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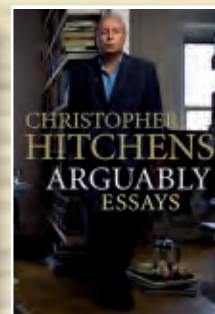
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This month the whole of September is **Get Reading!** Head to 131 York Street or [abbey.com.au](http://abbey.com.au) to see the list of books. If you buy one of the books listed in the free guide called *50 Books You Can't Put Down*, you can choose either a **FREE** collection of short stories by some of Australia's leading authors, or a **FREE** children's book. *Craig (Ed.)*

### Notes from Eve Abbey...

"The Greene family was indeed talented and quirky. Several members were spies (are you surprised?), one was Director General of the BBC, another was a mountaineer..." [read on, page 18]



### Indigenous Literacy Day Wednesday 7 September

Abbey's Vintage Classic Busk-a-thon will feature celebrity readers along with Abbey's customers, as well as a sausage sizzle, so please join us on the day and throw a few dollars towards the great efforts of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. See our website for more details.

### VINTAGE CLASSICS

#### The Magus

John Fowles

A disillusioned English teacher, Nicholas Urfe, takes up a teaching job on a remote Greek island. Here he becomes entangled in the psychological games of a certain Maurice Conchis.

Fowles creates a philosophical puzzle that has us searching for clues and answers in tandem with Urfe. This is one of those books that, if read at the appropriate time in your life, has a residue and poignancy that will last forever. And it's just the sort of book that demands to be reread... and thanks to Google you don't have to remain bewildered by the final Latin quote. *Greg*



Reduced \$12.95

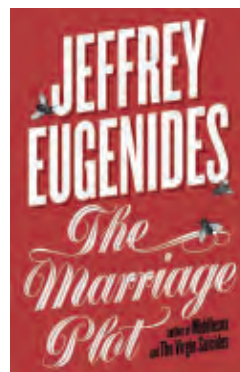
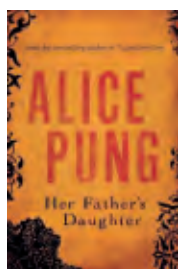


\* but very approachable

### Her Father's Daughter Alice Pung

Alice Pung's first book **Unpolished Gem** (304pp Pb \$26.95) won the Australian book industry's *Newcomer of the Year Award* and was nominated for the Victorian and New South Wales Premier's Literary Awards.

Alice's new book digs deep into her father's story, embarking on a journey of painful discovery: of memories lost and found, of her own fears for the future, of history and how it echoes down the years. 256pp Tp \$29.95



### early bird SPECIAL

#### Due in-store 10 October

A new novel from the Pulitzer Prize-winning, and bestselling, author of **Middlesex** (Pb \$24.95) and **The Virgin Suicides** (Pb \$23.95). While the jury may be out on whether Eugenides managed to reach the dizzying heights of **Middlesex**, he has written a well-crafted,

witty book – a 1980s-set update of the classic English marriage novel.

A literary page-turner of love and literary theory – though you only need a passing knowledge of either to appreciate the skill – it certainly kept me engaged. One to read. *Adrian* 440pp Tp \$29.99

**Pre-order now. Only \$22.99**  
Hurry! Offer ends 30 September



## BOOKSELLER PICKS

### Cool Water

**Dianne Warren**

Juliet, Saskatchewan is a tiny flyspeck of a town on the edge of desert dunes. In the span of an ordinary day, the lives of some of the inhabitants are revealed: the rebellious teen whose mother is planning the perfect wedding without publicly acknowledging her pregnancy and whose father is the local bank manager struggling with the bad news of his job. Then there is the inarticulate drive-in owner who once kept a camel as a tourist attraction and is in love with his widowed sister-in-law; the foundling who finds a horse and inadvertently recreates the one exciting thing that ever happened in Juliet (a 100-mile race through the dunes); and the struggling family on the edge of insolvency. A warm and beautifully written novel.  
**Lindy** Pb \$27.99



### Gods Without Men

**Hari Kunzru**

Beginning in the 18th century and covering different time periods, this novel explores man's eternal quest for reason and meaning. We meet a Franciscan explorer, a burnt-out rock star, a young family who find themselves entrapped in a media circus after the disappearance of their young son, an engineer trying to contact Venus and an Iraqi refugee who plays the role of an 'Iraqi' in a military simulation exercise. The common link with these characters is the Californian desert and a mysterious rock formation known as The Pinnacles. While reading this I was reminded of Tom Robbins, and there are touches of Carlos Castenda and a healthy dose of **Chariots of the Gods?** Kunzru has a wonderful ability to capture the zeitgeist of each time period, leaving the reader intrigued and mystified.  
**Greg** Tp \$29.95



### Empire Day

**Diane Armstrong**

Told over the course of a year spanning 1948 and 1949, this warm novel recreates post-war Sydney through the eyes of the inhabitants of Wattle St, Bondi. The older inhabitants are wary of the new, who are European migrants. There are misunderstandings, friendships and heartaches as the refugees learn how to live in a culture so alien to theirs, and the Australians learn to accept that superficial differences hide common humanity. The wealth of historical details may bring on a wave of nostalgia to older readers, as the period is so lovingly brought back to life.  
**Lindy** Pb \$32.99



## EVELYN WAUGH

revisited

Penguin is releasing a new hardback library of 24 Evelyn Waugh books. Being published in chronological order throughout the year, the books feature an elegant new jacket and text design. Quite striking!

## Kids' Books

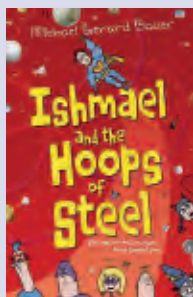
Reviewed by **Lindy Jones**  
2011 ABA Bookseller of the Year

### Ishmael and the Hoops of Steel

**Michael Gerard Bauer**

327pp Pb \$19.99

Ishmael Leseur, nice-guy but foot-in-mouth hero of **Don't Call Me Ishmael** and **Ishmael and the Return of the Dugongs** (pb \$19.99) is back, this time in senior school. Along with his great friends, the fearless Scobie, geek extraordinaire Ignatius, quiet Bill and of course the irrepressible, wonderful Razz, Ishmael has to navigate the tricky world of adolescence, girls, **Hamlet** and competitive point scoring. Not to mention a friend's surprising admission, the pitfalls of playing volleyball and talent quests. I'm pleased I was reading this in private, as it would have been too embarrassing to laugh so loudly in public! An absolute delight.

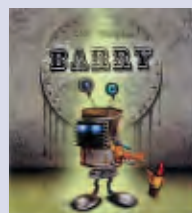


### Barry

**Colin Thompson**

32pp Hb \$24.95

Barry might look small and insignificant, but size isn't everything. He is small, but his brain is not only massive, it controls the world. He came to Earth in 1952, but fell down the back of a sofa where he got stuck; not that it mattered, he was still able to do his work. It is only when he is retrieved that he realises some of the messages got scrambled, so he implements his emergency mode... Another sophisticated and subversive picture book from the master of the unusual image and seemingly simple text. Boys from age 6 upwards (and plenty of adults) particularly enjoy his books!



### Nanberry: Black Brother White

**Jackie French**

309pp Pb \$16.99

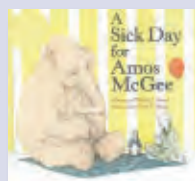
Told from the perspective of different characters, this is the sort of well-researched novel Jackie French does so well. Nanberry is a young boy from the Cadigal people, at the time of the arrival of the white-ghost strangers. Within months his family and other clan members have died from some unknown disease and the white-ghosts have taken him in. His protective foster father is Surgeon White of the First Fleet, who is a good man amongst villains. With the viewpoints of two young convict women, the Surgeon, Nanberry and Andrew, White's natural son, this is a fine tale of treading between cultures, both black and white. Ages 10-14



### A Sick Day for Amos McGee

**Philip & Erin Stead** 32pp Hb \$19.99

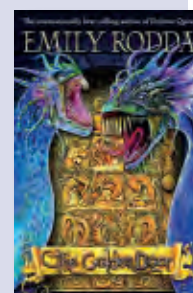
Amos is a zookeeper, with set routines and plenty to fill his workday, but he always makes time for his good friends. One day he wakes up with a cold and doesn't go to work. His friends – the elephant, the rhinoceros, the tortoise, the penguin and the owl – catch the bus and visit him, to repay his many kind acts. A sweet little story with delicate and expressive illustrations. Winner of the prestigious **Caldecott Medal** for picture book illustration. Ages 3-6



### The Golden Door

**Emily Rodda** 272pp Pb \$16.99

The first in the **Three Doors** trilogy, this is one the fans will love! Weld is a walled town where rules are paramount for good order. It is under attack by nocturnal creatures which wreak destruction and cause chaos, so the Warden calls for volunteers to venture out past the walls to put an end to the enemy's actions. Rye is too young to go himself, but both of his brothers answer the call, and then fail to return. He knows they're in danger and sets off to save them, accompanied by a feisty young girl. Confronted by the choice of three doors, he picks the golden one... Ages 9-13



## FICTION

### Scenes from Provincial Life

**J M Coetzee**

South Africa, 1940s. A young boy is ill at ease with his parents. As a mathematics student in Cape Town, he readies himself to escape to London and become an artist. But he is haunted by loneliness and remains an outsider. Decades later, an English biographer researches a book about the late John Coetzee. Interviewees describe an awkward man living with his father, whose family regard him with suspicion and rumours say he crossed the authorities in America and writes poetry... Tp \$32.95



### Gioconda

**Lucille Turner**

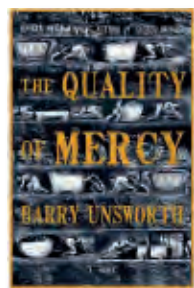
A solitary child, Leonardo's only intimate is Lisa Gherardini, who spies on him in his workshop. Sent to Florence as an apprentice, he begins to make his name under the guiding hand of Verrocchio, the master sculptor. But Florence demands a level of conformity impossible for Leonardo, who places himself at the service of the charismatic, power-thirsty Duke of Milan. His journey leads him back to Lisa and the portrait he has waited so long to paint, the culmination of his life's work... 256pp Pb \$27.99



### The Quality of Mercy

**Barry Unsworth**

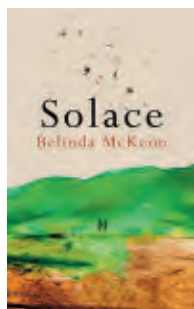
The sequel to the 1992 Booker Prize-winning *Sacred Hunger* (Pb \$26.95). It is 1767 and Erasmus Kemp has brought back fugitive settlers from America - among them Sullivan, an Irish fiddler who vows to gain his freedom. Though Sullivan manages to escape from gaol, he finds himself on a direct course to encounter his nemesis once more in a struggle that pits Kemp's insatiable desire for wealth against Sullivan's passionate advocacy for the poor and the powerless. 304pp Tp \$32.95



### Solace

**Belinda McKeon**

Mark Casey has left his rural community to study for a doctorate in Dublin. His father Tom is a farmer who thinks Mark's pursuit isn't work at all. And indeed Mark finds himself whiling away his time with pubs and parties. His is a life without focus or responsibility, until he meets the irresistible Joanne Lynch. Joanne also has a past that she is escaping and for a brief time they share the chaos and rapture of a new love affair... until tragedy changes everything. 352pp Tp \$32.99



### The Song of Achilles

**Madeline Miller**

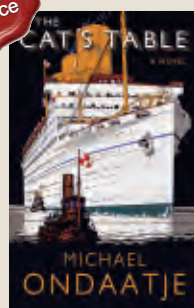
Patroclus is an awkward young prince, exiled to Phthia where he lives in the shadow of King Peleus and his golden son Achilles. When Achilles takes the prince under his wing, they grow into young men skilled in war. When Helen of Sparta is kidnapped, the men of Greece are called upon to lay siege to Troy. Seduced by glory, Achilles joins their cause, followed by a reticent Patroclus. The years that follow will test everything they hold dear and Patroclus will be forced to surrender his friend to Fate... 368pp Tp \$29.99



### The Cat's Table

**Michael Ondaatje**

In the 1950s, an 11-year-old boy boards a huge liner bound for England. At mealtimes, he is placed at the lowly 'Cat's Table' with an eccentric group of grown-ups and two other boys, Cassius and Ramadhin. As the ship makes its way into the Mediterranean, the boys become involved in the tales of the adults around them, tumbling from one adventure into another. At night, the boys spy on a shackled prisoner - his crime and fate a mystery that will haunt them into adulthood... 304pp Pb \$29.95 **\$24.95**



### Bertie Plays The Blues

**44 Scotland St #7**

**Alexander McCall Smith**

Once more, we catch up with the delightful goings-on in the fictitious 44 Scotland Street. With customary charm and deftness, Alexander McCall Smith gives us another instalment in this popular series, currently running in *The Scotsman*. Anything could happen to Bertie and the gang, especially with an invitation to one of Scotland's premier jazz festivals! 368pp Hb \$29.95



### Submission

**Amy Waldman**

After a devastating terrorist attack in Manhattan, an American Muslim is selected to design a memorial for the victims - sparking a debate about the claims of grief, the ambiguities of art and the meaning of Islam. Architect Mohammad Khan's fiercest defender is Claire Burwell. When news of his selection leaks to the press, Claire finds herself under pressure from outraged family members, hungry journalists, wary activists, opportunistic politicians and Khan himself. 320pp Pb \$29.95



### The Language of Flowers

**Vanessa Diffenbaugh**

After a childhood spent in foster care, Victoria Jones' only connection to the world is through flowers and their meanings. Now 18, Victoria has nowhere to go and sleeps in a public park, where she plants a small garden. When her talent is discovered by a local florist, she discovers her gift for helping others through the flowers she chooses for them. But when she meets a mysterious vendor at the flower market, she must decide if it's worth risking everything for a chance at happiness. 400pp Tp \$32.99



### The Forgotten Affairs of Youth

**Isabel Dalhousie #8**

**Alexander McCall Smith**

Philosopher and journal editor Isabel Dalhousie is often tucked away in the Edinburgh house she shares with her fiancé and their young son. But while helping in the delicatessen owned by her niece, she meets the philosopher Jane Cooper, who was born in Scotland but taken to Australia as a baby by her adoptive parents. She knows who her mother is, but her father's identity is a mystery. Can Isabel help Jane uncover this important and potentially unsettling information? 256pp Tp \$29.99



### Lucky Bunny

**Jill Dawson**

Queenie Dove had a tough childhood in London's East End during the Depression and the Blitz. Surviving on wits, she graduated from shoplifting to more glamorous crimes. She thrived in the Soho of the Krays and the clubs of Mayfair, fell wildly in love and got away with it all. Yet beneath Queenie's vivacious account is a story of punishment and loss and a passionate relationship that turns sour. She believes she was lucky... but did Queenie just play the hand that fate dealt her? 304pp Pb \$29.99



### New Selected Stories

**Alice Munro**

Spanning her last five collections and bringing together her finest work from the past 15 years, this new selection of Alice Munro's stories infuses everyday lives with a wealth of nuance and insight. Written with emotion and empathy, beautifully observed and remarkably crafted, these stories are nothing short of perfection. 448pp Hb \$39.95



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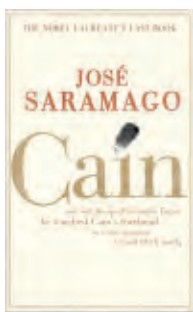
## The Legion Simon Scarrow

When the actions of a rebel gladiator in Egypt threaten the stability of the Roman Empire, Prefect Cato and Centurion Macro know he must be stopped. The locals are holding the Romans responsible for the attacks that Ajax and his crew have made along the coast. Tasked with tracking and defeating the renegade, Cato and Macro are soon hot on Ajax's trail. But will the strength of a psychotically fatalist gladiator and his new-found allies defeat the Roman warriors? 512pp Pb \$19.99



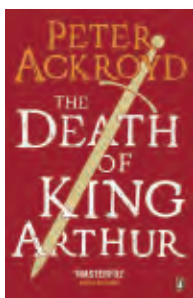
## Cain José Saramago

Condemned to wander forever after he kills Abel, Cain is whisked around in time and space. He experiences the almost-sacrifice of Isaac by Abraham, the Tower of Babel, the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah, Joshua at the battle of Jericho, Job's ordeal and finally Noah's ark and the Flood. And over and over again Cain encounters an unjust and cruel God. A beautifully written and powerful book, which is a fitting end to José Saramago's extraordinary career. 160pp Pb \$29.95



## The Death of King Arthur Peter Ackroyd

The legend of King Arthur has retained its appeal and popularity through the ages: Mordred's treason, the knightly exploits of Tristan, Lancelot's fatally divided loyalties and his love for Guenevere, the quest for the Holy Grail. Now retold by Peter Ackroyd with his signature clarity, charm and relish for a good story, the result is not only one of the most readable accounts of the Knights of the Round Table, but also one of the most moving! 336pp Pb \$24.95



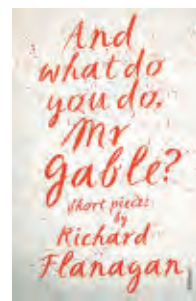
## Spirit House Mark Dapin

Long ago, Jimmy Reubens was a POW on the Thai-Burma Railway. For more than four decades, he has staved off the ghosts of his past by drinking too much, outstaying his welcome at his local RSL and bickering with his three closest mates. But the past won't stay buried forever. When his 13-year-old grandson comes to stay after his parents' marriage breaks up, Jimmy has a chance to finally begin to lay his ghosts to rest. But first he has to tell his stories... 368pp Tp \$32.99 **\$27.95**



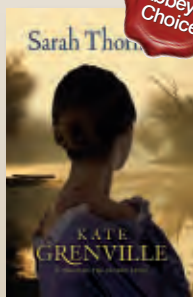
## And What Do You Do, Mr Gable? Richard Flanagan

Collected here for the first time are the best of Richard Flanagan's writings - on everything from directing film and writing novels to a near fatal kayak trip; from baking bread to bushfires; from art to war; from Kosovar refugees on the run to his celebrated essay on the rape of Tasmania's forests, credited as a key to halting Gunns' two billion dollar pulp mill. Moving and always surprising, this is an exhilarating read from one of Australia's best writers! Pb \$24.95



## Sarah Thornhill Kate Grenville

Sarah Thornhill is the youngest child of William Thornhill, convict-turned-landowner on the Hawkesbury River. A strong-willed young woman, Sarah is certain where her future lies. She's known Jack Langland since she was a child and always loved him. But the past is waiting in ambush with its dark legacy. There's a secret in Sarah's family. A secret Jack can't live with. A secret that changes everything... for both of them. 304pp Hb \$39.95 **\$34.95**



## I Came to Say Goodbye Caroline Overington

At 4am, a young woman enters the hospital and walks into the nursery where a baby girl is asleep. The infant doesn't wake when the woman places her gently in the shopping bag she brought with her. The woman walks back out to the car park, towards an old Corolla. For a moment, she holds the child gently against her breast with her eyes closed, before putting the infant into the car and driving off. That is where the CCTV footage ends. But it's not where the story ends. It's not even where the story begins... Pb \$14.95



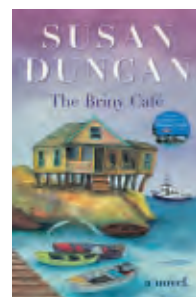
## The Slap [TV Tie-In] Christos Tsiolkas

At a suburban barbecue one afternoon, a man slaps an unruly boy. The boy is not his own. It's a single act of violence, but the slap reverberates through the lives of everyone who witnesses it. Told through the eyes of eight of those present at the barbecue, this acclaimed bestseller is an unflinching interrogation of the life of the modern family - compelling readers to question the nature of commitment and happiness, compromise and truth. The TV series premieres on the ABC late 2011. 588pp Pb \$24.99 **\$19.95**



## The Briny Cafe Susan Duncan

For all the idyllic surroundings of the Cook's Basin community, Ettie Brookbank wonders where her dreams have disappeared. Until fate offers her a lifeline in the shape of a little cafe on the water's edge. When the cafe owner offers Ettie 'the Briny' for a knockdown price, it's a mammoth task - and she'll need a partner. Enter Kate Jackson - also at a crossroads after running from city life. Could a ramshackle cafe and its eccentric customers deliver the new start both women crave? Tp \$32.95



## AUSTRALIAN FICTION

### The Hunter [Film Tie-In] Julia Leigh

An unnamed man, M, arrives at a remote house on the fringe of a vast wilderness and soon disappears into a world of silence and stillness. His one mission: to find the last thylacine, the fabled Tasmanian tiger. She is said to have passed into myth but a sighting has been reported. Uncompromising and compelling, Julia Leigh's stunning first novel does not relinquish its secrets easily. A haunting tale of obsession that builds to an unforgettable conclusion. 180pp Pb \$19.95

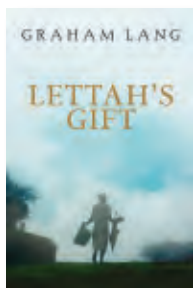


### Medea Kerry Greenwood

432pp Pb \$29.95 See Crime Chronicle

### Lettah's Gift Graham Lang

Zimbabwean-born, Perth-based Frank Cole is faced with an unusual request in his mother's will. He must journey back to his country of birth to deliver a substantial inheritance from his mother to a former family servant, Lettah Ndlovu. Set in Zimbabwe in the year prior to the 2008 elections, this is a personal journey set against a political canvas. The novel draws an incisive portrait of modern Zimbabwe and is populated with a cast of rich characters. 320pp Tp \$29.95



### House of Sticks Peggy Frew

Bonnie has given up her life as a musician to become a stay-at-home mother to three small children. She tells herself she has no regrets, but sometimes the isolation and endless drudgery are overwhelming. Her life is disrupted by the arrival of a character from her husband Pete's past. Doug is eccentric and intrusive and his presence is unsettling. So when Bonnie's and Pete's allegiances are tested, the cracks start to show in the life they've built together... 288pp Tp \$29.95





## All That I Am

**Anna Funder**

Ruth Becker has made an uneasy peace with the ghosts of her past. Another lifetime away, in 1939, the world is going to war. Ernst Toller, revolutionary and poet, sits in a New York hotel room settling up the account of his life. When Toller's story arrives on Ruth's doorstep, their shared past slips under her defences and she's right back among them - those friends who predicted the brutality of the Nazis and gave everything they had to stop them in the face of hatred, art and love... 320pp Tp \$29.95



## How to Survive the Titanic

*Or the Sinking of J Bruce Ismay*  
**Frances Wilson**

When the *Titanic* hit the iceberg in 1912, the ship's owner J Bruce Ismay jumped into a lifeboat with women and children and rowed away to safety. Accused of cowardice, Ismay became the victim of a hate campaign, his honour lost and his reputation destroyed. For those who survived the *Titanic*, the world would never again be the same. But as Wilson superbly demonstrates, we all have our own *Titanics* and we all need to find ways of surviving them. 352pp Pb \$29.99

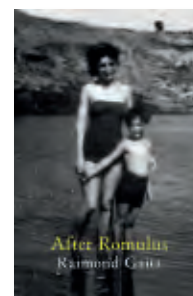


## AUSTRALIAN BIOGRAPHY

### After Romulus

**Raimond Gaita**

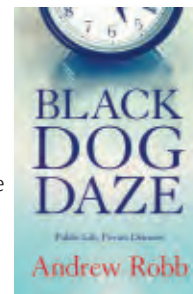
13 years after the publication of *Romulus, My Father* (Pb \$25.95), this collection reflects on the writing of the book, the making of the film adaptation, his relationship with the desolate beauty of the central Victorian landscape, the philosophies that underpinned his father's relationship to the world and, most movingly, the presence and absence of his mother and his unassuaged longing for her. 224pp Tp \$32.95



### Black Dog Daze

**Andrew Robb**

Andrew Robb's career has been devoted to the Liberal cause - as Federal Director of the Liberal Party, as Executive Director of the National Farmers Federation, during seven years in the Packer empire, and now in parliamentary politics. His memoirs document the private struggle and the public life of the Liberal Party's chief political strategist. It offers readers an insight into one man's lifelong battle with a private demon amidst the drama of contemporary Australian politics. 272pp Tp \$34.99



### Compassionate Bastard

**Peter Mitchell**

In this memoir of his time in the Department of Immigration, Peter Mitchell takes us from his early stint chasing down visa over-stayers through to his time as manager of the infamous Villawood Detention Centre. Mitchell tells frontline yarns of raiding businesses with illegal workers and capturing non-citizens who've tried to disappear into the community, up to his Villawood and East Hills days where he administered the desperate flood of refugees from East Timor and Kosovo. 300pp Pb \$24.95



### Singing for All He's Worth

*Essays in Honour of Jacob G Rosenberg*

**Alex Skovron, Raimond Gaita [eds, et al]**

After writing for most of his life in Yiddish, Jacob Rosenberg decided to switch to English. The period of extraordinary creativity that followed was cut short by his death in 2008, at the age of 86. This volume brings together 12 men and women from Australian literary and intellectual life who knew Rosenberg and offer their responses to his writings. It is a colourful and moving collection, each contributor illuminating different facets of Rosenberg's remarkable mind and personality. 224pp Pb \$24.99



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### An Idiot Abroad

*The Travel Diaries of Karl Pilkington*  
**Karl Pilkington**

Pilkington isn't keen on travelling. Given the choice, he'll go on holiday to Devon or Wales or maybe eat English food on a package holiday in Majorca. Which isn't exactly Michael Palin. So what happened when he was convinced by Ricky Gervais and Stephen Merchant to go on an epic adventure to see the Seven Wonders of the World? Travel broadens the mind, right? You'd think so. Find out in these hilarious travel diaries! 240pp Pb \$19.95



### Sleeping with the Enemy

*Coco Chanel's Nazi Agent*  
**Hal Vaughan**

The first book to uncover the true story of Gabrielle 'Coco' Chanel in occupied Paris during WWII. This volume reveals how Chanel became a German intelligence operative - her code name a reference to her former lover, the Duke of Westminster. Despite her collaboration with the Nazis, she escaped arrest in France after the war with the help of British Prime Minister Winston Churchill. And after a nine-year exile in Switzerland, Coco returned to Paris aged 70, triumphantly reinventing herself with the House of Chanel. 304pp Tp \$32.95



### Wilde's Last Stand

*Scandal, Decadence and Conspiracy During the Great War*  
**Philip Hoare**

In 1918, the *Vigilante* newspaper claimed that the German Secret Service held a book containing the names of 47,000 British establishment members who were sexual perverts in thrall of Oscar Wilde. Wilde's devoted 'friend' Robbie Ross and his one-time lover, Lord Alfred Douglas, both became embroiled in the bitter battle over Wilde's reputation. Using original documents and archives to narrate the history of this scandal, the author produces a portrait of wartime society and the roots of British fascism. 256pp Pb \$22.99



### The Enchanter

*Nabokov and Happiness*  
**Lila Azam Zanganeh**

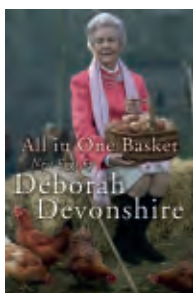
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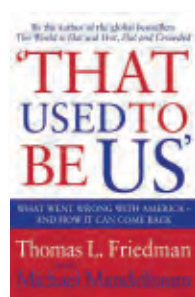


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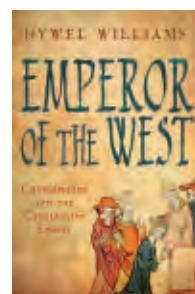


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Roger Brown has it all. He's the country's most successful headhunter. He has a beautiful wife and a magnificent house. And to maintain this lifestyle, he's also a highly accomplished art thief. At a gallery opening, his wife introduces him to Clas Greve, who is in possession of 'The Calydonian Boar Hunt' by Rubens - one of the most sought-after paintings in the world. Roger starts planning his boldest heist yet. But he will soon run into trouble... and this time money is the least of his worries!

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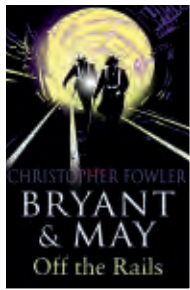
[Australian, Historical] 432pp Pb \$29.99



### Christopher Fowler Bryant and May Off the Rails Bryant and May #8

Arthur Bryant, John May and the Peculiar Crimes Unit are on the trail of a young man called Mr Fox. All they know is that somehow he escaped from a locked room and murdered one of their best. Now the detectives are being lured into the darkest recesses of the London Underground where their quarry has struck again. Their search takes them into the vast labyrinth of tunnels, a subterranean world full of legends and ghost stations which link the city.

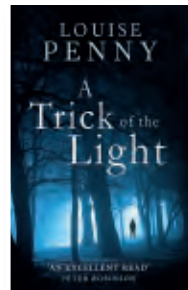
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### Louise Penny A Trick of the Light

In the green depths of spring, morning breaks on a woman splayed in a bed of flowers? her eyes wide, her neck broken. Her death is a mystery; so is the woman herself. But as Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and his team peer into the dark corners of the victim's past, they expose a secret that rots at the very heart of their community? a secret that will implicate someone they've trusted for years. And as Gamache knows too well, in the flickering shadows of death, the truth may be just a trick of the light.

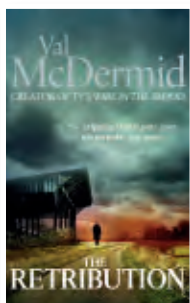
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### Val McDermid The Retribution Tony Hill & Carol Jordan #7

There is one serial killer who has shaped and defined the life of police profiler Tony Hill. And now Jacko Vance is back in Tony's life. Even more twisted and cunning than before, he is focused on wreaking revenge on Tony and DCI Carol Jordan for the years he spent in prison. Tony doesn't know when Jacko will strike, or where. All he knows is that Jacko will cause him to feel fear like he has never known before... and will devastate his life in ways he cannot imagine!

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### Anna Dean A Woman of Consequence Dido Kent #3

Madderstone Abbey, 1806. When Penelope Lambe suffers a bad fall, some are sure she saw the Grey Nun, the ghost reputed to walk the ruins. Unconvinced, Miss Dido Kent determines to uncover the real cause of the accident. Then events take a sinister turn when a human skeleton is found nearby. The remains are identified as those of a Miss Elinor Fenn, and letters come to light which suggest the reason for her death. But how is Miss Lambe's accident connected to this discovery?

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## TRUE CRIME

### Fiona Harari A Tragedy in Two Acts Marcus Einfeld and Teresa Brennan

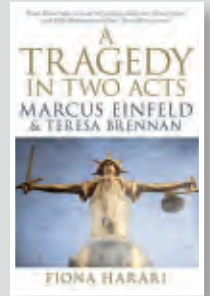
This was not the ending either of them expected. Marcus Einfeld, former Federal Court judge and human rights champion and his old friend Teresa Brennan, an exuberant, sometimes controversial US-based academic, had each spent years establishing demanding careers and international reputations, to create two lives that, on paper at least, exuded success.

Then Einfeld was caught speeding. But rather than pay a small fine, the former judge told a court that Brennan had been driving his car. In reality she had been dead for three years.

Through a chain of events that at times seemed exceedingly unlikely, Einfeld's lie was exposed, with unimaginable consequences. His world and virtually every honour he had earned rapidly disappeared. And his old friend Brennan, who had died in suspicious circumstances, was suddenly, posthumously, attracting attention for all the wrong reasons.

This is the remarkable story of two outstanding Australians whose lives have been lived large and who, ultimately, have been bound by tragedy.

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### Kathy Reichs Flash and Bones Temperance Brennan #14

Just as 200,000 fans are pouring into town for Race Week, a body is found in a barrel of asphalt next to the Charlotte Motor Speedway. The next day, a NASCAR crew member comes to Temperance Brennan's office to share a devastating story. 12 years earlier, Wayne Gamble's sister Cindi disappeared with her boyfriend Cale Lovette. Could the body be Cindi or Cale? As Tempe juggles multiple theories, the discovery of a strange, deadly substance in the barrel alongside the body throws everything into question...

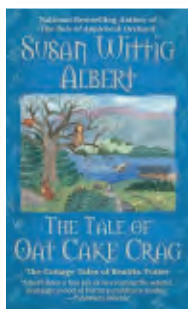
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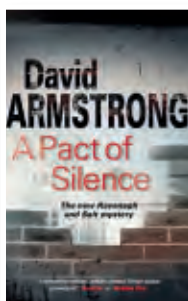
## Susan Wittig Albert The Tale of Oat Cake Crag Cottage Tale of Beatrix Potter #7

Miss Beatrix Potter has returned to Near Sawrey, seeking refuge from the bluster of London. But it is 1912 and Winston Churchill is said to be preparing for war. At the same time, Beatrix's friend Grace Lythecoe has been receiving anonymous letters, threatening her good name and her plans to marry. Beatrix must investigate quietly so as not to arouse village gossip. There is also the matter of Beatrix's own romantic future when she's offered a second chance at love. *[American, Cosy]* 304pp Pb \$13.50



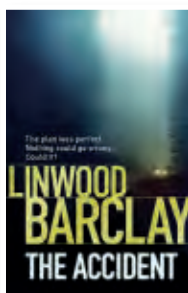
## David Armstrong A Pact of Silence DI Frank Kavanagh #6

In the long, hot summer of 1969, two young men are involved in the accidental killing of their boss in a Shropshire market town. Traumatized, they conceal his body but leave behind a vital clue. Four decades later, DI Frank Kavanagh and DC Jane Salt's relationship is in trouble. Jane is desperate to escape the bad atmosphere between them and runs to a friend's home in that same Shropshire town... only to find herself in peril! *[English, Police Proc.]* 224pp Pb \$24.95



## Linwood Barclay The Accident

The recession has been bad for Glen Barber's construction business in the small town of Milford, especially after a fire destroys his buildings. But his troubles escalate when his wife Sheila is the cause of a drink-driving accident that takes three lives, including her own. As he looks deeper into the circumstances of the accident, he realises just how many secrets lurk behind Milford's idyllic façade. *[Canadian, Suspense]* 400pp Tp \$29.99



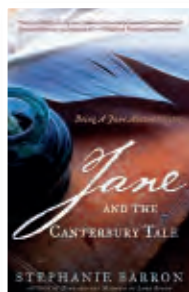
## Robert Barnard A Stranger in the Family

At age three, Kit Philipson was abducted during a family holiday in Italy. He grew up adored by his adopted parents, but as his mother lay dying she confessed her secret and gave him the details of his real mother. Isla Novello is ecstatic to be reunited with her long lost son, but there are members of the family who are reluctant for him to investigate his abduction. Kit is determined to find out the truth, but he has no idea how harrowing his investigation will be... *[English, Suspense]* 320pp Pb \$17.99



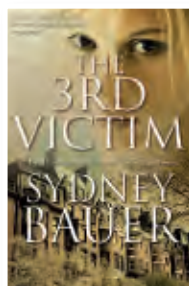
## Stephanie Barron Jane and the Canterbury Tale Jane Austen Mystery #11

Three years after news of her scandalous husband's death, Adelaide Fiske is at the altar again. The prospects seem bright for one of the most notorious women in Kent - until Jane Austen discovers a corpse on her brother's estate. Jane reluctantly assists her brother in the investigation and soon discovers deep mysteries. It seems that Adelaide's previous husband has returned for the new couple's nuptials - only this time, genuinely, profoundly dead. But when a second corpse appears on the estate, Jane has no choice but to confront a murderer, lest the next corpse be her own! *[American, Cosy]* 320pp Pb \$23.95



## Sydney Bauer The 3rd Victim David Cavanaugh #6

A widowed mother. A blood-soaked nursery. A missing baby. When David Cavanaugh hears of this heinous crime, he knows immediately he doesn't want to touch it. The mother's guilt is obvious to all, however Cavanaugh is unwittingly drawn into the case and appointed to the defence to prove the mother's innocence, but time is running out. A vicious attack on David's family proves they're on the right track but it also seems that this time David has taken on the one case that will be impossible to win. *[Australian, Legal]* 488pp Tp \$32.99



## Mark Billingham Good as Dead DI Tom Thorne #10

Police officer Helen Weeks walks into her local newsagent's on her way to work. Little does she know that this simple daily ritual will change her life forever when she is taken hostage. The crazed gunman is desperate to know what really happened to his beloved son who died a year before while in youth custody. Holding a police officer at gunpoint will force the one man who knows the most about the case to re-investigate his son's death. That man is DI Tom Thorne. While Weeks fights to stay alive the body-count rises and Thorne races time to bring a killer to justice and save a mother's life. *[English, Police Proc.]* 400pp Tp \$32.99



## Benjamin Black A Death in Summer Quirke Dublin #4

Newspaper magnate Richard Jewell is found dead at his country estate, clutching a shotgun in his lifeless hands and few see his demise as cause for sorrow. But Doctor Quirke and Inspector Hackett realise that 'Diamond Dick' has in fact been murdered. Suspicion falls on one of his biggest rivals but as Quirke and his assistant Sinclair get to know Jewell's enigmatic wife and his fragile sister, it becomes clear that all is not as it seems. *[Irish, Suspense]* Pb \$24.99



## Sean Black Grid Lock

Adult movie actress, Raven Lane, is one of the most lusted after women in California, with millions of fans to prove it. But none seem to be more dedicated in their pursuit of her than the murderous stalker who is carving a demonic swathe across the streets of Los Angeles in an apparent bid to get her attention. With the LAPD seemingly unable to protect her, Raven turns to elite bodyguard, Ryan Lock for help. Lock is drawn into a web of deceit and seduction and events spiral swiftly out of control as those closest to Lock begin to pay a bloody price for his involvement and Lock seeks revenge. *[Scottish, Suspense]* 400pp Tp \$32.95



## Rhys Bowen Royal Blood Royal Spyness #4

Penniless and 34th in line to the throne, Georgiana Rannoch finds herself in a truly draining state of affairs. To escape her hateful brother, Georgie accepts an invitation from the Queen to represent the royals at a wedding in Transylvania. But at the macabre-looking castle, Georgie finds the bride with blood running down her chin and a wedding guest poisoned. Now it's up to Georgie to save the festivities before the couple's vows become 'to love and to cherish, till undeath do we part'. *[English, Suspense]* 336pp Pb \$13.50



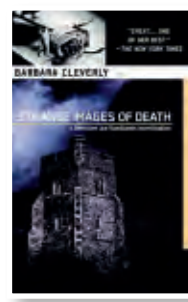
## James Lee Burke The Glass Rainbow Detective Dave Robicheaux #18

When Dave Robicheaux gets the call saying his ex-partner Clete Purcel is in jail for felony assault and resisting arrest, bailing him out is instinctive. After all, Clete is the man who saved Dave's life by carrying him down a fire escape with two bullets in his back. But Clete's latest escapade is the assault of a big-time pimp, meth dealer and murder suspect who is hiding his criminal activities behind a charity front. As Dave probes the charity, he finds that its sponsor is the smooth-talking scion of a wealthy family. He also happens to be Dave's daughter's boyfriend. *[American, Police Proc.]* 544pp Pb \$22.99



## Barbara Cleverly Strange Images of Death Det. Joe Sandilands #8

Provence, 1926. Scotland Yard Detective Joe Sandilands is on leave when a crime committed at the chateau has everyone in a panic. Then a child goes missing and an artist's beautiful young model is murdered in circumstances eerily recreating a 600-year-old crime of passion. Joe delves into a horror story from the castle's past to unmask the diseased soul responsible for these contemporary crimes. *[English, Police Proc.]* Pb \$21.95





## Harlan Coben Shelter

Myron Bolitar discovers that his mysterious tearaway younger brother, Brad, has a teenage son. When Brad dies in a mysterious accident in South America, Myron is his closest, albeit estranged, relative left and is assigned to be Brad's son's legal guardian.

Will uncle and nephew be able to live with one another? And will Brad's son be able to resist getting involved in solving a mystery disappearance at his new high school?  
[*American, Suspense*] 320pp Pb \$22.99



## John Connolly The Burning Soul Charlie Parker #10

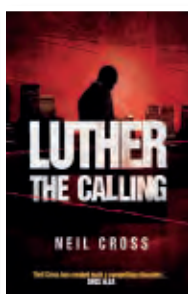
Randall Haight has a secret: when he was a teenager, he and his friend killed a 14-year-old girl. Randall did his time and built a new life in the small Maine town of Pastor's Bay, but somebody has discovered the truth about Randall. He is being tormented by anonymous messages, haunting reminders of his past crime and he wants private detective Charlie Parker to make it stop. But another 14-year-old girl has gone missing, this time from Pastor's Bay and the missing girl's family has its own secrets to protect...

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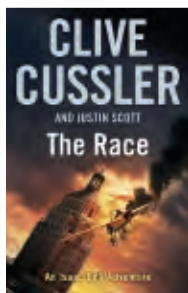
## Neil Cross The Calling John Luther #1

Meet Detective Chief Inspector John Luther, murder detective - a near-genius who has an extraordinary clearance rate. He commands outstanding loyalty from friends and colleagues. But Luther seethes with a hidden fury that at times he can barely control. Sometimes it sends him to the brink of madness, making him do things way beyond the limits of the law. [English, Police Proc.] 400pp Tp \$29.99



## Clive Cussler The Race Isaac Bell #4

Intrepid detective Isaac Bell engages in his most dangerous case yet. It is the early years of the 20th century, air travel is in its infancy and newspaper publisher Preston Whiteway is offering \$50,000 for the first flier to cross America in less than 50 days. He is even sponsoring one of the candidates - a barnstorming woman flier named Josephine Frost - and that's where Isaac Bell comes in. Frost's violent-tempered business magnate husband, Harry, has just killed her lover and tried to kill her and now he's on the run - but Whiteway is sure he'll try again. Bell knows that if he takes the case, Frost will be after him, too. Things are not quite what they seem to him, leading to a very fatal mistake indeed.  
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## Miranda Darling The Siren's Sting

Going deep undercover and posing as just another jet-setting party girl on the lookout for a wealthy husband, Stevie Duveen cruises aboard Vaughan Krok's mega-yacht, surrounded by arms dealers, aristocrats and billionaires. The action swings from the sun-kissed marinas of the Mediterranean to diva season in Venice, through the oilfields of Azerbaijan and on to the billionaires' playgrounds of Spain, but Stevie soon uncovers more questions than answers: What secret deal is Krok brokering? How is he connected to the Somali pirate scourge? And why is someone trying to kill her?  
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Domestic diva Sophie Winston is getting into the Halloween spirit - her decorations for a community haunted house are so good, it's scary. Not to be outdone, rival domestic diva Natasha is throwing a spooktacular Halloween party at her house. But when Sophie arrives, she discovers one of Natasha's guests dead in a Halloween display and a pale, fanged partygoer fleeing the scene. Could the killer be a "real" vampire - the same one rumoured to have lived in Sophie's haunted house back when it was a boarding house? Good thing a domestic diva never runs out of garlic. [American, Cosy] 304pp Pb \$13.50



## Janet Evanovich Wicked Appetite

Meet brand new heroine Elizabeth Tucker: bakery worker, unlucky in love... and descendant of witches. Life is pleasantly predictable for Lizzy, until a tall, black-haired, dark eyed man shows up. His name is Gerwulf Grimoire and he wants what Lizzy has: knowledge. Another man, Diesel, also wants things Lizzy has. Unbeknownst to Lizzy, she has the ability to find 'empowered objects'. A collection of stones that represent the seven deadly sins have made their way to Marblehead. If the stones are grouped together, they have the power to unleash hell on earth...  
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## Karin Fossum The Caller Inspector Sejer #8

One summer evening Lily and her husband are enjoying a meal while their baby daughter sleeps. But Lily is paralysed with terror when she finds her child bathed in blood. Mercifully, the baby is unharmed, but Inspector Sejer wonders why anyone would carry out such a sinister prank... Also available: *Inspector Sejer #7, Bad Intentions* (Pb \$24.95).  
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[*English, Suspense*] 432pp Hb \$45.00



## Tom Franklin Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter

Amos, Mississippi, is a quiet town. Silas Jones is its sole law enforcement officer. The last excitement here was nearly 20 years ago, when a teenage girl disappeared on a date with Larry Ott, Silas' one-time boyhood friend. The law couldn't prove Larry guilty, but the whole town has shunned him ever since. Then the town's peace is shattered when someone tries to kill the reclusive Ott, another young woman goes missing and the town's drug dealer is murdered. Woven through the tautly written murder story is the unspoken secret that hangs over the lives of two men - one black, one white.  
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When Sonia Verika, a former actress who takes solace in alcohol and isolation, is pulled from the fire, her body is burned almost beyond recognition. The house she shared with a retired director and a small family of African refugees is entirely destroyed and she is the only survivor. A classic noir thriller - unflinching in its examination of the violence and extortion bred by corruption, but at the same time tender in its treatment of human weaknesses, of guilt, addiction and regret.  
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## David Gibbins The Gods of Atlantis

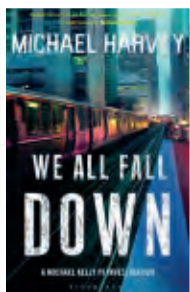
A lost Nazi bunker in a forest in Germany contains a dreadful secret. Marine archaeologist Jack Howard returns to the lost island of Atlantis in the Black Sea to answer questions about the Atlantis priests that have plagued him. Then by tracking down the 1930s expeditions of Himmler's Ahnenerbe - the Nazi's Department of Cultural Heritage - and its link with Atlantis, Jack wonders - could there possibly be a terrifying new version of Atlantis, a priesthood of evil?  
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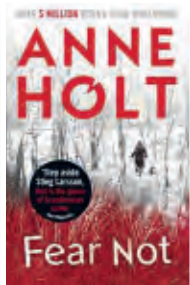
**Michael Harvey**  
**We All Fall Down**  
*Michael Kelly #4*

Chicago. A biological weapon is set off in the subway and quickly spreads through the city's west side. Kelly goes into the subway with a team trained in microbial forensics (essentially the next generation of CSI) and gets a hard lesson in "black biology" and the dimensions of the "coming biological war". The pathogen spreads and the government is forced to quarantine sections of the city. Soldiers in bio-hazard suits take to the streets and gangs take over day-to-day law and order in the sectioned off hot zones as society unravels.  
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**Anne Holt**  
**Fear Not**  
*Vik & Stubo #3*

During a snowy Christmas season in Norway, criminal psychologist and profiler Inger Johanne Vik finds not only her husband and herself but also her autistic daughter drawn into the investigation of a number of disturbing deaths. Her husband, detective Yngvar Stubo, has been dispatched to Bergen to investigate the shocking Christmas Eve murder of a local female bishop. Meanwhile, dead bodies keep turning up, though the causes of death vary. Before long she will discover something incredible that will link them all.  
*[Norwegian, Police Proc.] 400pp Tp \$24.99*



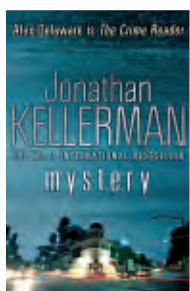
**Linda Howard**  
**Prey**

Following the death of her father, Angie Powell takes over his business as a wilderness guide in the Montana mountains. Business is booming until ex-soldier Dare Callahan sets up as a rival guide. Dare's sights, however, are set on something other than business - it's Angie he's looking to steal away, rather than her clients. Angie wants nothing to do with him but she has to put her feelings to one side when they are suddenly thrust together. A man-eater is on the loose and together they must stop it before it kills again... Also available: *Veil of Night* (Pb \$19.99).  
*[American, Suspense] 336pp Tp \$32.99*



**Jonathan Kellerman**  
**Mystery**  
*Alex Delaware #26*

In a glamorous area of Los Angeles, the Beverly Fauborg hotel is about to close for good. Psychologist Alex Delaware and his girlfriend Robin are making a farewell visit to the hotel bar when one patron in particular grabs their attention - a beautiful but aloof young woman dressed all in white. Two days later, Alex is called in on a murder case and is shocked when he recognises the victim as the woman in white...  
*[American, Psychological] 384pp Pb \$19.99*



**Sofie Kelly**  
**Sleight of Paw**  
*Magical Cats #2*

Small-town librarian Kathleen Paulson never wanted to be the crazy cat lady. But after Owen and Hercules followed her home, she realised her mind wasn't playing tricks on her - her cats have magical abilities. When the body of elderly doggo Agatha Shepherd is found near Kath's favourite local cafe, she knows Owen's talent for turning invisible and Hercules's ability to walk through walls will give the felines access to clues Kath couldn't get without arousing suspicion. It will take a bit of FURtive investigating to catch the cold-hearted killer.  
*[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50*



**Bernard Knight**  
**According to the Evidence**  
*Dr Richard Pryor #2*

After starting their risky venture of a private forensic consultancy, Doctor Richard Pryor - now a Home Office pathologist - and forensic biologist Angela Bray have now become firmly established. An apparent bizarre suicide in a remote Welsh farm starts them on a new investigation, which is followed by an unusual request from the War Office. And when a Cotswold veterinary surgeon is charged with poisoning his ailing wife, can Pryor's expert evidence save him from the gallows?  
*[Welsh, Forensic] 224pp Pb \$24.95*



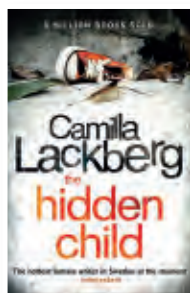
**Adriana Koulias**  
**The Sixth Key**

In late 2011 a cryptic invitation leads a crime novelist to Venice's Island of the Dead. Once there he is captivated by his host's tale, which spans the centuries but seemingly begins and ends in the dark days of the 1930s... In 1936, a similarly cryptic invitation brings Grail historian Otto Rahn to an apartment in Berlin. Waiting for him inside is Hitler's right-hand man, Heinrich Himmler, and Rahn's life is turned upside down...  
*[Australian, Archaeological] Tp \$32.95*



**Camilla Lackberg**  
**The Hidden Child**

Crime writer Erica Falck is shocked to discover a Nazi medal among her late mother's possessions. Haunted by a childhood of neglect, she resolves to dig deep into her family's past and finally uncover the reasons why. Her enquiries lead her to the home of a retired history teacher. He was among her mother's circle of friends during the Second World War but her questions are met with bizarre and evasive answers. Two days later he meets a violent death. Detective Patrik Hedstrom, Erica's husband, is on paternity leave but soon becomes embroiled in the murder investigation.  
*[Swedish, Police Procedural] 400pp Pb \$24.99*



**Amanda Lee**  
**Thread Reckoning**  
*Embroidery Mystery #3*

Cupid's arrow is making its way to Tallulah Falls, Oregon, bringing lots of business to Marcy Singer's embroidery specialty shop-like the bride who wants her mother's dress embellished with jewels. But someone wants to squash all the romance - and in this case they'll go as far as murder...  
*[American, Cosy] 336pp Pb \$13.50*



**Gerard O'Donovan**  
**The Priest**

He is called The Priest. His weapon is a crucifix. His victims don't have a prayer. A killer is stalking the dark streets of Dublin. Before each attack, he makes the sign of the cross; then he sends his victims to God. After a foreign politician's daughter is brutally assaulted and left for dead, her body branded with burns from a blazing cross, the case falls to Detective Inspector Mike Mulcahy, one tough cop, but is this crime beyond his comprehension? As a media frenzy erupts and the city reels in terror, Mulcahy teams up with ambitious journalist Siobhan Fallon to stop this divine mission of murder.  
*[Irish, Police Procedural] 512pp Pb \$19.99*



**Robert B Parker**  
**Painted Ladies**  
*Spenser #39*

Spenser had a simple job - protect an art scholar during a ransom exchange for a stolen painting. No one was supposed to die. But the scholar had secrets and uncovering them will endanger Spenser as well. Hired by a museum to provide protection during a ransom exchange for a stolen painting, Spenser is outraged when the ransom fails and the painting is not recovered, a case that makes him question the innocence of the art scholar who retained him.  
*[American, Private Eye] 304pp Pb \$15.95*



**James Patterson**  
**Kill Alex Cross**  
*Alex Cross #18*

The President's son and daughter are abducted and Detective Alex Cross is one of the first on the scene. But someone very high up is using the FBI, Secret Service and CIA to keep him off the case and in the dark. A deadly contagion in the water supply cripples half of the capital and Cross discovers that someone may be about to unleash the most devastating attack the United States has ever experienced. As his window for solving both crimes narrows, Alex makes a desperate decision that goes against everything he believes - one that may alter the fate of the entire country.  
*[American, Police Proc.] 384pp Tp \$32.95*





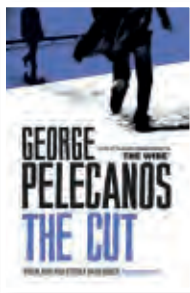
**James Patterson  
& Marshall Karp  
Kill Me If You Can**

Matthew Bannon, a poor art student living in New York City, finds a duffel bag filled with diamonds during a chaotic attack at Grand Central Station. Plans for a worry-free life with his girlfriend Katherine fill his thoughts - until he realises that he is being hunted. Trailing him is The Ghost, the world's greatest assassin, who has just pulled off his most high-profile hit: killing Walter Zelvas, a top member of the international Diamond Syndicate. There's only one small problem: the diamonds he was supposed to retrieve from Zelvas are missing. **[American, Suspense] 368pp Tp \$32.95**



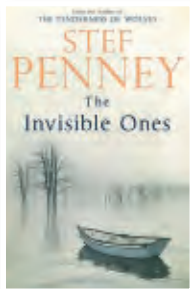
**George Pelecanos  
The Cut  
Spero Lucas #1**

Spero Lucas has a new line of work. Since he returned home after serving in Iraq, he has been doing special investigations for a defence attorney. He's good at it and he has carved out a niche: recovering stolen property, no questions asked. A high-profile crime boss who has heard of Lucas's speciality hires him to find out who has been stealing from his operation. It's the biggest job Lucas has ever been offered and he quickly gets a sense of what's going on. But before he can close in on what's been taken, he tangles with men whose amorality and violence leave him reeling. **[American, Private Eye] 304pp Tp \$32.99**



**Stef Penney  
The Invisible Ones**

Small-time PI Ray Lovell veers between paralysis and delirium in a hospital bed. But before the accident that landed him there, he had promised to find Rose Janko who was married to the charismatic son of a travelling gypsy family, Ivo Janko. When Ray starts to investigate her disappearance he's surprised that her family are so hostile towards him. The Jankos have not had an easy past. They are a clan touched by tragedy - either they are cursed, or they are hiding a terrible secret. Could it be that Rose's discovery of that secret led to her disappearance all those years ago? Soon he wishes that he'd never asked the question. **[Scottish, Private Eye] 350pp Tp \$32.99**



**Douglas Preston & Lincoln Child  
Cold Vengeance  
Pendergast #11**

Devastated by the murder of his wife, Special Agent Pendergast must have retribution. But revenge is not simple. As he stalks his wife's betrayers he is forced to dig further into her past. And he is stunned to learn that she may have been a collaborator in her own murder. Peeling back the layers of deception, he realises that the conspiracy is deep and that everything he has believed and trusted may be a horrific lie. **[American, Police Proc.] 368pp Tp \$32.99**



**J D Robb  
New York to Dallas  
Eve Dallas**

12 years ago, Eve Dallas was just a rookie NY cop when her instincts led her to the apartment of Isaac McQueen, a man she discovered to be a sick murderer and paedophile who was keeping young girls in cages. Now a homicide Lieutenant, Eve is one of the most distinguished officers in the city - and then she learns that McQueen has escaped from jail. Bent on revenge against Eve and with a need to punish more 'bad girls' McQueen heads to Dallas, Texas - the place where Eve was found as a child, the place where she killed her own abusive monster when she was only eight years old. **[American, Police Proc.] 416pp Tp \$32.99**



**Kel Robertson  
Rip Off  
Inspector Brad Chen #3**

November 2007. There's sewage in the big lake at the heart of the soulless city of Canberra, the TABs have been emptied by a deadly horse virus and the longest Federal election campaign of all time still has a fortnight to run. One-time star detective Brad Chen seems destined for a desk job until someone starts shooting dodgy property developers in Perth and Adelaide. The body count soon extends to shonky financial advisers, crooked lawyers and assorted fraudsters. Chen is determined to track down the hitman the public is calling a hero. **[Australian, Police Proc.] 368pp Tp \$32.99**



**Sebastian Rotella  
Triple Crossing**

Valentine Pescatore is a rookie Border Patrol agent, just trying to survive the Line. Until he pursues a suspect across the border into Mexico. Isabel Puente is a beautiful US agent investigating a powerful Mexican crime family. Her offer - if he works undercover with her she'll make his problems go away. But soon their relationship is no longer strictly professional. Over the border in Tijuana, anti-corruption chief Leo Mendez is working to bring criminals to justice. In a city where anyone can be bought, he's made enemies on both sides of the law. All three have the same aim: to bring down the cartels. **[American, Espionage] 416pp Tp \$29.99**



**Betty Rowlands  
Miss Minchin Dies  
Sukey Reynolds #11**

Adelaide Minchin is found dead in her bathroom. The verdict is accidental death, which her GP has challenged. Sukey agrees to make some enquiries, but the case has to take a back seat when the body of a teenage girl is found. As the two inquiries proceed, Sukey begins to suspect a link between the deaths. With help from local investigative journalist Harry Matthews she starts to rattle a few cages, with near fatal results. **[English, Suspense] 240pp Pb \$24.95**



**Mark Sanderson  
The Whispering  
Gallery  
Snow Hill Station  
Trilogy #2**

On a sweltering day in July 1937, reporter John Steadman is in London's St Paul's Cathedral waiting for his girlfriend. But romance is pushed aside when he witnesses a man falling to his death from the Whispering Gallery, killing a priest in the process. Did he jump or was he pushed? Two days later Johnny receives the first of a series of grim packages at the offices of his newspaper, *The Daily News*. Each contains the body part of a woman, plus an enigmatic note, one of which says that he will be the murderer's final victim... **[English, Journalistic] 320pp Tp \$29.99**



**Lisa Scottoline  
Think Twice  
Rosato & Associates #13**

Unbeknownst to her identical twin Bennie Rosato, Alice Connelly is on the run from her drug-dealing confederates who are trying to kill her. Alice sees only one way out - to become Bennie. She slips a drug into her drink, and usurps her life. Not only does she sleep with her boyfriend, impersonate her at work - and steal her money, but she also warns the police that her evil twin is out to get her. Her plan works perfectly, because when Bennie emerges to fight back, everyone thinks she's Alice - including the police... **[American, Legal] Pb \$19.99**



**Yrsa Sigurdardottir  
The Day is Dark  
Thóra Gudmundsdóttir #4**

When all contact is lost with two Icelanders working in a harsh and sparsely populated area on the northeast coast of Greenland, Thora is hired to investigate. Is there any connection with the disappearance of a woman from the site months earlier? And why are the locals so hostile? **[Icelandic, Private Eye] 432pp Tp \$32.99**



**Anna Smith  
The Dead Won't Sleep  
Rosie Gilmour #1**

The body of a young teenage hooker is found washed up on the beach near Glasgow. This stark event barely captures a headline in the cynical world of tabloid newspapers. This is Glasgow in the 1990s and she's just another dead heroin addict. But Tracey Eadie was only 14 years old and came from a children's home in Glasgow. How did she get from there to where she is now? One of Tracey's friends on the street contacts Rosie Gilmour, a tabloid journalist. She gives Rosie a tip off that's dynamite, too hot to print but impossible to ignore. **[Scottish, Journ.] 304pp Tp \$27.99**





## Martin Cruz Smith

### Three Stations

As a train pulls into Yaroslav Station, Moscow, a teenage girl Maya wakes to an unimaginable horror. Her baby has been taken. Disillusioned with the workings of Moscow's Prosecution Service, Arkady Renko is teetering on the brink of resignation when he becomes drawn into a strange new case. A prostitute has been found dead in a trailer in Three Stations, a dark, notorious part of the city without a mark on her. Meanwhile, Maya also wanders Three Stations, searching for her baby. But Renko doesn't realise that Maya is being hunted and those seeking her will stop at nothing to silence her...

[*American, Suspense*] 416pp Pb \$22.99



## Charles Todd

### A Bitter Truth Bess Crawford #3

World War I nurse and accidental sleuth Bess Crawford learns that no good deed goes unpunished when she finds a bruised and shivering woman huddled in the doorway of her London residence and Bess takes her in. The woman reveals a quarrel with her husband that erupted into violence, yet she wants to return home - if Bess will go with her to Sussex. She soon discovers that this good deed has unforeseeable consequences. When a troubled houseguest is found dead, Bess herself becomes a prime suspect in the case!

[*American, Suspense*] 352pp Hb \$37.95



## Lisa Unger

### Darkness, My Old Friend

Willow acts tough, but when she cuts school and sees a man digging up a body while she's in the woods, she takes off running and drops her cell phone. The man brings the phone back and introduces himself as Michael. His mother disappeared decades ago and he has hired a retired detective and a psychic to help him. But the psychic is baffled by premonitions of Jones, a troubled man who admitted his role in the death of a young woman and resigned as Chief of Police.

[*American, Suspense*] Tp \$32.95



## John Verdon

### Shut Your Eyes Tight Dave Gurney #2

When a young bride is gruesomely murdered at her wedding reception on her new husband's country estate, retired NYPD Detective Dave Gurney finds an invitation to join the investigation irresistible. He soon discovers that what seemed at first the senseless act of a deranged illegal-alien gardener is part of a far more complicated puzzle. His is soon up against an appalling criminal enterprise orchestrated by the cleverest mind he has ever encountered.

[*American, Police Proc.*] 352pp Pb \$24.95



## Amanda Kyle Williams

### The Stranger You Seek

In Atlanta, Georgia, a vicious serial killer is at loose, luring victims with ease, killing them with a combination of precision and twisted brutality. Key Street is not happy. Formally a rising FBI star with two university degrees and a brilliant track record in criminal profiling, she's now working for herself as a bail recovery agent. Her friend and mentor wants her on his case and when he shows her a letter he's received from the killer, Keye feels a familiar excitement. They're being played with, the snare is set and Keye just can't resist picking up the bait...

[*American, Private Eye*] 336pp Tp \$29.99



## HISTORICAL CRIME



## Emily Arsenault

### The Broken Teaglass

At Samuelson Company, editorial assistant Billy Webb senses that something suspicious is going on beneath the company's academic facade. What's more, his flirtatious co-worker Mona Minot has just made a startling discovery: a trove of puzzling citations, all taken from the same book, *The Broken Teaglass*. But no such book exists and as Billy and Mona unearth the truth, the puzzle compels them to redefine their notions of themselves and each other.

[*American*] 384pp Pb \$23.95



## Partha Basu

### The Curious Case of 221B

#### The Secret Notebooks of John H Watson, MD

5,000 miles away from 221B Baker Street, a man stumbles upon letters and notebooks hidden by his murdered father for half a century. Penned in secret by Dr John H Watson, they concern his friend Sherlock Holmes, and they reveal much that was unknown about him. What made Dr Watson keep secrets that expose his famous friend's failures? How did the contentious notebooks reach India and why were they hidden away for so long?

[*Indian*] 224pp Pb \$24.99



## Armand Cabasson

### Memory of Flames (2009)

#### The Napoleonic Murders

March 1814. With the allied armies of Russia, Austria and Prussia advancing, Paris is in real danger of falling to occupying forces for the first time in 400 years. But at a moment when all efforts should be directed towards the defence of the city, Joseph Bonaparte is concerned with the murder of a retired colonel and orders Major Quentin Margont to conduct a secret investigation into his death.

[*French*] Pb \$19.95



## Jason Goodwin

### An Evil Eye Yashim the Eunuch #4

When Yashim first entered the sultan's service, Fevzi Ahmet was his mentor. Ruthless and cruel, he is the only man who can instil fear in Yashim. Now Yashim must confront the secret that Fevzi Pasha has been keeping all these years... a secret whose roots lie deep in the tortured atmosphere of the sultan's harem. Once again, Yashim and his friends encounter treachery and politics, played out against the backdrop of 1840s Istanbul.

[*English*] 300pp Tp \$29.99



## Simon Spurrier

### A Serpent Uncoiled

A missing mobster. a bizarre spiritualist society, and three deaths linked by a chilling forensic detail. Working as an enforcer in London's criminal underworld brought Dan Shaper to the edge of a breakdown. Now he's turned private investigator but alas kept perilously afloat by a growing cocktail of drugs. He needs to straighten-up and rebuild his life but instead gets the attention of his old gangland masters. Shaper's capsizing mind is pushed to its limits as he is stalked not only by a unique and terrifying killer, but by the ghosts of his own brutal past.

[*English, Private Eye*] 416pp Tp \$32.99



## Kelli Stanley

### City of Dragons Miranda Corbie #1

February, 1940. In San Francisco's Chinatown, Miranda Corbie is a 33-year-old private investigator who stumbles upon the fatally shot body of Eddie Takahashi. The Chamber of Commerce wants it covered up. The cops acquiesce. All Miranda wants is justice - whatever it costs...

[*American, Private Eye*] Pb \$23.95



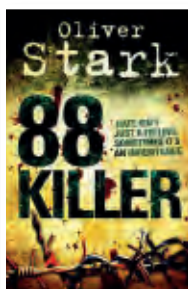
## Facebook Abbey's Bookshop

## Oliver Stark

### 88 Killer Harper and Levene #2

Three apparently unconnected crimes are about to be linked in the most chilling way imaginable. The abduction of a teenage girl. A woman shot point-blank during a brutal robbery. A young man tortured. NYPD detective Tom Harper and psychologist Denise Levene must look beyond the surface to find a killer's true motivation. And they believe they have found a murderer conditioned to hate and willing to go to any lengths to make his victims suffer.

[*English, Police Proc.*] Tp \$32.99





## Laurie R King

### Pirate King Mary Russell Holmes #10

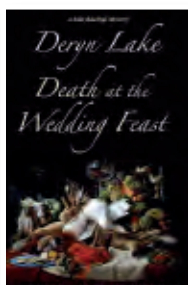
The latest adventure for the intrepid Mary Russell and her husband, Sherlock Holmes takes readers into the frenetic world of silent films, where the pirates are real and the shooting isn't all done with cameras. In England's young silent-film industry, the megalomaniacal Randolph Flytte is king. Nevertheless, Mary Russell is dispatched to investigate the criminal activities surrounding the popular movie studio. **[American] 384pp Hb \$45**



## Deryn Lake

### Death at the Wedding Feast

Apothecary John Rawlings has travelled to Devon to be by the side of his mistress, Elizabeth di Lorenzi, who is due to give birth to their child. Leaving his shop, and his new carbonated water business in good hands, John is presented with a surprise on his arrival at Sidmouth Bay. While Elizabeth is recuperating, he learns that Lady Sidmouth's daughter, Miranda, is to marry the elderly Earl of St Austell, who is fifty-four years her senior and has a cruel reputation. As the wedding day approaches, John feels increasingly uneasy, and before too long his worst forebodings are realized **[English] 224pp Pb \$24.95**



## James McGee

### Rebellion

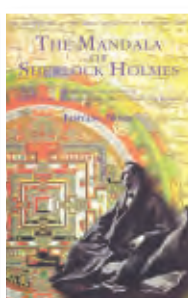
1812. France's civilians grow weary of the war with Britain. Rebellion is brewing. Since Napoleon Bonaparte appointed himself as First Consul, there have been several failed attempts to remove him. Meanwhile in London, Bow Street Runner Matthew Hawkwood has been seconded to the foreign arm of the Secret Service where he is to join a colleague in Paris on a special mission that could lead to a peace treaty between France and the allies. But failure could mean the guillotine... **[English] 400pp Pb \$19.99**



## Jamyang Norbu

### The Mandala of Sherlock Holmes

In 1891, a horrified British public learnt that Sherlock Holmes had perished at the Reichenbach Falls in Switzerland after a last deadly struggle with arch criminal Professor Moriarty. Two years later, popular demand made Conan Doyle resurrect the great detective. Holmes informs a stunned Dr Watson that he travelled for two years in Tibet - and this is all we have known of Sherlock Holmes' journey to the East. This volume holds the key to that mystery! **[Tibetan] 320pp Pb \$24.99**



## CRIME NON-FICTION



## Caesar Campbell

### Wrecking Crew The Brutal True Story of the Bandidos' Legendary Sergeant-at-Arms

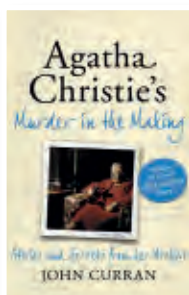
Journey into the heart of the Bandidos and the outlaw biker world through the eyes of Caesar Campbell - founding member of the Bandidos in Australia. Jailed for seven years after an ambush at Milperra, Caesar led and protected the other imprisoned members of his club inside Australia's toughest jails. But when he was finally released, Caesar found the world of motorcycle gangs had changed, and he was making more enemies than friends. But you'd rather be Caesar's friend than his enemy... **[Australian] Tp \$34.99**



## John Curran

### Agatha Christie's Murder in the Making Stories and Secrets from Her Archive

Here is Agatha Christie's life and career told through the decades - from the never-before-published original ending to her first book to the unused ideas for her last. Archivist and expert John Curran leads the reader through the six decades of Agatha Christie's writing career, unearthing some remarkable clues to her success and a number of never-before-published excerpts and stories! **[Irish] 432pp Hb \$39.99**



## Paul French

### Midnight in Peking

This is a tremendously interesting book which keeps you enthralled from page one.

In Peking in the thirties, Pamela, the teenage daughter of a former consul to China, was murdered. Her body, horribly mutilated and with her heart and other organs missing, was found close to where she lived. As Japanese troops begin to encircle the nervous inhabitants of the city a police investigation begins. Jointly headed by a Chinese detective and a British policeman, they attempt, though their authority is severely restricted, to solve the crime.

Pamela's father, Edward, was not well liked amongst the European community - he was not a good mixer and lived outside their European enclave in a house in one of Peking's winding alleys. His grief seemed genuine and yet his wife, a robust and beautiful woman much younger than he, had died - inexplicably - some years previously.

Pamela was a troublesome teenager too, disruptive and expelled from the city's schools. And close by their home were the 'Badlands', a seething maze of bars and brothels. Fascinating, exciting and tragic, this is a great book that makes you seethe with indignation.

**Peter Smith**

**[English] 304pp Tp \$32.95**



## Rochelle Jackson

### Inside Their Minds Australian Criminals

Investigative journalist Rochelle Jackson takes us deep into the minds of eight of the country's most notorious criminals: mass murderer Martin Bryant; serial killer Ivan Milat; female sex offender Karen Ellis; serial arsonist Peter Burgess; armed robber and escapee Brenden Abbott; child killer Kathleen Folbigg; murderer Matthew Wales; and gangland warlord Carl Williams. She probes their motivations, delves deep into their pasts and unlocks the dark side of their humanity. **[Australian] 252pp Pb \$24.99**



## Gavin Knight

### Hood Rat

Everything you read in here is true. In Manchester, Anders Svensson is on the trail of drug baron Merlin and his lieutenant Flow, a man so dangerous his type is said to appear only once in a decade. In Glasgow, faced with the highest murder rate in Europe, Karen McCluskey is on a one-woman mission to end gang warfare. In London, Pilgrim finds he's no longer feared. Troll, the child soldier, is terrorizing the streets. This is a hidden urban underworld. Untold, till now. **[English] 256pp Tp \$32.99**



## Douglas Perry

### The Girls of Murder City Fame, Lust and the Beautiful Killers who Inspired Chicago

The untold true story of the murders that inspired the iconic musical *Chicago*. With a thrilling, fast-paced narrative, award-winning journalist Douglas Perry vividly captures the sensationalised circus atmosphere that gave rise to the concept of the celebrity criminal - and gave *Chicago* its most famous story. **[American] 320pp Pb \$24.95**



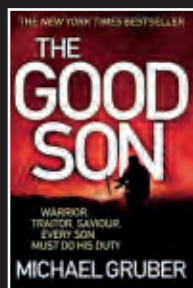
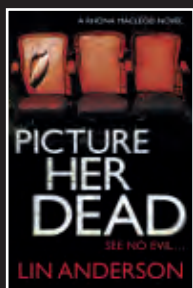
## M William Phelps

### The Devil's Rooming House The True Story of America's Deadliest Female Serial Killer

This is the story of how a Bible-thumping caretaker and nursing home entrepreneur became one of history's most evil female serial killers. With first-hand accounts from Amy's inmates, riveting trial transcripts, and accounts from the investigative journalists who covered the case, Phelps puts readers face-to-face with a woman who was both a Black Widow and an Angel of Death. Phelps paints a vivid, spine-chilling portrait of turn-of-the-century New England. This is historical true crime at its best. **[American] 303pp Pb \$22.95**







## OTHER TITLES IN SEPTEMBER...

### MODERN CRIME

**Picture Her Dead** (*Rhona MacLeod #8*)  
Lin Anderson [Scottish, Forensic] Tp \$32.99

**The Gilded Shroud** (*Lady Fan Mystery #1*)  
Elizabeth Bailey [American, Suspense] Pb \$23.95

**Quickstep to Murder**  
(*Ballroom Dance Mystery #1*)  
Ella Barrick [American, Cosy] Pb \$11.50

**Tragic Toppings** (*Donut Shop Mystery #5*)  
Jessica Beck [American, Cosy] Pb \$13.50

**The Mayan Conspiracy**  
Graham Brown [American, Espionage] Pb \$24.95

**Prime Cut**  
Alan Carter [Australian, Police Proc.] Pb \$22.95

**The Spider's Web**  
(*Wild River Reservation #15*)  
Margaret Coel [American, Legal] Pb \$13.50

**Damaged**  
Simon Conway [American, Suspense] Pb \$22.99

**Covenant**  
Dean Crawford [English, Arch.] Tp \$29.99

**The Heirloom Murders** (*Chloe Ellefson #2*)  
Kathleen Ernst [American, Cosy] Pb \$23.95

**American Assassin** (*Mitch Rapp #11*)  
Vince Flynn [American, Espionage] Pb \$19.99

**The Good Son**  
Michael Gruber [American, Espionage] Pb \$19.99

**The Case of the Man Who Died Laughing**  
Tarquin Hall [English, Police Proc.] Pb \$24.99

### Gerald Hammond **A Dog's Life**

Novelist Tim Russell is out walking his dog one morning when he comes across a young dishevelled woman named Ann, camping out in the woods. Tim takes pity on her and offers her shelter and Ann soon proves herself to be good company. But suddenly, one afternoon while gardening, Tim is brutally attacked. As Ann's relatives start coming out of the woodwork, Tim and Ann wonder if they've found the motivation for the attack after all. But then a local man is murdered . . . [*Scottish, Suspense*] **Pb \$24.95**



**Mind Over Murder**  
(*Ravens Nest Bookstore #1*)  
Allison Kingsley [American, Cosy] Pb \$13.50

**The Secret Crown**  
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### ABBEY'S CRIME BESTSELLERS - AUGUST 2011

- De Luxe** (*A Jack Susko Mystery #3*) Lenny Bartulin (Pb \$24.95)
- Chelsea Mansions** (*Brock & Kolla #11*) Barry Maitland (Pb \$24.99)
- Harry Curry - Counsel of Choice** Stuart Littlemore (Tp \$29.99)
- The Vault** (*Inspector Wexford #23*) Ruth Rendell (Tp \$32.95)
- The Jackal Man** (*Wesley Peterson #15*) Kate Ellis (Pb \$19.99)
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- Portrait of a Spy** (*Gabriel Allon #11*) Daniel Silva (Tp \$32.99)
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## AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

### The Flight Attendant's Shoe Prudence Black

Stiletto heels, miniskirts, bobbed wigs and exotic locations were all part of the cosmopolitan lifestyle of the Qantas flight hostesses. This is the story of the Qantas uniforms. It is a story about etiquette and protocol, about nationalism and internationalism and the way the Australian fashion industry created a range of designs for the flight crew. Stitching together fashion history, social history and industrial history, this book celebrates an era when flying was truly glamorous! 368pp Tp \$49.95



### Bligh Master Mariner Rob Mundle

From ship's boy to vice-admiral, there was much more to Captain Bligh than his infamous bad temper. At 24, Master Bligh witnessed the demise of his mentor Captain Cook. At 34, Lieutenant Bligh stood at the helm of the famous *Bounty* - then was cast adrift by Fletcher Christian on an epic 47-day voyage from Tonga to Timor. And at age 36, Captain Bligh steered the *HMS Providence*, in the company of a young Matthew Flinders, on a grand scientific voyage around the world! 400pp Tp \$35



### The Forgotten Islands Michael Veitch

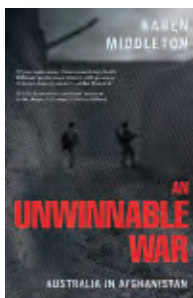
Bass Strait has over 50 islands that are pounded by atrocious weather and rarely visited. These islands are rich in atypical Australian history and Michael Veitch has always been drawn to them.

In this volume, he attempts to visit them all, relying on the goodwill and skill of an array of fisherman, pilots and locals. Here he recounts his efforts, the people he meets along the way and the extraordinary flora, fauna and landscapes he encounters. 320pp Tp \$32.95



### An Unwinnable War Australia in Afghanistan Karen Middleton

A decade on from 9/11, Australians are embroiled in the war in Afghanistan. This book charts for the first time the decisions, motives and influences that carried Australia into Afghanistan. Based on interviews with dozens of key political and military figures in Australia and abroad, Middleton investigates the role of domestic politics and the decision to wage war in Iraq, laying bare the nature and potency of the US alliance and the influence of individual personalities in charting Australia's course. 304pp Tp \$36.99



### The Australian Book of Great Trials The Cases That Shaped a Nation Jeremy Stoljar

These most important trials in Australia's history include the first ever civil case, brought by two convicts a short time after the First Fleet landed; the tale of bushranger and folk hero Ned Kelly; the dingo and the baby at Uluru; and Eddie Mabo's historic fight to establish Indigenous people's ownership of their land. These are more than remarkable stories - they also tell us something about Australian life, what we stand for and our belief in a fair go. 288pp Tp \$29.99



### In Her Own Words The Writings of Elizabeth Macquarie Robin Walsh

Here is a beautifully presented volume containing the letters and journal of Elizabeth Macquarie, the wife of early colonial Australia's planning visionary, Lachlan Macquarie. Each writing piece is annotated, giving unique insight into its content and context. Includes letters, annotations, archive photos, genealogical diagrams, related brief biographies and an introduction on the faces of womanhood. 208pp Hb \$60.00



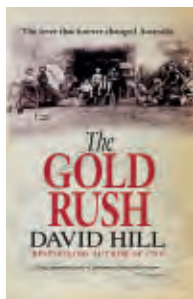
### Mission 101 The Untold Story of Five Australian Soldiers' Extraordinary War in Ethiopia Duncan McNab

In 1940, a group of five young Australian soldiers set out on a secret mission: one of WWII's most daring operations. Leading a small force of Ethiopian freedom fighters on an epic trek from the Sudan, the small incursion force entered Italian-occupied Ethiopia and began waging guerrilla warfare against the Italian army. One of these men, Ken Burke, was Duncan McNab's uncle. Using fascinating research, he tells the little-known story of how a small group of Australians helped free a nation. Tp \$34.99



### The Gold Rush The Fever That Forever Changed Australia David Hill

From the mid to late 1800s, people from all walks of life - including two future Prime Ministers of Great Britain and Australia - made the often perilous journey to Australia's goldfields, where they would return either fabulously wealthy or demoralised and broken. Bringing this monumental point in Australian history to life, David Hill uses diaries, journals, books, letters, official reports, parliamentary inquiries and newspaper articles of the time, along with his own skills as a master storyteller. 512pp Pb \$24.95



### Captain Thunderbolt and His Lady The True Story of Bushrangers Frederick Ward and Mary Ann Bugg Carol Baxter

This is the true story of Captain Thunderbolt and his lady. Driven into banditry by injustice, this colonial Robin Hood, magnificent horseman and skilled bushman was celebrated by his victims as vigorously as he was hunted by the law. Mary Ann Bugg was his chief lieutenant, his eyes and his ears. Intelligent and beautiful, Mary Ann dressed as a man, rode like a man and helped keep Thunderbolt ahead of the troopers and trackers intent on pursuing him to his end! 376pp Tp \$32.99



## SCIENCE

### The Grand Design Stephen Hawking

When and how did the universe begin? Why are we here? Is the apparent 'grand design' of our universe evidence of a benevolent creator who set things in motion? Or does science offer another explanation? Here the scientific thinking is presented with brilliance and simplicity. Model-dependent realism, the multi-verse, the top-down theory of cosmology and the unified M-theory are all revealed. This is the first major work in nearly a decade by a great scientific thinker! 256pp Pb \$24.95



### Extreme Cosmos Bryan Gaensler

The universe is all about extremes. Space has a temperature 270°C below freezing. Stars die in supernova explosions a billion times brighter than the Sun. A black hole can generate 10 million trillion volts of electricity. And hypergiants are stars that are larger than the orbit of Jupiter. This book reveals the remarkable richness of the universe and the incredible physics that modern astronomy has unveiled. 224pp Tp \$29.95



### The Disappearing Spoon And Other Extraordinary True Tales from the Periodic Table Sam Kean

The periodic table is one of our crowning scientific achievements, marked with passion, adventure, betrayal and obsession. These fascinating tales follow every single element as they play out their parts in human history, finance, mythology, conflict, the arts, medicine and the lives of the often mad scientists who discovered them. 400pp Pb \$24.95





## Electrified Sheep And More Bizarre Experiments Alex Boese

Welcome to some of the most weird and wonderful experiments ever conducted in the name of science. Packed full of eccentric characters, irrational obsessions and extreme experiments, this is the long-awaited follow-up to the bestselling *Elephants on Acid* (Pb \$24.99). Watch as scientists attempt to blow up the moon, wince at the doctor who performs a self-appendectomy - and catch the faint whiff of singed wool from an electrified sheep. 256pp Pb \$24.99



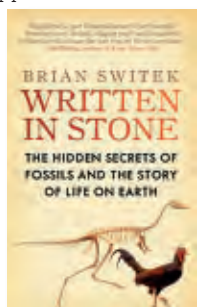
## Hung Like an Argentine Duck A Journey Back in Time to the Origins of Sexual Intimacy Dr John Long

This is a scientific, but engaging, look at how and why animals first became 'intimate' and where sex fits into the evolution theory. The author's coverage of sexual intimacy in the animal kingdom demonstrates that the gap between human and animal behaviour is not all that large. Like an eagle looking down, such breathtaking views of evolution can only be appreciated by taking a big step backwards from the primates to the primeval beginnings of our vertebrate line. 336pp Pb \$29.99



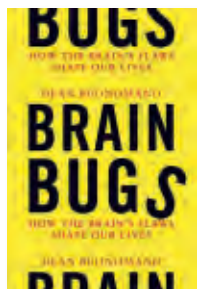
## Written in Stone The Hidden Secrets of Fossils and the Story of Life On Earth Brian Switek

Darwin's theory was dogged by a major problem: the evidence proving the connections between the main groups of organisms were nowhere to be found. But during the past three decades, fossils of bizarre creatures that fill in crucial gaps in our understanding of evolution have been unearthed. These discoveries have revolutionised the way in which we make sense of life on Earth. This is the first account of the discovery of these gap fossils and of the new stories they tell about evolution. 320pp Pb \$29.99



## Brain Bugs How the Brain's Flaws Shape Our Lives Dean Buonomano

The human brain is beautiful and complex - but it's far from perfect. Buonomano illuminates the causes of these 'brain bugs' and their evolutionary purposes. He then goes a step further, examining how our brains function - and malfunction - in the digital, predator-free, information-saturated, special effects-addled world that we have built for ourselves. This lively tour of mental glitches gives us the tools to hone our cognitive strengths, while recognising our weaknesses. 240pp Hb \$32.95



## The Genome Generation Elizabeth Finkel

The year 2001 saw the completion of the human genome project, the culmination of an international race to read every letter of the code that makes up a human being. After a three-year slog, Elizabeth Finkel presents the main stories from the genetics frontier. She looks at the revolution in the areas of medicine, agriculture and evolution, travelling from Botswana to Boston, Singapore to Mexico, Australian wheat fields to laboratories all over Australia to understand these changes. 256pp Pb \$26.99



## The Origin of Our Species Chris Stringer

In this groundbreaking book, Stringer sets out to answer all the big questions in the debate about our origins. How can we define modern humans, and how can we recognise our beginnings in the fossil and archaeological record? How can we accurately date fossils, including ones beyond the range of radiocarbon dating? What do the genetic data really tell us? Were our origins solely in Africa? This book will make every reader think about what it means to be human. 352pp Hb \$49.95



## Free Radicals The Secret Anarchy of Science Michael Brooks

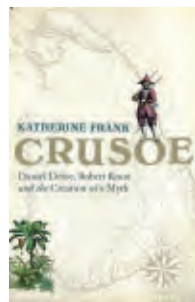
This thrilling exploration of some of the greatest breakthroughs in science reveals the extreme lengths some scientists go to in order to make their theories public. Fraud, suppressing evidence and unethical or reckless PR games are sometimes necessary to bring the best and most brilliant discoveries to the world's attention. 288pp Pb \$29.95



## MISCELLANEOUS

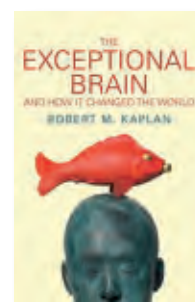
### Crusoe Daniel Defoe, Robert Knox and the Creation of a Myth Katherine Frank

Daniel Defoe is best remembered for *Robinson Crusoe*. In the years since it was published, it has been imitated, parodied, dramatised, turned into opera, pantomime, comic books and cartoons, adapted into film and TV and translated into every language. Where did *Crusoe* come from? And what is the secret of his endurance? This volume explores the intertwined lives of two real men: Daniel Defoe, the man who wrote *Robinson Crusoe*; and Robert Knox, the man who was *Crusoe*. 352pp Hb \$49.95



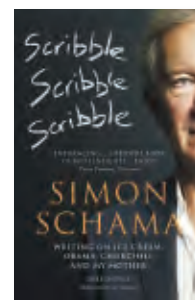
## The Exceptional Brain and How it Changed the World Robert M Kaplan

Dr Robert Kaplan illuminates psychological and medical conditions that have affected historical figures, including Leonardo da Vinci, Vincent van Gogh, Adolf Hitler, Jack the Ripper and others. Conditions and diseases such as temporal lobe epilepsy, hypergraphia, mirror writing, brain tumours, Parkinsonism, syphilis, schizophrenia and obsessive compulsive disorder have often changed the course of history. This is fascinating reading for anyone who has ever wondered how our brains tick! 352pp Tp \$32.99



## Scribble, Scribble, Scribble Writing on Ice Cream, Obama, Churchill and My Mother Simon Schama

Passionate, provocative, entertaining and informative, Schama ranges far and wide: from cookery and family to Barack Obama; from preaching and Shakespeare to Victorian sages; from Charlotte Rampling and Hurricane Katrina to the fate of eloquence in the age of the Osbournes. Never predictable, always stimulating, this volume compels us to view the world in all its diversity through the eyes of one of Britain's best-loved public intellectuals. 464pp Pb \$29.95



## Bad News: Murdoch's Australian and the Shaping of the Nation Quarterly Essay #43 Robert Manne

This year has seen unprecedented scrutiny of Rupert Murdoch's media empire in Britain. But what about in Australia, where he owns 70% of the press? In a series of case studies, Robert Manne examines *The Australian's* campaigns against the Rudd government and the Greens, its climate change coverage and its ruthless pursuit of its enemies and critics. Manne also considers the standards of the paper and its influence. This brilliant essay is an analysis of what happens when a newspaper goes rogue! 144pp Tp \$19.95



## The Sons of Clovis David Brooks

In the 1940s, writers James McAuley and Harold Stewart submitted a series of poems to the modernist literary magazine, *Angry Penguins*, under the fictitious name Ern Malley. In a flurry of excitement, the poems were published proclaiming the discovery of a new Australian voice. When the hoax was exposed, it occupied the front page of newspapers for weeks. For the past 20 years, David Brooks has researched the inspiration for the hoax, overturning previous assumptions about the hoax and its origins. 352pp Tp \$39.95



## Books

### *A Living History* **Martyn Lyons**

This lavishly illustrated volume explores one of the most versatile, useful and enduring technologies ever invented: the book! Charting the evolution and influence of books around the world – from the cuneiform tablets of ancient Sumer through to the development of movable type and the emergence of the modern information revolution – this is a feast for traditional book-lovers, as well as inspiration for those excited by new electronic technologies! 224pp Hb \$39.95



### **The Sydney Morning Herald** **Good Food Guide 2012**

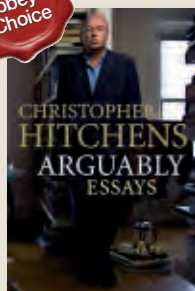
**Joanna Savill**

This provides diners with expert advice on the many restaurants, bars and cafes in Sydney - from cheap and cheerful locals to fine dining for special occasions. Keeping residents and visitors in touch with the most innovative places to dine in the city and suburbs, it also provides important practical details such as opening hours, price ranges, wine lists and whether they are child-friendly and cater for vegetarians. 352pp Pb \$29.95

### **Arguably** **Essays**

**Christopher Hitchens**

Christopher Hitchens is possibly the most provocative writer of our time, fearless and forthright with no subject off limits. This volume of essays spans a remarkable four decades of writing. From early articles in *The New Statesman*, where he worked alongside writers such as Ian McEwan and Martin Amis, through to his pieces for *Salon*, *The Atlantic* and *Vanity Fair*, these articles display his rare genius, indomitable wit and singular command of language. 304pp Tp \$32.99 **\$27.95**



### **You Kant Make it Up!**

*Strange Ideas from History's Greatest Philosophers*

**Gary Hayden**

Drawing on the writings of the great philosophers, this sends the reader on a thrilling, non-stop tour of their most outrageous and counter-intuitive conclusions. Overflowing with compelling arguments for the downright strange, Gary Hayden demonstrates that just because something is odd, it doesn't mean someone hasn't argued for it. Spanning ethics, logic, politics, sex and religion, this unconventional introduction to philosophy will challenge your assumptions, infuriate, entertain and amuse you! 224pp Pb \$19.95



## Extreme Money

*The Masters of the Universe and the Cult of Risk*

**Satyajit Das**

Extreme money is money made infinite and completely unreal. It changed everything – individual life, business, even countries. At the heart of this new economy, voodoo banking increases bankers' profits. The Masters of the Universe and their cult of risk dominate economies and lives. Somewhere thereafter, it recreated us. And not always for the better. Finance became eviscerated reality - the monetary shadow of real things. This is that story. It is also essentially the story of the modern world. 496pp Tp \$32.95



## A Flutter of Butterflies

**Michael Braby & Penny Olsen**

Here is a stunning showcase of butterfly and moth illustrations held by the National Library of Australia, from the 1770s to the turn of the 21st century. As well as containing a plethora of gorgeous colour images, it features a fascinating introductory essay about the history of Australian Lepidoptera illustration, as well as biographical essays about the artists represented, including Louisa Anne Meredith, Marian Ellis Rowan and Charles McCubbin. 112pp Pb \$34.95



## The Eating and Drinking Guide to Sydney 2012

**Elizabeth Meryment**

This is an accessible new guide to eating and drinking in Sydney. With sections on high-quality restaurants, cheap and cheerful cafes and the bars of the moment, this is a comprehensive compendium of the best places to go - on any budget - in Sydney. Characterised by a fresh and breezy style, it evokes the ambience and atmosphere of the places under review. 384pp Tp \$29.95



## Whatever it is, I Don't Like It

*The Best of Howard Jacobson*

**Howard Jacobson**

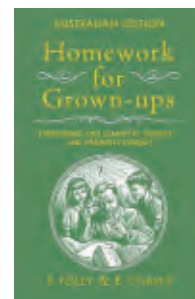
The winner of the 2010 Man Booker Prize, Howard Jacobson brims with life in this collection of his most acclaimed journalism. From the unusual disposal of his father-in-law's ashes and the cultural wasteland of *Chitty Chitty Bang Bang*, to the melancholy sensuality of Leonard Cohen and desolation of Wagner's tragedies, Jacobson writes with all the thunder and joy of a man possessed. This book is not just a series of parts, but an irresistible sum which triumphantly out-Thurbers Thurber! 368pp Tp \$29.99



## Homework for Grown-ups

*Everything You Learnt at School... and Promptly Forgot*  
**E Foley & B Coates**

This is a brilliantly informative and entertaining book of old-school knowledge for adults. Packed with essential facts, figures and theories, along with fun but challenging test papers, it will keep you on your toes and reignite those dormant brain cells. A practical and wonderfully nostalgic revision guide for adults that entertains and exercises the mind - and might even equip parents to handle their child's homework without humiliation! Pb \$19.95



## Spice Islands

**Ian Burnet**

Cloves and nutmeg are indigenous to the Spice Islands of Eastern Indonesia. This book tells of the many uses of these exotic spices and the history of their trade over a period of more than 2,000 years and describes how the Spice trade into Europe came to be dominated by Middle Eastern and Venetian merchants. Much of the story is told through the lives of historical figures such as Christopher Columbus, Magellan and Sir Francis Drake. 240pp Hb \$39.95



## The Vision Splendid

**Stephanie Owen Reeder**

This volume features the sketchbooks of 22 19th century artists, ranging from well-known professionals like Eugene von Gurard and John Glover to little-known amateurs. These artists, engineers, surveyors, military men, solicitors, public servants and pastoralists all delighted in sharing what they saw with the wider public. The sketches reveal what colonial life in Australia was like in both the country and in the city and the challenges that artists faced depicting a landscape so different from Europe. 176pp Pb \$34.95



## Maonomics

*Why Chinese Communists Make Better Capitalists Than We Do*

**Loretta Napoleoni**

The end of the Cold War was thought to signal the triumph of Western capitalism over communism. But Napoleoni argues the opposite: what we are witnessing is the collapse of capitalism and the victory of communism with a profit motive. This volume charts the prodigious ascent of the Chinese economic miracle and the parallel course of the West's insistence on misconstruing China and its economy even as the balance of power in the world shifts from West to East. 320pp Tp \$32.95







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ell I'm back from my expedition through central Australia with Outback Spirit. Even I was amazed at how far we went. At one point we were halfway to Mount Isa – two little places called Bedourie and

Boulia in the Channel Country. It was great to see they both had aquatic centres (thanks to artesian bores), complete with halls marked out for squash or tennis, etc. It seems someone is keen to keep the people of the outback healthy and happy. My friends and I were known as 'the three elderly ladies', but we made sure we kept up with the pack! I walked on Sturt's Stony Desert, touched the 'Dig Tree' and visited Kalamurina Wildlife Sanctuary, and Birdsville in the Simpson Desert, and places like Tibooburra and Innamincka. Alice Springs was the end of the line. We drove and drove and drove (well, John the bus driver did). We did 4,616 km one way! Then we flew home. The desert is looking magnificent. Absolutely beautiful. I now know what a mallee tree and a coolibah tree really look like. I kept thinking I must reread Mary Durack's **Kings in Grass Castles** (\$12.95 Pb). If you haven't read this, put it on your list and make sure you do. Can I also recommend a book written by Hilarie Lindsay called **The Washerwoman's Dream: The Extraordinary Life of Winifred Steger 1882-1981** (\$24.99 Pb). Not only one of Australia's forgotten writers, she also married an Afghan cameleer taking supplies to the Telegraph Station at Alice Springs. She went to Mecca with him (a cinch after Central Australia). A story closer to our time is that of **Kidman: The Forgotten King** by Jill Bowen (\$27.99 Pb 544pp), about the great pastoralist landholder whose company still trades today.

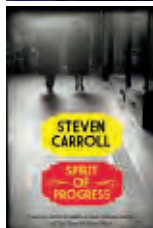
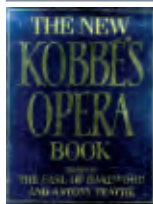
Lenny Bartulin's third crime story is out, **De Luxe: A Jack Susko Mystery** (\$24.95 Pb 229pp). We have a new character, an "older woman" with a taste for poker, and Jack is still getting into trouble and still in love with Claudia, daughter of big-time criminal Ziggy Brandt. His secondhand bookshop in York Street isn't doing well either. Lots of fun. The first two stories were **A Deadly Business** and **The Black Russian** (\$27.95 ea).

Opera enthusiast Lord Harewood died in July, much mourned. His famous edition of **Kobbe's Opera Book** has now been thoroughly revised and redesigned with the help of co-editor Antony Peattie. **The New Kobbe's Opera Book** (\$130 Hb 1,008pp) now covers almost 500 works including revivals and 46 new composers. It is the opera-goers bible. There is also a smaller edition called **The New Pocket Kobbe's Opera Book** (\$44.95 Hb 544pp), which seems to be taken from Lord Harewood's earlier edition.

As I mentioned last month, the biggest news to me as an ardent Penguin follower is that most of Penguin's **Black Classics** have been reduced in price to \$9.95. No doubt Penguin made this decision partly in response to Random's **Vintage Classics** being reduced to \$12.95. There is a black and orange box on our website homepage where you can check either the complete list, or an in stock list, or by category. What a great feast! There are over 700 titles in the **Black Classics** list, of which more than 520 are currently in stock here, so you can see why it's best to come to Abbey's first for backlist titles.

I say "an ardent Penguin follower" because I remember how important the paperback Penguin list was for everyone wanting more education after the Second World War. When we were living in London in the early 60s, Ron Abbey started a bookshop in Charing Cross Road, for Colletts, which stocked ONLY Penguin books. And in Sydney, we twice had small bookshops selling ONLY Penguins - one in Paddington opposite the markets and the other in the CBD.

I had great pleasure in reading Steven Carroll's latest book **Spirit of Progress** (\$26.95 Pb 347pp), set in Melbourne just as the Second World War ends. The story revolves around an eccentric old aunt living in a tent on the edge of the city who is painted by Sydney Nolan (this is Carroll's own family myth). This allows observation of the artistic scene in Melbourne, where all the artists are just waiting to leave, and also of course Sunday Reed and her gallery. Engine-driver Vic, his wife Rita and son Michael - characters in his incomparable trilogy - also make an appearance, and you could call this a prequel. I hope it leads you to read the three books which follow: **The Art of the Engine Driver**, **The Gift of Speed** and **The Time We Have Taken** (\$24.99 ea), the last of which won the **Miles Franklin Award**.



These stories render a unique picture of three decades in post-war suburban Australia, an Australia where there is a vague dissatisfaction with life, a lot of drinking and a lot of yearning for the future. Carroll's style is unusual, with much repetition and rhythm, so you find yourself immersed as he voices the feelings and thoughts of the characters, and celebrates each small moment. It is worth taking time to join him.

Amongst Carroll's other books is a nice novel transposing the lives of a modern young couple who enter the grounds of an English country house, with that of T S Eliot and his lover, who stayed there in the 1930s. This is called **The Lost Life** (\$24.99 Pb 272pp).

One of the reviewers of Carroll's work has compared him to Graham Greene, suggesting that where there is a 'Greenland' there might also be a 'Carroll Land'. So I was drawn to a new group biography called **Shades of Greene: One Generation of an English Family** by Jeremy Lewis (\$24.95 Pb 575pp incl index). Lewis is the ideal person to write this complicated saga. He worked for Chatto & Windus and Jonathan Cape and also wrote **Penguin Special: The Life and Times of Allen Lane**, published in 2005, as well as three very amusing personal memoirs. These are **Kindred Spirits: Adrift in Literary London** and **Playing for Time** (Pb \$30 ea). Faber have reissued these in time to join his third volume, **Grub Street Irregular: Scenes of Literary Life** (\$65 Hb 352pp).

The Greene family was indeed talented and quirky. Several members were spies (are you surprised?), one was Director General of the BBC, another was an Everest mountaineer, another Managing Director of Jonathan Cape. Ron Abbey and I had dinner with this entertaining man on one of his visits to Australia. Fortunately there is an index, as this is a very complicated story, made even more confusing by the multiple Graham Greenes. All in all, it is a great picture of upper-middle-class society in England in the last century.

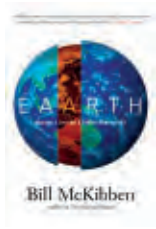
One of our customers, Stuart Littlemore, who was the original face of **Media Watch** on TV, has written a crime story with a difference, called **Harry Curry: Counsel of Choice** (\$29.99 Pb 291pp). This is a collection of cases illustrating how the machinations of the barrister can get a case dismissed, or ensure someone is acquitted. The stories are tied together by the fact that Harry Curry (a renowned defence attorney) is the strategic adviser to Arabella Engineer (an English barrister of Indian descent trying to break into the Sydney scene) and David Surrey (a country solicitor). Harry is temporarily suspended as he is rude to the judge once too often. There are lots of 'in' jokes, even the names, and I'm sure there will be lots of people who want to follow Harry's tactics. And Arabella fancies him as well! Much to his surprise. Seems like a fascinating mind is better than a handsome face. Looks like the start of an interesting series.

Three lovely things happened at the annual conference of the Australian Booksellers Association in Melbourne last month. Our Lindy Jones was named **Bookseller of the Year**, Margaret Fulton was presented with the **Lloyd O'Neill Award** for Services to the Book Industry and Anh Do's book, **The Happiest Refugee**, won **Biography of the Year**, **Newcomer of the Year** and **Book of the Year**. That really is some trifecta! As I said a few months ago, I think this is a really uplifting book. Let's have more of them. Lindy has worked at Abbey's for almost twelve years and is a really dedicated bookseller. She doesn't have TV in her home! She is one of our buyers and is especially knowledgeable about Children's Books. You'll find her at her desk beside our new Children's Corner on the ground floor. We took a lovely photo of her on the night which you can see on our website.

More good news. If, like me, you have trouble with stairs, you can now go up to Galaxy Bookshop or Language Book Centre on the first floor via the lift in the foyer of the building. No need for a special access card during office hours (8.30am-5pm Mon-Fri), or outside office hours just ask a staff member to escort you.

Keep well, *Eve*





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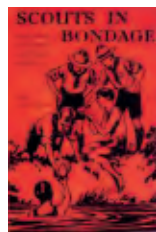
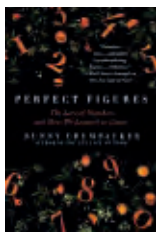
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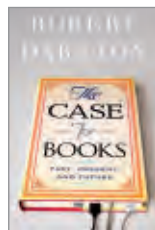
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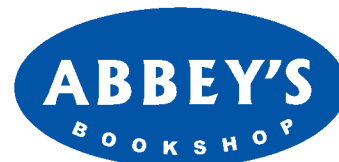
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