poverty. Instead she meets Leela: 19, charismatic and fearlessly outspoken, she has been dancing in Bombay's bars since she was 13. With her sharp wit and stubborn optimism, she is the highest paid dancer in a bar on the notorious Mira Road, where she dances to Bollywood film music. In the audience are 'customers', men with a little disposable income, but not much else going for them. Leela has a 'husband' (who is already married), a few lovers whose names she can't remember, and an insufferable mother camping out in her flat. But when an ambitious politician shuts down the city's bars, she is forced into the most precarious kind of sex work and must trade her proud independence for mere survival. This is the vivid, intimate portrait of a young woman fleeing abuse and poverty to build a life on her own terms in a city equally bent on reinventing itself.



## Reading My Father

Alexandra Styron

304pp Hb \$35.00

Bill Styron's writing and his depression dominated the Styron family landscape. Alexandra, the youngest of four children and the one who spent the most time alone with her father, learned to navigate his storms to survive. She describes a man plagued by demons and not averse to imposing them on a young daughter. Part biography, part memoir, part elegy, this book tells the story of a daughter at last coming to know her father. From Styron's Tidewater Virginia youth and precocious literary debut to the triumphs of his best known books and on through his devastating spiral into madness, it chronicles the epic sweep of an American artist's life.



## Songs of Blood and Sword

Fatima Bhutto

496pp Pb \$24.95

In September 1996, 14-year-old Fatima Bhutto hid in a windowless dressing room, shielding her baby brother, while shots rang out in the streets outside the family home in Karachi. This was the evening that her father Murtaza was murdered, along with six of his associates. In December 2007, Benazir Bhutto, Fatima's aunt and the woman she had publicly accused of ordering Murtaza's murder, was assassinated in Rawalpindi. It was the latest in a long line of tragedies for one of the world's best known political dynasties. This book tells the story of a family of rich feudal landlords - the proud descendants of a warrior caste - who became powerbrokers in the newly created state of Pakistan. It is an epic tale full of the romance and legend of feudal life, the glamour and licence of the international political elite and ultimately the tragedy of four generations of a family defined by a political idealism that would destroy them.



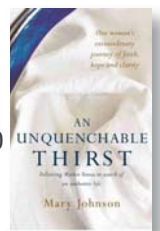
## An Unquenchable Thirst

### Following Mother Teresa in Search of an Authentic Life

Mary Johnson

592pp Tp \$35.00

This is the story of Mary Johnson's 20 years as a Missionary of Charity working for Mother Teresa in service to the world's poor. It is a fascinating depiction of the daily struggle to live a life of religious service. At 17, she experienced her calling when she saw a photo of Mother Teresa on the cover of *Time* magazine, and 18 months later found herself in religious training in a South Bronx convent. Not without difficulty, this boisterous, independent-minded teenager eventually adapted to the Sisters' austere life of poverty and devotion, but beneath the white-and-blue sari beat the heart of an ordinary young woman who faced the simple and profound struggles we all share each day, the same desires for love and connection and meaning and identity. After 20 years, Johnson left the order and has since left the Church altogether. The story of this complicated, extraordinary woman speaks to atheists and Christians alike, to anyone who has ever grappled with the mysteries and wonders of faith.







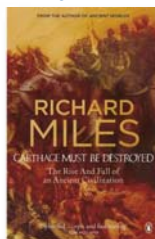
## Carthage Must be Destroyed

### The Rise and Fall of an Ancient Civilization

Richard Miles

544pp Pb \$24.95

The story of Carthage is one of the great epics of the Ancient World. And yet, thanks to the ruthlessness and brutality of the Roman destruction of the city under Scipio in 146 BC, we know relatively little about the city: its foundation, its expansion, its way of life, its literature and gods. Carthage has to all intents and purposes been driven to the margins of history. This is a tale of battles and empire-building, of bitter rivalry and destruction - and a great civilisation whose role in shaping European culture and history has been largely ignored.



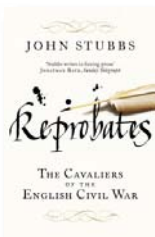
## Reprobates

### The Cavaliers of the English Civil War

John Stubbs

550pp Hb \$49.95

1641. The Scots are in open rebellion. Revolt is brewing in Ireland. England stands at the brink of civil war. In London, as Parliament tightens its grip on the king, scuffles and parleys break out between crowds of protesters and demobbed officers denounced as cavaliers: fashionable gallants, braggards and dandies distinguished by their long hair, silken suits and hatred of Puritans. Drawing on the writings and experiences of wits, womanisers and wanderers, Stubbs follows cavaliers-in-the-making from early privilege through Continental warfare and back to their urban recreations. This is an account of all their campaigns, through peacetime, civil war and exile, across town and across Europe, from the Blackfriars Playhouse to the battlefields of Charles' kingdoms, and their part in a national disaster.



## From Splendor to Revolution

### The Romanov Women 1847-1928

Julia Gelardi 288pp Hb \$44.99

The early 1850s until the late 1920s marked a turbulent and significant era for Russia. During that time, the country underwent a massive transformation, taking it from days of grandeur under the tsars to the chaos of revolution and the beginnings of the Soviet Union. At the centre of all this tumult were four women of the Romanov dynasty. Marie Alexandrovna and Olga Constantinovna were born into the family, Russian Grand Duchesses at birth. Marie Feodorovna and Marie Pavlovna married into the dynasty, the former born a Princess of Denmark, the latter a Duchess of the German duchy of Mecklenburg-Schwerin. These pampered aristocratic women fought for their lives as the cataclysm of war engulfed them. In a few short years, they fell from the pinnacle of wealth and power to the depths of danger, poverty and exile.



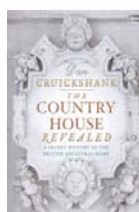
## The Country House Revealed

### A Secret History of the British Ancestral Home

Dan Cruickshank

288pp Hb \$59.95

Spanning the architectural history of the country house from the disarming Elizabethan charm of South Wraxall, the classical rigour of Kinross in Scotland, the Palladian sweep of Wentworth Woodhouse, with over 300 rooms and frontage of 600 feet, through to the ebullient vitality of Lutyns' Marshcourt, the stories of these houses tell the story of Britain. All are buildings of the greatest architectural interest, each with a fascinating human story to tell, and all remain private homes that are closed to the public. But their owners have opened their doors and allowed Cruickshank to roam the corridors and rummage in the cellars as he teases out the story of each house - who built them, the generations who lived in them, and the families who lost them. As these intriguing narratives take shape, he shows how the story of each house is inseparable from the social and economic history of Britain.



## The Corpse Walker And Other True Stories of Life in China

Liao Yiwu 336pp Pb \$34.95

This is a collection of 27 extraordinary interviews that opens a window, unlike any other, into the lives of ordinary, often outcast, Chinese men and women. Yiwu reconstructs conversations he had between 1990 and 2008 with a range of remarkable people: a professional mourner, a human trafficker, a leper, an abbot, a retired government official, a former landowner, a mortician, a feng shui master, a former Red Guard, a political prisoner, a village teacher, a blind street musician, a Falun Gong practitioner and a corpse walker. The result is an idiosyncratic, powerful and dignified portrait of a people, a time and a place we would otherwise not have known.



## Area 51

### An Uncensored History of America's Top Secret Military Base

Annie Jacobsen

560pp Tp \$35.00

It is the most infamous military installation in the world. And no credible insider has ever divulged the truth about his time inside of it. Until now. This is the first book based on interviews with scientists, pilots and engineers - 58 in total - who provide an unprecedented look into the mysterious activities of a top-secret base, from the Cold War to today. With a jaw-dropping ending, it proves that facts are often more fantastic than fiction.



## Red Heat Conspiracy, Murder and the Cold War in the Caribbean

Alex Von Tunzelmann

528pp Hb \$45.00

Four Rebels, three Caribbean Nations, the Kennedys and the Battle for Power - America's secret war in the Caribbean during the Cold War is revealed in this riveting story of the machinations and blunders of superpowers, and the daring of the mavericks who took them on.



## Cro-Magnon

### How the Ice Age Gave Birth to the First Modern Humans

Brian Fagan 320pp Pb \$29.95

They survived by their wits in a snowbound world, hunting and sometimes being hunted, by animals many times their size. By flickering firelight, they drew bison, deer and mammoths on cavern walls - vibrant images that still seize our imagination after 30,000 years. They are known to archaeologists as the Cro-Magnons, but who were they? Simply put, these people were among the first anatomically modern humans. For millennia, their hunter-gatherer culture flourished in small pockets across Ice Age Europe, the distant forerunner to the civilisation we live in now. Fagan brings these early humans out of the deep freeze with his trademark mix of erudition, cutting-edge science and vivid storytelling. He reveals human society in its infancy, facing enormous environmental challenges from glaciers, predators and a rival species of humans - the Neanderthals.



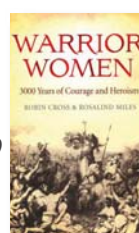
## Warrior Women

### 3,000 Years of Courage and Heroism

Robin Cross & Rosalind Miles

320pp Hb \$49.99

From earliest times, women gained access to leadership in times of conflict and proved themselves equal to the challenge of commanding during war. Women leaders abounded in the ancient world from Ireland to Israel, sometimes through the accident of birth, but often rising to power through naked opportunism and raw courage in the ranks - and it is no accident that women war leaders, like men, are often famous for their strong sexual drive. Wherever there is war, there has often been a woman at the helm. Later ages frequently wrote these women out of history, but their stories have refused to die. From the legendary Penthesilea, the Amazon queen who fought the greatest of Greek heroes, Achilles, to the Iron Ladies of today - women of both West and East who directed military campaigns and led their countries in war.



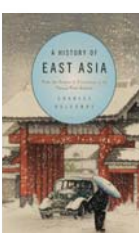
## A History of East Asia

### From the Origins of Civilisation to the Twenty-First Century

Charles Holcombe

456pp Pb \$49.95

Holcombe begins this ambitious book by asking the question "What is East Asia?" In the modern age, many of the features that have characterised the region - now defined as including China, Japan and Korea - have been submerged by the effects of revolution, politics or globalisation. Yet as an ancient civilisation, the region had both an historical and cultural coherence. It shared a Confucian heritage, some common approaches to Buddhism, a writing system that is deeply imbued with ideas and meaning, and many political and institutional traditions. This shared past and the interconnections among three distinct, yet related, societies are at the heart of this book, which traces the story of East Asia from the dawn of history to the 21st century.





## Library of Dreams

Treasures from the National Library of Australia

132pp Hb \$49.95 \$44.95

This book interprets and celebrates a diverse selection of treasures from the rich and varied collections of the National Library. It examines over 50 of the most popular items, including: James Cook's *Endeavour* journal; William Bligh's notebook and list of mutineers; the only surviving Australian convict uniform; the original manuscript of *Waltzing Matilda*; William John Wills' diary; Jørn Utzon's models for the design of the Sydney Opera House and manuscripts from the trial of Lindy Chamberlain. It inspires us to take a closer look at what libraries reveal about our heritage.

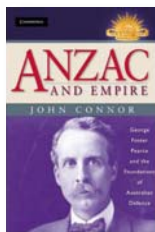


## Anzac and Empire

George Foster Pearce and the Foundations of Australian Defence

John Connor 252pp Hb \$59.95

Pearce was Defence Minister when Australian soldiers landed at Gallipoli on the first Anzac Day. Before WWI, the carpenter who became a minister at the age of 38 had played the central role in creating the defence institutions of the new Commonwealth. He established the Royal Australian Navy and the Royal Military College, Duntroon, the Australian Flying Corps, as well as rifle and uniform factories. During the war, he oversaw the creation of the Australian Imperial Force and its deployment to Gallipoli, Palestine and the Western Front. This is a study of Pearce's part in a crucial period of Australian history.



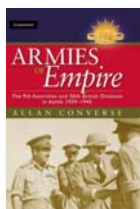
## Armies of Empire

The 9th Australian and 50th British Divisions in Battle 1939-1945

Allan Converse

368pp Hb \$59.95

This book uniquely reflects upon the experience of two divisions from different armies facing similar challenges in WWII. The 9th Australian Division and the British 50th (Northumbrian) Division both saw long service and suffered heavy casualties, and both encountered morale, discipline and battlefield effectiveness problems. This illuminating study questions the popular mythology surrounding the Australian Digger and the British Tommy, showing how it was a combination of leadership, loyalty and tactics, rather than intrinsic national qualities, which resulted in victory for Churchill's armies.



## A Little History of the Australian Labor Party

Nick Dyrenfurth & Frank Bongiorno 224pp Pb \$24.95

The Australian Labor Party is one of the oldest labour parties and was the first in the world to form a government. 2011 marks its 120th birthday. This short and lively book tells the story of the ALP's numerous successes in winning government at all levels and making policy that has transformed lives. It also shows how the ALP has attracted an extraordinary range of members, parliamentary representatives, leaders, unionists, activists and opponents.

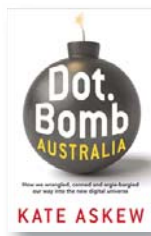


## Dot.Bomb Australia

How We Wrangled, Conned and Argie-Bargied Our Way into the New Digital Universe

Kate Askew 336pp Tp \$35.00

Google became a verb, countries waged war games in the new digital universe and WikiLeaks sent shockwaves through a superpower. We got to this point from a place that was called the "dot.com bubble". Few booms in Australia have been faster or more furious than this bubble. The brightest and best investors dived in, technology geeks grew into overnight millionaires and miners stopped digging dirt and started surfing the net. The market surged and crashed, as the dot.com bubble became the dot.com bomb. Looking back, we learn that while the internet promised to level the business playing field, it has in fact done the opposite, as the market dominance of Google, Apple and Facebook attest.



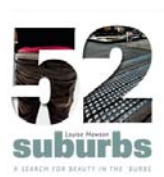
## 52 Suburbs

A Search for Beauty in the Burbs

Louise Hawson

528pp Pb \$39.95

When Hawson realised she was a stranger in her own city, she set herself a mission - to explore and photograph one new Sydney suburb a week for a year. Originally presented as a weekly blog that developed a strong following, this book reveals the Sydney beyond the postcard clichés of the harbour and beaches - places most tourists would never think to explore. Inspirational, adventurous and eye-opening, it captures the beauty of the 'burbs' - the vibrancy, multiculturalism and community - in a refreshingly unconventional way.



## The Protectors

A Journey Through Whitefella Past

Stephen Gray 240pp Tp \$29.95

Winner of the *Iremonger Award for Writing on Public Issues*, this is a beautifully written exploration of a little understood aspect of Australian history, as well as a personal discovery of the men who were the Northern Territory's 'Protectors' of Aboriginal welfare. It deals with the moral and ethical issues of 'good intentions', guilt, racism and their consequences on the lives of Aboriginal people. While Gray uncovers this history and reveals the personalities of the 'Protectors', the questions he asks and the moral dilemmas he raises apply as readily to the complexities of black/white relations today as they did at the beginning of the 20th century.

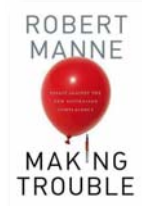


## Making Trouble

Essays Against the New Australian Complacency

Robert Manne 384pp Tp \$34.95

Australia's leading public intellectual takes aim at the 'new Australian complacency'. He covers much ground from Howard to Gillard by way of Rudd, from Victoria's bushfires to the Apology, from Wilfred Burchett to Primo Levi. He includes an essay on the new Australian complacency, as well as an exchange of letters with Tony Abbott, an appreciation of W E H Stanner, a reflection on ways of remembering the Holocaust and an incisive analysis of the asylum-seeker issue.



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## The Tin Ticket

The Heroic Journey of Australia's Convict Women

Deborah Swiss

352pp Hb \$29.95

Swiss tells the horrifying, yet ultimately triumphant, story of the women exiled from the British Isles and forced into slavery and savagery who created the most liberated society of their time. Agnes McMillan and Janet Houston were convicted for shoplifting. Bridget Mulligan stole a bucket of milk; Widow Ludlow Tedder, 11 spoons. For their crimes, they would be sent not to jail, but to ships teeming with other convicts. Tin tickets, stamped with numbers, were hung around their necks, and the ships set out to carry them to their new home: Van Diemen's Land, later known as Tasmania, part of the British Empire's crown jewel, Australia. Men outnumbered women nine to one and few 'proper' citizens were interested in emigrating. The deportation of thousands of petty criminals - the vast majority non-violent first offenders - provided a convenient solution for the government. This is the story of women discarded by their homeland and forgotten by history, who, by sheer force of will, became the heart and soul of a new nation.



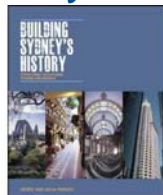
## Building Sydney's History

Structures, Sculptures, Stories and Secrets

Derek Parker

256pp Pb \$34.99

Parker takes 50 of Sydney's most notable buildings and structures and tells the stories of how, when and why they were built, including stories of what has happened to them since construction. The collection includes the Harbour Bridge, Old Government House and the Opera House, but also little-remarked structures such as the ferry terminals, Warringah Mall, the Mortuary Temple and Eveleigh Railway Yards.



## Sydney Harbour

Ian Hoskins 396pp Pb \$39.95

A sweeping history of one of the world's most recognised landscapes, this book explores the story of the waterway from the time of the Gamaragal and Gadigal to the highly charged contemporary debates about the future of the harbour. The story moves seamlessly as the harbour is taken from its traditional owners and transformed from a penal colony on the outer rim of the European imagination to an international commercial hub. Beautifully written, it lays out the interaction between the glittering harbour and the people who fish it, sail on it, build at the edges of it, fight for it, portray it and marvel at it.



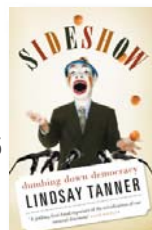
## Sideshow

Dumbing Down Democracy

Lindsay Tanner

240pp Tp \$32.95

In effect, the media are turning political reporting into a sideshow driven by entertainment imperatives because of threats from intensifying competition and technological change. No-one is to blame for this trend, and there are no simple solutions to the problems it creates. Tanner argues we need a collective effort to re-engage the community with serious debate about major issues.





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## MOTHER'S DAY RECOMMENDATIONS FROM PETER MILNE

**Alys Clare**

**The Rose of the World**

*Hawkenlye #13.* Autumn, 1210. Abbess Caliste, Helewise's successor, worries about feeding the nuns under her care at Hawkenlye Abbey. Meanwhile, Helewise has moved into Hawkenlye Manor with Josse and their lives are filled with family and warmth. But after a visit to St Edmund's Chapel, Helewise's 11-year-old granddaughter Rosamund goes missing, and all they hold dear is soon threatened... (English)

240pp Hb \$45



**Imogen Robertson**

**Island of Bones**

Cumbria, 1783. The tomb of the first Earl of Greta has lain undisturbed for 300 years. When idle curiosity opens the stone lid, the mystery draws the secluded Gabriel Crowther – whose family long ago bought the Greta's land – back home at last. Travelling with the forthright Mrs Harriet Westerman, Crowther finds a little town caught between horrors old and new, where ancient ways challenge modern justice. (English)

384pp Tp \$32.99



**Rosemary Rowe**

**The Vestal Vanishes**

*Roman Britain Mystery #12.* The marriage of a former vestal virgin is an important event, hence the excuse for a more lavish banquet than usual at the Emperor's birthday feast. But when Audelia's carriage arrives, the virgin has vanished! When Libertus discovers that Druid rebels are involved, and then another lady disappears, Libertus finds himself in a race against time to ensure the safety of the vanishing vestals. (English)

240pp Hb \$45



**Lynn Shepherd**

**Murder at Mansfield Park**

A clever re-imagining of Jane Austen's much-loved novel. Formerly Austen's meekest heroine, Fanny Price has become an heiress to an extensive fortune, a scheming minx, and betrothed to Edmund, but do the couple really love each other? Meanwhile, tragedy strikes the grand house as it becomes the scene of violence. Every member of the family falls under suspicion and the race begins to halt a ruthless murderer! (English)

372pp Pb \$22.99

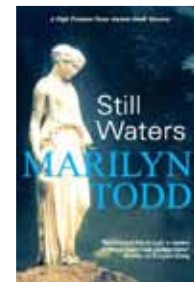


**Marilyn Todd**

**Still Waters**

*High Priestess Iliona Mystery #3.* Iliona wants to be in Sparta, but Lysander, head of the secret police, needs her help to track down stolen gold. The trail leads to a new lakeside posting station which proves to be a hotbed of adultery and lies. Iliona's arrival coincides with the seemingly accidental death of an Olympic wrestler, but she soon discovers that betrayal comes from the unlikely source... (English)

224pp Tp \$27.95



**Peter Tremayne**

**The Chalice of Blood**

*Sister Fidelma #21.* Ireland, AD 670. When a scholar is murdered in the abbey of Lios Mor, fear spreads among his brethren. What was the content of the manuscripts stolen from the scholar's room? Abbot Iarnla sends Sister Fidelma and her companion Brother Eadulf to investigate the killing. The mystery deepens with an attempt on their lives, and Fidelma and Eadulf must wrestle with their own problems... (English)

448pp Pb \$22.99



## ... AND OTHER NEW TITLES (FOR THE REST OF THE FAMILY!)

**The Detection Club**

**The Floating Admiral 336pp Hb \$29.99**

First published 80 years ago, this fiendishly clever novel is the result of a collaboration between Agatha Christie, Dorothy L Sayers, G K Chesterton and nine other writers from the legendary Detection Club. An old sailor lands a boat containing a fresh corpse into Whynmouth, and Inspector Rudge's investigation runs into obstacles. Even the identity of the victim is called into doubt. (English, Suspense)

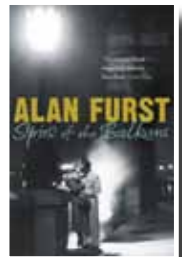


**Alan Furst**

**Spies of the Balkans**

304pp Pb \$22.99

Salonika, 1940. Having helped defeat Italy in Macedonia, Detective Costa Zannis returns to a tense city. Mussolini's forces have retreated, but German sights are fixed on the region. Zannis gets involved in an audacious plot to smuggle Jews to Istanbul and is soon embroiled in the resistance... and a reckless love affair that could jeopardise everything. (American, Spy)



**Donna Leon**

**A Question of Belief**

320pp Pb \$24.95

*Guido Brunetti #19.* Commissario Brunetti is visited by a friend who works at the Commune. Discrepancies have been occurring at the Courthouse involving a judge and an usher with a flawless track record. When the usher is found murdered, Brunetti returns to investigate. But what does the death have to do with the discrepancies? (American, Police Procedural)



**Val McDermid**

**Trick of the Dark**

544pp Pb \$22.99

When Charlie Flint is sent a mysterious package of cuttings about a brutal murder, she realises the murder occurred in the grounds of her old Oxford college. Charlie doesn't know who sent the package, or why, yet she can't get the crime out of her head. As she delves deeper and steps back into the mysterious world of Oxford colleges, she realises there is much more to this crime than meets the eye... (Scottish, Suspense)

Organised crime in America takes in over \$40 billion a year and spends very little on office supplies.

Woody Allen



**Avery Aames**

**Lost and Fondue**

*Cheese Shop Mystery*

#2. While catering a fund-raiser for her best friend, Charlotte Bessette - the owner of Providence, Ohio's Cheese Shop - soon discovers that murder is on the menu. When a dead body is found in a long-abandoned wine cellar, her niece Quinn becomes the prime suspect. It's not long before Charlotte trades in her fondue fork for a flashlight. But as Charlotte starts turning up the truth, the killer starts turning up the heat! (American, Cosy)

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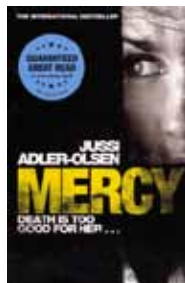
**Jussi Adler-Olsen**

**Mercy**

Copenhagen detective Carl Morck's been taken off homicide to run a newly created department for unsolved crimes. His first case concerns Merete Lynggaard, who vanished five years ago. Everyone says she's dead. Everyone says it's a waste of time.

He thinks they're right. But he doesn't know that Merete is a prisoner, and her torture will only end when she answers one simple question... (Danish, Thriller)

506pp Tp \$29.95

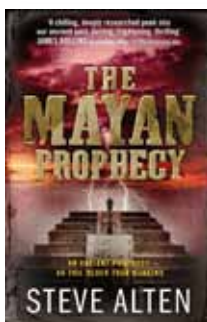


**Steve Alten**

**The Mayan Prophecy**

For 32 years, archaeologist Julius Gabriel investigated the Mayan calendar prophecy. But now Julius is dead, and his theories have perished. With the help of Dominique, a part-Mayan psychiatric intern, Julius' son Michael breaks out of a mental asylum in Miami and flees to the Yucatan Peninsula, where Michael believes he can find evidence to prove his father's theory... and to convince the world of the fast-approaching global catastrophe! (American, Archaeological)

512pp Tp \$32.99



**David Baldacci**

**The Sixth Man**

After alleged serial killer Edgar Roy is locked away in a psychiatric unit, private investigators Sean King and Michelle Maxwell are called in by Roy's lawyer - an old friend of Sean King - to look into the case. But their investigation is derailed when they discover the lawyer's dead body. Terrifying events unfold, and the more King and Maxwell dig into Roy's past, the more they are bombarded with half-truths and dead ends... (American, Private Eye)

400pp Tp \$32.99



**Jefferson Bass**

**The Bone Yard**

*Body Farm* #6. A former student seeks Dr Bill Brockton's help in identifying a skull found in the woods in rural Florida. While leading a search for the remaining bones, Brockton finds a series of shallow graves on the overgrown grounds of a shuttered reform school for boys. According to local lore, the school's poor, troubled students understood that one wrong move could land them in their own plot in the de facto cemetery... (American, Forensic)

352pp Tp \$32.99



**Jessica Beck**

**Evil Eclairs**

*Donut Shop* #4. Donut shop owner Suzanne Hart knows her sweet treats aren't health food, but does she deserve to be labelled a 'killer' by local radio jockey Lester Moorefield? Lester is urging citizens to boycott Suzanne's 'deadly dough' factory, so when he is found dead, stuffed with one of Suzanne's eclairs, she obviously becomes the prime suspect. If she can't figure out who killed the radio star, she'll be filling a prison cell instead of a pastry... (American, Cosy)

304pp Pb \$13.95

**Stephen Booth**

**The Devil's Edge**

The newspapers call them 'the Savages': a band of home invaders as merciless as they are stealthy. Their first victim is found sprawled on her kitchen floor. As the toll rises, DC Ben Cooper and DS Diane Fry try to track down the killers. But the enemy isn't who they think. Beneath the shadow of the mountain ridge called the Devil's Edge, a twisted game is in play, more ruthless than the detectives can imagine... (English, Police Procedural)

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**Emily Brightwell**

**Mrs Jeffries Forges Ahead**

*Victorian Mystery* #28. Arlette Montrose Banfield, an artist's model and free-spirited modern woman, angered many marriageable women when she snagged the handsome Lewis Banfield. But were they angry enough to poison her? Mrs Jeffries doesn't mind getting her hands dirty to uncover the greed behind the murder, and employs her keen skills of detection to help Inspector Witherspoon solve the crime! (American, Cosy)

304pp Pb \$13.95



**Kate Carlisle**

**Murder Under Cover**

*Bibliophile* #4. When she receives an exquisite copy of the Kama Sutra from her best friend Robin, book restorer Brooklyn Wainwright anticipates both recreating a beautiful book and spicing up her love life. But then Robin's apartment is ransacked, and the guy she recently met is murdered in her bed. Now Robin is the prime suspect. Exploring the Kama Sutra's bliss will have to wait until after Brooklyn finds the killer... (American, Cosy)

304pp Pb \$13.95



**Chris Carter**

**The Executioner**

Inside a LA church, the body of a priest, whose decapitated head is replaced by that of a dog, is discovered. Initially, Detective Robert Hunter believes this is a ritualistic killing. But as more bodies surface, he is forced to reassess. Each victim died in the way they feared the most. But how could the killer have known? Hunter finds himself on the trail of an elusive and sadistic killer, someone who can read their victims' minds... (Brazilian, Police Procedural)

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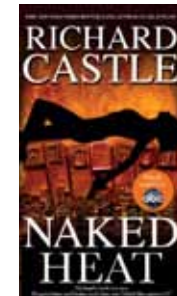


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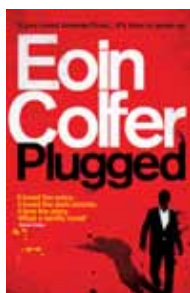
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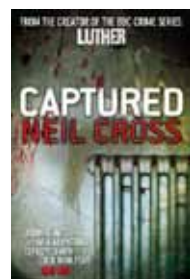
Dan, an Irishman, earns a living in New Jersey working as a bouncer in a seedy nightclub, and is half in love with hostess Connie. When Connie is murdered on the premises, a vengeful Dan finds himself embroiled in a deadly sequence of events, in which his doctor friend Zeb goes missing, a cop-killing female cop becomes his only ally, and he makes an enemy of ruthless drug-dealer Mike Madden. (Irish, Suspense)

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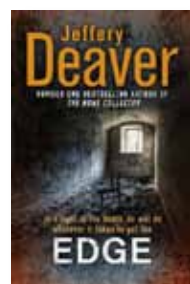
Kay Scarpetta is training to master the art of 'virtual autopsy' - and it's not long before her new skills are put into practice. A young man drops dead, apparently from a heart condition, close to Scarpetta's home. But when his body is examined the next morning, it seems he was alive when he was zipped inside the body bag. Scarpetta realises this is a case of murder - and that she is fighting a cunning and uniquely cruel enemy. (American, Forensic)

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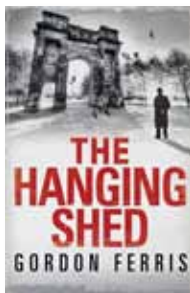
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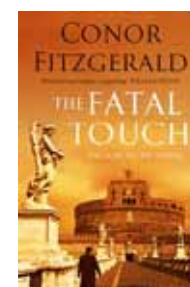
Glasgow, 1946. When a local boy is raped and murdered, the evidence points to Hugh Donovan, a horribly wounded ex-soldier who claims he is innocent. Ex-policeman Douglas Brodie is compelled to help his one-time friend. Trawling the mean streets of the Gorbals and the hills of western Scotland, he uncovers an unholy alliance of troublesome priests, corrupt cops and Glasgow's deadliest razor gang. (Scottish, Suspense)

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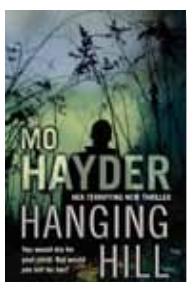
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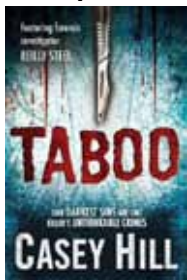
Cal has always been a dreamer. Her sister Zoe is her polar opposite. A detective working out of Bath Central, she loves her job and presents confidence, though she's hidden a crippling secret for 20 years. When Cal's daughter gets into difficulties, Cal needs fast cash. With no one to help her, she is forced into a criminal world of pornography and illegal drugs. Two sisters, intent on survival... and there's no way back. (English, Suspense)

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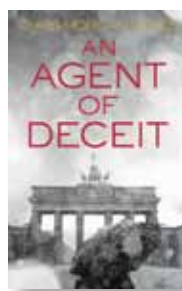
*Cat in the Stacks #2.* Aging and eccentric James Delacorte employs the librarian Charlie Harris to complete an inventory of his rare book collection. But when Charlie finds his employer dead at his desk, the job goes from tedious to terrifying! Relying on his rescued Maine coon cat Diesel to paw around for clues, Charlie must catch the killer before another victim checks out! (American, Feline)

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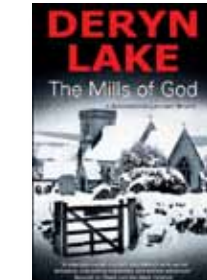
Nine graduates of Damien Anderson's Detective Training Agency assemble at an isolated vacation home for a class reunion. One by one, the graduates are murdered. As a snowstorm traps the party, it becomes apparent the murderer is one of them! What is the killer's motivation? Is the explanation related to a series of mysterious accidents on the film set of *Nine Man Morris*, which the classmates investigated 15 years earlier? (American, Suspense)

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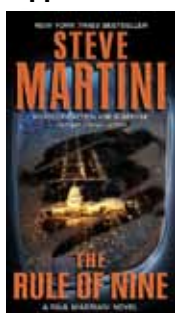
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Pacific Ocean, 1946. Liam Connor, an expert on germ warfare, is sent to help the US Navy foil an attempt by the Japanese to unleash the world's first biological super-weapon called 'Spiral'. New York, present day: Spiral is back and the stakes are higher. Connor, now a Nobel Prize-winning nano-scientist, holds the key to its cure. Those who seek Spiral will stop at nothing to obtain Connor's knowledge, even if it means his death. (American, Suspense)

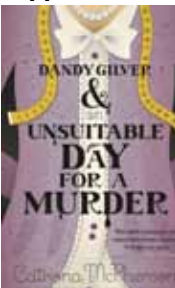
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Dandy Gilver #6. 1927. When Dandy is summoned to Dunfermline to locate a missing heiress whom Dandy suspects has eloped with her forbidden love, she is loath to take the job of scouring guesthouses to find the little madam and her paramour. Then a murder gets thrown in the mix. And then another! Suddenly, Dandy finds herself sacked, and matters career downwards - just like a runaway train! (Scottish, Cosy)

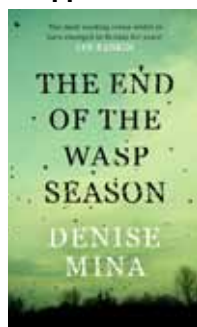
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In their 70s, La Contessa Letizia di Ponzo and her sister Signora Teodora Grisiola are actually Letty and Dora, a pair of ex-hookers turned con-artists, who have decided to steal a pair of gold, jewel-encrusted Tibetan Shih Tzu dog statuettes from a Glasgow museum. Unfortunately, everyone wants to get their hands on the expensive pooches. Yet the elderly ladies might just execute their plan... if they can avoid the Australian hit man! (English, Cosy)

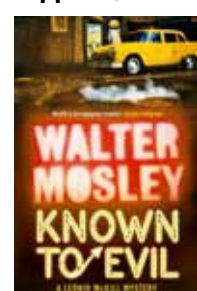
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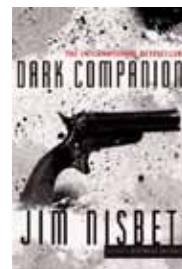
Leonid McGill. When Rinaldo Alphonse - the most feared man in New York - sends Leonid McGill to an uptown address to check that a girl named Angelique is 'okay', he stumbles across a dead girl and her assassin. But the girl isn't Angelique, and Alphonse wants McGill to track her down before another assassin does. McGill must put his know-how to the test, meanwhile haunted by his past and his wife's infidelities. (American, Private Eye)

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Banerjee Rolf - a bright, level-headed Indian-American scientist - is content to spend his days with his wife, tending his garden and studying his beloved astronomy. When Rolf's relationship with his seedy, drug-dealing neighbour Toby Pride - not to mention Pride's stoner girlfriend - takes a weird turn, Rolf's placid world is shattered. Soon Rolf finds himself becoming a fugitive from justice... (American, Suspense)



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**The Body in the Sleigh**

Faith Fairchild #18. Faith's Christmas spirit is dampened when she discovers the body of a drug-addicted teenage girl in an antique sleigh. Meanwhile, local spinster Mary Bethany finds a newborn baby boy in her barn on Christmas Eve, along with a note left in the basket and an alarming amount of cash. As Faith tries to locate the child's mother, she realises his abandonment may be connected to the dead teen's final days... (American, Cosy)



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Gideon Crew #1. The first in a new series! When Gideon Crew was 12 years old, he witnessed the murder of his father - a scientist framed by the US government. More than 20 years later, he finally gets vengeance and brings down the man who destroyed his father. When a witness to the crime steps forward, he is offered the chance of a lifetime... (American, Suspense)

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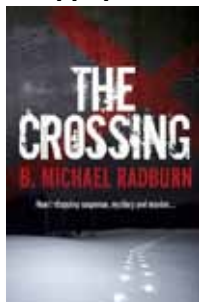
Ivy Beasley #2. Cantankerous spinster Ivy Beasley has learned that spending her golden years in the quaint village of Barrington won't be as quiet as she thought. Ivy hasn't been in Barrington for long, but she's found new friends, formed a detective agency, and solved a murder. As autumn falls, Ivy and her team are asked to investigate a mysterious death in the village of Measby - in between card games, of course! (English, Cosy)

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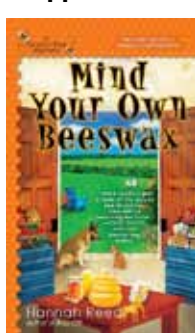


**B Michael Radburn****The Crossing**

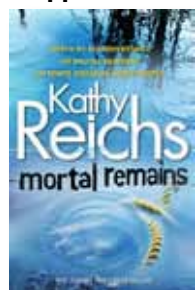
Traumatised by the disappearance of his daughter Claire, Taylor Bridges marriage breaks down, and he exiles himself to Glory's Crossing - a small country town in Tasmania. Taylor is the only ranger in an isolated town adjoining a national park, a town dying a slow death as the rising waters of the new dam project slowly floods it. (Australian, Suspense)

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*Queen Bee #2.* Things are going well for beekeeper Story Fischer, whose hands are full with a successful local market, her Queen Bee Honey business, and a new boyfriend. But after a hive of her bees leads her straight to the dead body of local woman, she finds herself in a sticky situation indeed! Story decides to stick her nose where it doesn't belong when she resolves to catch the killer herself. (American, Cosy)

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*Temperance Brennan #13.* When Tempe is called to the scene of an autoerotic death, the man whose body she examines supposedly died in a helicopter crash in Vietnam 40 years before. So who is buried in the soldier's grave? Tempe's investigations take her to Honolulu, and as she unravels the tangled threads of the mystery, it becomes clear that there are some who would rather the past stays dead and buried, no matter what. (American, Forensic)

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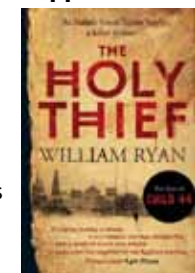
When ex-cop Vincent Ruiz is set up and robbed in London, he soon discovers he isn't alone in his search for the thief. Meanwhile in Baghdad, billions of dollars in reconstruction funds has gone missing and Pulitzer prize-winning Journalist Luca Terracini is trying to 'follow the money'. The dangerous trail will lead him to London, where he teams up with Vincent Ruiz in his search for a missing international banker. (English, Suspense)

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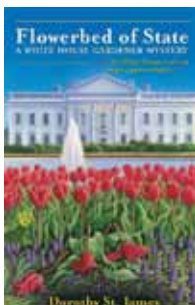
New York, 1920. A quarter ton of explosives are detonated on Wall Street. Witnessing the blast are war veteran Stratham Younger, NYPD officer James Littlemore, and beautiful French radio-chemist Colette Rousseau. A series of inexplicable attacks on Colette, a secret buried in her past, and a mysterious trail of evidence lead Younger, Littlemore, and Rousseau on a thrilling international and psychological journey... (American, Suspense)

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*Captain Korolev. Moscow, 1936.* Captain Alexei Dimitrevich Korolev of the Criminal Investigation Division of the Moscow Militia, must investigate a murder. When he discovers the victim is an American citizen, the NKVD - the most feared organisation in Russia - becomes involved. As more bodies are found and pressure mounts, Korolev questions who he can trust. Soon, Korolev will find not only his ideals threatened, but also his life... (Irish, Spy)

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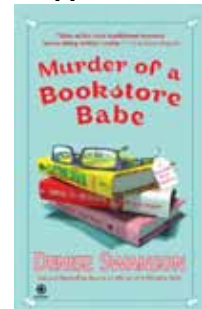
*White House Gardener #1.* Casey Calhoun's passion for gardening has carried her to President's Park on which sits the White House. While preparing the final touches on an innovative cultivation program for the First Lady to inspect, Casey is attacked by an unknown assailant. Then she discovers a dead body in a trash can and, putting a damper on her plans, she must root out a killer before she ends up six feet under! (American, Cosy)

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Vanessa Munroe deals in covert information, offering her services to anyone - government or individual - who'll pay her. When Texas oil billionaire Richard Burbank hires her to find his missing daughter, Munroe dredges a cold trail across three continents, deep into the lawless lands of Central Africa. Pulled deep into the mystery of the missing girl, her only hope of getting out of Africa alive is to face up to her violent past... (American, Spy)

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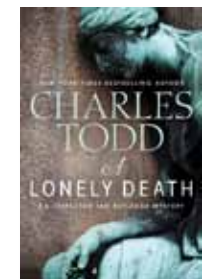
*Scumble River #13.* When school psychologist Skye Denison discovers a body crushed by a toppled bookcase at Scumble River's new bookstore Tales and Treats - which many residents want to shut down - she decides to launch her own investigation. After reading the clues, Skye uncovers a deadly secret that could get her killed. She must act quickly, before she finds herself in line to be the killer's next work-in-progress! (American, Cosy)

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Accused of murdering the baby in her care, the seemingly cold and measured nanny Lisa Stewart maintains her innocence. But when she changes her name and tries to run away, the terrifying threats always seem to track her down. Is she an innocent victim of public anger? Or is she a calculating murderer on the run? (Scottish, Suspense)

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*Inspector Ian Rutledge #13.* Three WW1 soldiers have been garrotted in a Sussex village, with small ID discs left in their mouths. But Scotland Yard's presence won't deter the vicious and clever killer. Shortly after Inspector Ian Rutledge arrives, a fourth soldier is found dead. With few clues to go on and the pressure building, Rutledge must gamble everything - his job, his reputation, and even his life - to find answers. (American, Police Procedural)

**352pp Hb \$35****Nicola Upson****Two for Sorrow**

Inspector Archie Penrose must investigate the sadistic murder of a young seamstress, found dead in the Motley sisters' studio, amid preparations for a star-studded charity gala. The girl's death seems to be the result of a long-standing domestic feud. But when a second woman is involved in an horrific accident soon afterwards, the search begins for a vicious killer who will stop at nothing to keep the past where it belongs! (English, Police Procedural)

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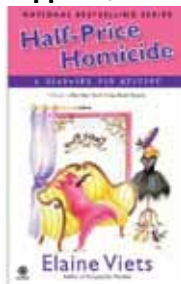
**Elaine Viets**

**Half-Price Homicide**

*Dead-End Job Mystery*

#9. At the high-end designer consignment shop Snapdragon, Helen Hawthorne must cater to the whims of snobby yet frugal customers like Chrissy, who comes in to sell a purse and ends up causing a scene. But when Chrissy is found dead in a dressing room with a hand-painted scarf around her neck, Helen goes from being low on society's totem pole to high on the police's suspect list! (American, Cosy)

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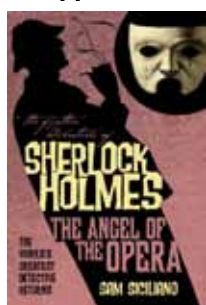
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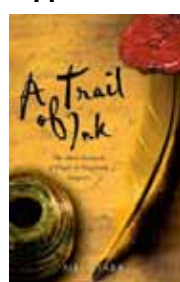
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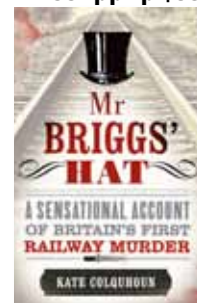


**Kate Colquhoun**

**Mr Briggs' Hat: A Sensational Account of Britain's First Railway Murder**

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July 1864. Thomas Briggs enters a First Class carriage on the 9.45pm Hackney service of the North London railway. At Hackney, two bank clerks enter the carriage and discover a bloodstained hat on the seat, along with a broken link from a watch chain. This book documents the thrilling race to catch the killer as he flees on a boat to America, pursued on both sides of the Atlantic. (English)

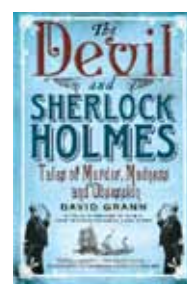


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Holmes is the subject of only one of these true stories, but many of the protagonists are sleuths, even though the pieces of the puzzle often elude them. Some of the characters are driven to deception and murder. Others go mad. Ultimately the stories shed light on the human condition and why some people on this earth devote themselves to good and others to evil... (American)



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**Debi Marshall**

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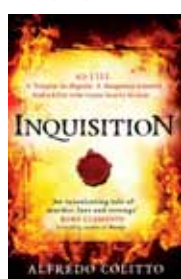


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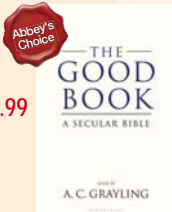
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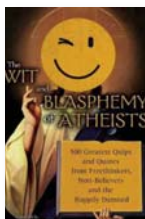


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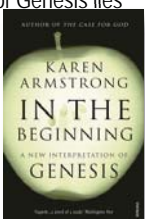


## In the Beginning

### A New Interpretation of Genesis

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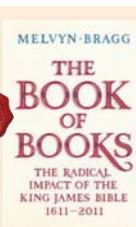
## The Book of Books

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Melvyn Bragg

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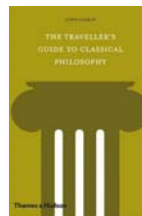
The King James Bible has often been called the 'Book of Books' both in itself and in what it stands for. Since its publication in 1611, it has been the bestselling book in the world and many believe it has had the greatest impact. It spread the Protestant faith and has also been the greatest influence on the enrichment of the English language and its literature. It has been the Bible of wars from the British Civil War in the 17th century to the American Civil War two centuries later and it has been carried into battle in innumerable conflicts since then. Its influence on social movements - particularly involving women in the 19th and 20th centuries - and politics was profound. It was crucial to the growth of democracy. It was integral to the abolition of slavery and it defined attitudes to modern science, education and sex.



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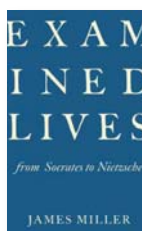
This is the perfect primer for anyone interested in the foundation of Western thought and a unique companion for visitors to Greek and Roman sites. Gaskin unfolds the thinking about nature, life, death and other worlds that informed the culture and society of the classical world still visible in today's cityscapes and archaeological sites and draws out its relevance and interest for the modern reader. He associates each philosopher and his ideas with a particular tourist destination, whilst a gazetteer describes the sites and notes the people and ideas connected with them.



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## The King James Bible After 400 Years

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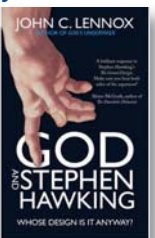
This year marks the 400th anniversary of the King James version of the Bible. No other book has been as vital to the development of English writing or indeed to the English language itself. This major collection of essays is the most complete one-volume exploration of the King James Bible and its influence to date. The chapters are written by leading scholars from a range of disciplines, who examine the creation of the King James Bible as a work of translation and as a linguistic and literary accomplishment. They consider how it differed from the Bible versions which preceded it and assess its broad cultural impact and precise literary influence over the centuries of writing which followed, in English and American literature, until today.



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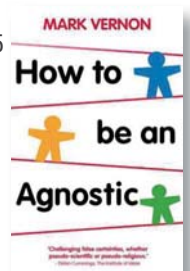


## How to be an Agnostic

Mark Vernon

296pp Pb \$24.95

The authentic spiritual quest is marked not by certainties but by questions and doubt. This book explores the wonder of science, the ups and downs of being 'spiritual but not religious', the insights of ancient philosophy and of course God, the biggest question. Vernon was an Anglican priest, but left the priesthood a convicted atheist, and now finds himself to be a committed, searching agnostic. Part personal story, part spiritual search, this journey through physics and philosophy concludes that the contemporary lust for certainty is demeaning our humanity. We live in a time of spiritual crisis, but the key to wisdom - as Socrates, the great theologians and the best scientists know - is embracing the limits of our knowledge. This much expanded edition was previously published as *After Atheism* (Pb \$31) and includes new chapters looking at mindfulness meditation, pic'n'mix religion, quantum spirituality, the probability of God and why Stephen Hawking is wrong about nothing.



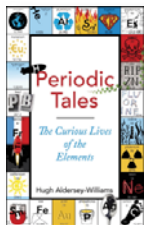


## Periodic Tales The Curious Lives of the Elements

Hugh Aldersey-Williams

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Everything is made of them, from the furthest reaches of the universe to the ground under your feet, including you. Like you, the elements have lives: personalities and attitudes, talents and shortcomings, stories rich with meaning. You may think of them as the inscrutable letters of the periodic table, but you know them much better than you realise. Here you'll meet iron that rains from the heavens and noble gases that light the way to vice. You'll learn how lead can tell your future, while zinc may one day line your coffin. You'll discover what connects the bones in your body with the Whitehouse in Washington, the glow of a streetlamp with the salt on your dinner table. From ancient civilisations to contemporary culture, from the oxygen of publicity to the phosphorus in your pee, the elements are near and far and all around us.



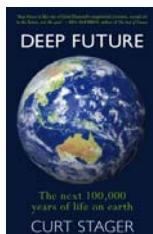
## Deep Future

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Most of us have accepted that our planet is warming and that we've played the key role in causing climate change.

Yet few of us realise the magnitude of what has happened. The course we take will affect our civilisation and the planet for millennia. What will that world look like? Stager draws on the planet's geological history to provide a view of where we may be headed. That future is far different from anything anyone has ever seen before. In the long run, the greatest threat to humans will not be global warming, but global cooling. Just when that 'climate whiplash' happens is entirely up to us. We have already put off the next Ice Age, but whether our descendants will see an ice-free Arctic, miles of submerged coasts or an acidified ocean still remains to be decided. This offers a new perspective that will change the way climate sceptics, activists and everyone in between thinks about what we are doing to our planet.

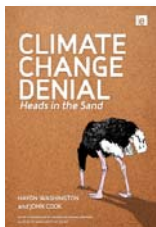


## Climate Change Denial

### Heads in the Sand

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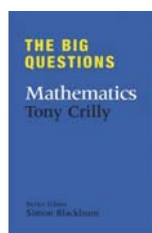
Following on from his immensely popular *The Little Book of Scientific Principles, Theories & Things* (Pb \$19.95), Verma now takes a look at all things unscientific: simple, witty and entertaining introductions to 100 intriguing, but improbable, ideas from the borderlands of science. Is the Bermuda Triangle a genuine concern to ships? Can evolution explain psychology? Will we ever have teleportation to instantly travel from Point A to B? Will the world end in 2012? And what of all those aliens, UFOs and crop circles? This book looks at all of these questions and more, and shows how, while science may not have all of the answers, neither does *The X-Files*. Entertaining, sceptical, with just a touch of sarcasm, this book is a refreshing middle ground between conspiracy theories and straight-down-the-line science.



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Susan Freinkel

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Plastic built the modern world. Where would we be without bike helmets, toothbrushes, baby bottles and pacemakers? But a century into our love affair with plastic, we're starting to realise it's not such a healthy relationship. Plastics draw on dwindling fossil fuels, leach harmful chemicals, litter landscapes and destroy marine life. As this engaging and eye-opening book explains, we're nearing a crisis point. We've produced as much plastic in the past decade as we did in the entire 20th century. We're drowning in the stuff and we need to start making some hard choices. The conclusion: we cannot stay on our plastic-paved path. And we don't have to. Plastic points the way toward a new creative partnership with the material we love to hate, but can't seem to live without.



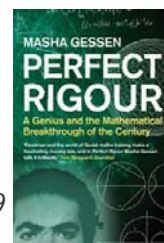
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### A Genius and the Mathematical Breakthrough of the Century

Masha Gessen

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In 2006, an eccentric Russian mathematician named Grigori Perelman solved one of the world's greatest intellectual puzzles. The Poincare Conjecture is an extremely complex topological problem that had eluded the best minds for over a century. In 2000, the Clay Institute in Boston named it one of seven great unsolved mathematical problems and promised a million dollars to anyone who could find a solution. Perelman was awarded the prize this year - but declined the money. Gessen was determined to find out why. Drawing on interviews with Perelman's teachers, classmates, coaches, teammates and colleagues in Russia and the US - and informed by her own background as a maths whiz raised in Russia - she set out to uncover the nature of Perelman's astonishing abilities. In telling his story, she has constructed a gripping and tragic tale that sheds rare light on the unique burden of genius.



## A Guide to Urban Wildlife

### 250 Creatures You Meet on Your Street

Christopher Daniels

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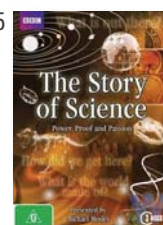
Have you ever wondered what that peculiar insect sitting on a leaf in your backyard is called? What about the behaviour of those acrobatic possums that swing along the phone lines at dusk? And the beautiful lizard that lives under a stone near the compost bin? In every Australian suburban street there is a secret world; a world seen, but not really understood, of animals that live alongside us. Daniels introduces you to 250 creatures that live on your street, in your backyard, in the air, at your local beach or even in your house. He takes you on a tour of their world, a world increasingly affected by its interaction with its human neighbours. In this fascinating and beautifully illustrated book, you will learn how to recognise the animals you live among and learn of their behaviours, communication, eating habits and peculiarities.



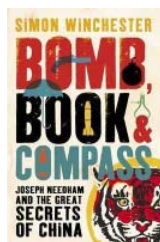
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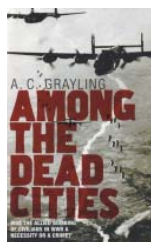






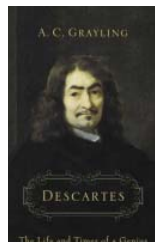
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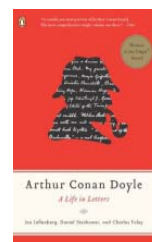
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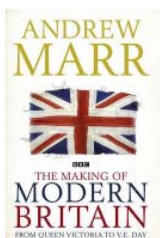
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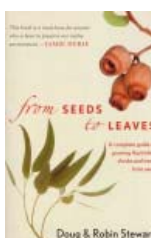
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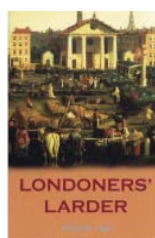
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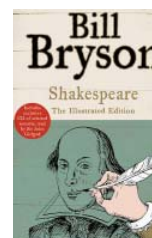
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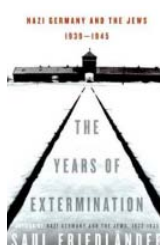
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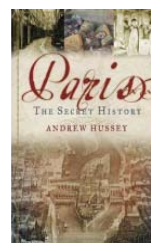
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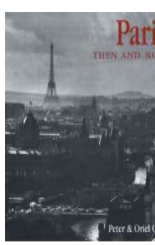
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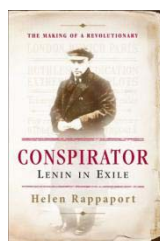
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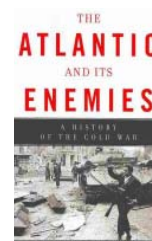
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The Australian Broadcasting Commission 1932-1983  
K S Inglis

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The Australian Broadcasting Commission 1983-2006  
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Norman Stone

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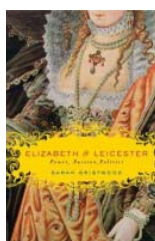
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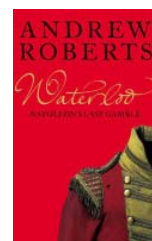
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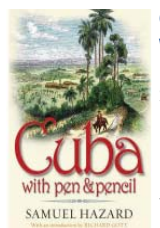
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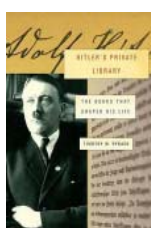
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Andrew Roberts

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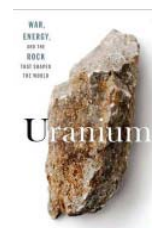
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Tom Zoellner

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## My School

**What Every Parent Needs to Know About NAPLAN, the My School Website and Getting the Best Education for Your Child**

Maralyn Parker

352pp Tp \$24.95

Australian parents have never had more choice or information on schools. But much of the information available asks more questions than it answers. What makes a good school? What should a parent know and what should they ask? This book also covers hot topics such as what to do about a bad teacher, bullying, multicultural policies, enrolment policies, coaching, selective schools and private vs public. This is the first book that has all the answers and more.

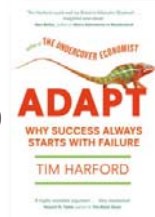


## Adapt

**Why Success Always Starts with Failure**

Tim Harford 320pp Tp \$35.00

Everything we know about solving the world's problems is wrong. Out: plans, experts and above all, leaders. In: adapting - improvise rather than plan; fail, learn and try again. Harford shows 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 experimenting and adapting. 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 - and prospering - in our complex and ever-shifting world.



**Written by Mrs Bach  
The Amazing Discovery  
That Shocked the  
Music World**

Martin Jarvis

224pp Pb \$29.99

The majestic *Bach Cello Suites* are among the world's best loved pieces of music, but which Bach wrote them? Australian musical sleuth Martin Jarvis explosively claims the suites were composed by his beloved second wife Anna Magdalena.



**Illegal Harmonies  
Music in the Modern Age**

Andrew Ford

304pp Tp \$32.395

Harmony is created by bringing sounds together. In music lessons, we learn how to do this in a formal way: we learn about chords and keys and we are given rules for using them. This is the textbook way; this is legal harmony. Everything else - including the sounds that constantly surround us, those of ticking clocks, dogs, traffic, birdsong and aeroplanes - is illegal harmony. Ford charts the course of music over the 20th and 21st centuries, linking it to developments in literature, theatre, cinema and the visual arts, and to popular music from Irving Berlin to *The Beatles* and rap. The result is a stimulating, provocative and always informative cultural history.



## The Ego Trick

Julian Baggini

304pp Pb \$29.99

Are you still the person who lived 10 or 15 years ago? 10 or 15 minutes ago? Can you plan for your retirement if the you of 30 years hence is, in some sense, a different person? What and who is the real you? Does it remain constant over time and place, or is it something much more fragmented and fluid? Is it known to you, or are you as much a mystery to yourself as others are to you? With his usual wit, infectious curiosity and bracing scepticism, Baggini sets out to answer these fundamental and unsettling questions. His fascinating quest draws on the history of philosophy, but also anthropology, sociology, psychology and neurology; he talks to theologians, priests, allegedly reincarnated Lamas, and delves into real-life cases of lost memory, personality disorders and personal transformation; and, candidly and engagingly, he describes his own experiences.

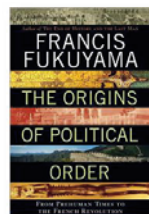


## The Origins of Political Order

Francis Fukuyama

608pp Hb \$49.95

Virtually all human societies were once organised tribally, yet over time most of them developed new political institutions which included a central state that could keep the peace and uniform laws that applied to all citizens. Some went on to create governments that were accountable to their constituents. We take these institutions for granted, but they are absent or are unable to perform in many of today's developing countries, with often disastrous consequences for the rest of the world. Professor Fukuyama, author of the bestselling *The End of History and the Last Man* (Pb \$35), provides a sweeping account of how today's basic political institutions developed. He begins with politics among our primate ancestors and follows the story through the emergence of tribal societies, the growth of the first modern state in China, the beginning of the rule of law in India and the Middle East, and the development of political accountability in Europe up until the eve of the French Revolution.

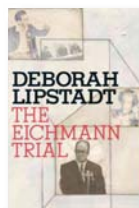


## The Eichmann Trial

Deborah Lipstadt

237pp Hb \$39.95

The capture of SS Lieutenant Colonel Adolf Eichmann by Israeli agents in Argentina in May 1960 and his subsequent trial in Jerusalem by an Israeli court electrified the world. The public debate it sparked on where, how and by whom Nazi war criminals should be brought to justice, and the international media coverage of the trial itself, was a watershed moment in how the civilised world in general and Holocaust survivors in particular found the means to deal with the legacy of genocide on a scale that had never been seen before. Lipstadt gives us an overview of the trial and analyses the dramatic effect that the survivors' courtroom testimony had on a world that had until then regularly commemorated the Holocaust, but never fully understood what the millions who died and the hundreds of thousands who managed to survive had actually experienced.



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## My Little World

Julia Cooke &  
Marjorie Crosby-Fairall

24pp Hb \$26.99

Sometimes being small means you miss the things others see; but it works the other way around as well. The young narrator goes walking with two adults and while he doesn't see the wren or the wallaby, he does see the skinks and the insects and the tiny ground orchids the big people overlook. Written in simple verse, it is the delicate illustrations which lift this book above twee. And any book that encourages youngsters to look around and notice what is going on in their patch of the bush (in this case, Black Mountain in Canberra) is well worthwhile! Ages 5-8



**Ancient Egypt  
Tales of Gods  
and Pharaohs**

Marcia Williams

48pp Hb \$29.95

If you're heading down to Melbourne to visit the Tutankhamen exhibition, this would be an excellent introduction to some of the stories of Egypt for young readers. Ra and the Creation, Isis and the Cobra, Seth the Evil One, Horus the Avenger, Zozer and his pyramid, Hatshepsut, Thutmose, Tutankhamen, Cleopatra are all here. Told in Williams' trademark graphic style, with plenty of captions and a separate narration along the bottom of the pages, this is colourful, absorbing and entertaining. Ages 7-10



## The Dead I Know

Scot Gardner 216pp Pb \$19.99

I think Gardner is one of our most interesting authors, probably underrated because he writes for older teens, but he deserves to be read widely. His *Happy as Larry* (Pb \$19.99) was one of the best books in any genre I read last year. Aaron Rowe has left school and has gotten himself a job. As an apprentice funeral director. Death doesn't bother him as much as sleep does, because he keeps having the worst nightmares and wakes up in places he shouldn't. He lives in a caravan park, surrounded by violent lowlifes and no-hopers, his only relative is losing his mind, and if he doesn't sleep soon, he'll lose his own. A powerful, finely written story of a young man trying to be better than his circumstances, and eventually succeeding. Ages 15+



## Where She Went

Gayle Forman 264pp Pb \$24.95

The follow-up to the very successful *If I Stay* (Pb \$17.95), this takes up Mia and Adam's story three years later. Mia was accepted into Juilliard to pursue her cello studies and is becoming renowned in the classical music world. But when she left Oregon, she left Adam behind and cut him out of her life altogether. Adam, understandably hurt and confused, threw his anger and grief into rock music, and he and his band have become phenomenally successful; something he thought he wanted, but which turns out to be more than he can handle. One night in New York, they meet again and he finally has the chance to ask her all those questions that have haunted him. Quite different from the first book, but all the more enjoyable because of that. Ages 14+



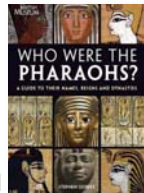




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New enthusiasts for Egyptology, always a popular section, will like a good book from the British Museum that was revised in 2010. **Who were the Pharaohs? A Guide to their Names, Reigns and Dynasties** by Stephen Quirke (\$19.95 Pb 112pp incl index) explains all these things very clearly. Nice format and excellent illustrations.



In the Young History bay of Children's books you will also find a small section on Egypt, including one in the *Code Quest* series called **Code Quest: Hieroglyphs** (\$34.99 Hb 48pp plus CD). You can test your knowledge of hieroglyphs in practice. I was going to let you know about the very many books we have in the Travel section about Egypt, but I guess you won't be going to Egypt just now – try the Exhibition Tutankhamun and the Golden Age at the Melbourne Museum instead!

A long list of thirteen authors was announced for the biannual *International Man Booker Award*, which is for a body of work, as opposed to the annual *Man Booker Award* for best novel. This unlucky number was soon changed to twelve when John le Carre withdrew his name, as he makes a point of not competing for awards. (Books are not submitted for this award; they are chosen solely at the discretion of the judges). A couple of interesting names on the list are David Malouf, Rohinton Mistry, Phillip Pullman and Anne Tyler. Especially nice to see Anne Tyler in this company.

The very best news in late March was the announcement that gifted Australian writer and illustrator Shaun Tan was awarded the *Astrid Lindgren Memorial Prize*, worth about \$750,000. Great news and due recognition for his sympathetic, unusual stories. I especially like **The Arrival** (\$39.99 Hb 128pp), which observes a family leaving one place in order to find their future in another, strange place, and **The Lost Thing** (\$17.99 Pb 32pp), which is about a very strange object found at the beach one day by a boy who takes it home for a while and then finds a new place for "lost things". Another is **Tales from Outer Suburbia** (\$35 Hb 96pp), which contains some surreal stories such as *The Water Buffalo at the End of Our Street*. One of the stories, *Eric*, about an overseas student who comes to stay, is so delightful that it has also been produced in a small hardback format for only \$9.99. In true Shaun Tan fashion, Eric looks rather like an autumn leaf. *The Lost Thing* was also made into a short film (DVD \$29.95), which won an *Oscar* this year for Best Short Animation. I think you will get extra enjoyment from the film if you also have the book because there are so many fascinating background details in all of Shaun Tan's work. He has also provided illustrations for books by other famous Australians, such as John Marsden's **The Rabbits** (\$28.99 Hb, \$17.99 Pb 42pp) and Gary Crew's **Memorial** (\$16.99 Pb 32pp). Another beautiful story is **The Red Tree** (\$17.99 Pb 32pp), about a child who wakens to find blackened leaves falling from the ceiling of her bedroom, threatening to overwhelm her.



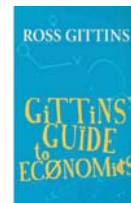
There are some bestselling books which I seem to leave off my own reading list. I was a long time coming to Tim Winton's epic **Cloudstreet** (\$26.95 Pb 444pp), but when I finally did, I thought it was marvellous. Hundreds of people have also marvelled at the stage show, about two country families making their way in the city. I hear it has been made into a fantastic TV series, but unfortunately will only be broadcast on Showcase TV. I guess those of us without pay TV will just have to wait for the DVD. Meanwhile make sure you read it – it's a big fat book, so you may need time.



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The other book I neglected is Anh Do's **The Happiest Refugee** (\$32.99 Pb 231pp). This recently won the *Independent Booksellers' Best Book of the Year* and rightly so. If you're feeling a bit down, read this memoir! Such a cheerful book, so full of good times and bad, so frank, and full of love. As a toddler, Anh Do came by rickety boat from Vietnam to Australia, and as a young man he gave away the chance to become a lawyer, choosing instead the risky career of comedian. (On the other hand, he was told most comedians only work four hours a week!)

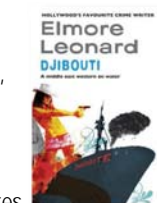
Did you manage to see the film *Inside Job*, about the Global Financial Crisis? It was good to see certain people squirming while being interviewed, but not so good seeing certain guilty people appointed to the administration! It reminded me that Economics is a subject we should not ignore. Here are a few popular titles: Niall Ferguson's **The Ascent of Money: A Financial History of the World** (\$26.95 Pb 448pp), which certainly shows that money makes the world go around; Alan Beattie's **False Economy: A Surprising Economic History of the World** (\$26.95 Pb), a provocative examination of the economic destiny of various countries. Will they be rich or poor? And how will their culture do? From our local economics columnist, Ross Gittins, you can choose **Gittins' Guide to Economics** (\$22.95 Pb) or **Gittinomics: Living the Good Life without Money, Stress, Overwork and Joyless Cons** (\$26.95 Pb). What more can I say? Or David Orrell's **Economyths: Ten Ways that Economics Gets It Wrong** (\$32.99 Pb 256pp) in which he argues how maths, psychology and environmentalism are helping reshape economics. Or **How Australia Compares** (\$39.95 Pb) by Rodney Tiffen & Ross Gittins, who chart trends over several decades in seventeen developed countries for factors such as international trade and internet usage. Double-page spreads make comparison easier. Finally **Bernanke's Test: Ben Bernanke and Alan Greenspan and the Drama of the Central Banker** (\$35 Pb 300pp), updated for the Pb edition in mid-2010, which discusses the tests created for Bernanke, largely by his predecessor Alan Greenspan.



Here's another beautiful book published by the National Library that I'm sure collectors will want. It is Roslyn Russell's **The Business of Nature: John Gould and Australia** (\$49.95 Hb 228pp), a biography of the famous taxidermist who, like many other Victorian gentlemen, decided there was good business to be had in the fashion for natural history as the world expanded. Fortunately his wife Elizabeth was a better artist than him and was willing to travel half the world to Tasmania with him. You may not have Gould's **Birds of Australia** in your library, but you can have this instead, with its wonderful natural history illustrations and delicate watercolours. If you click on the Google link for this title on our website you can read an extensive extract. A great price too!



Have you read some of the detective novels of Elmore Leonard? I think there are more than forty! His snappy, amusing dialogue is one of the hallmarks of his clever plots, taken from current society. His latest spot-on plot is called **Djibouti: A Middle East Western on Water** (\$32.99 Pb 279pp), about a documentary film-maker, Dara Barr, and her 6ft 6in black American assistant, who are caught up in terrorist activities while making a film about the Somali pirates in the Horn of Africa. Plenty of room for great characters and a big bang for sure! Very amusing, despite the scenario.



There is usually something interesting to be found in Young Non-Fiction. Two good suggestions: **How to Talk to Boys** by Dianne Todaro (\$19.99 Pb 180pp) and **How to Talk to Girls** by Jonathan Toussaint (both \$19.99 Pb 180pp). Agonising or exciting? These excellent books give good simple advice and include uncut comments made by boys and girls. Good idea.

I found a unique and lovely new book in Poetry. This is **Waiting for the Owl: Poems and Songs from Ancient China** by Ian Johnston (\$29.95 Pb 84pp). Johnston is a retired neurosurgeon living in Cloudy Bay on Bruny Island, who has made an intense study of Chinese poetry and is, himself, a noted poet. The book shows the original Chinese characters for each poem, as well as Chinese Ink Brush Paintings by Susan Collis.

*Australian Book Review* is calling for entries to the *Elizabeth Jolley Short Story Competition* (2,000 to 5,000 words). Closing date is 30 June. See [www.australianbookreview.com.au](http://www.australianbookreview.com.au) for details.

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3. **Quarterly Essay #41: The Happy Life: The Search for Contentment in the Modern World**  
by David Malouf (Pb \$19.95)
4. **How to Live: A Life of Montaigne in One Question and Twenty Attempts at an Answer**  
by Sarah Bakewell (Pb \$24.95)
5. **The Hare with Amber Eyes**  
by Edmund De Waal (Pb \$24.95)
6. **Germania: A Personal History of Germans**  
by Simon Winder (Pb \$24.99)
7. **Exorcising Hitler: The Occupation and Denazification of Germany**  
by Frederick Taylor (Tp \$35)
8. **The Tin Ticket: The Heroic Journey of Australia's Convict Women**  
by Deborah Swiss (Hb \$29.95)
9. **The Churchills: A Family at the Heart of History - from the Duke of Marlborough to Winston Churchill** by Mary Lovell (Tp \$35)
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by Gerard Windsor (Pb \$29.99)

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1. **When God was a Rabbit**  
by Sarah Winman (Tp \$29.99)
2. **A Man of Parts** by David Lodge (Tp \$27.95)
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4. **Five Bells** by Gail Jones (Tp \$29.95)
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by Howard Jacobson (Tp \$32.99)
8. **Bereft** by Chris Womersley (Pb \$24.95)
9. **Caribou Island** by David Vann (Pb \$24.95)
10. **My Dear I Wanted to Tell You**  
by Louisa Young (Tp \$27.95)

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**Every Home Needs a Balcony**  
by Rina Frank \$24.99

The story of a young Jewish girl, the child of Romanian immigrants, who lives with her family in the poverty-stricken heart of 1950s Haifa, Israel.

**The Finkler Question**

by Howard Jacobson \$22.95

He should have seen it coming. His life had been one mishap after another. So he should have been prepared for this one...

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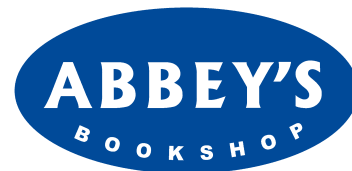
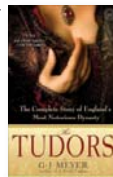
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