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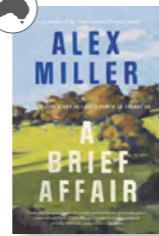
This Summer edition contains the best of the best in Australian and overseas publishing for the gift season and the holidays. Choose from the hundreds of titles inside—new local and international fiction, inspiring biographies, thought-provoking non-fiction, gorgeous, illustrated editions and a superb collection of children's and young adult books—hand-picked for you by Australia's leading booksellers. With so many books to choose from, you are sure to find the right book for you and the best gifts for family and friends!

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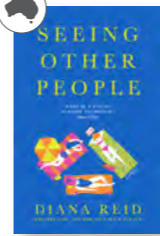
The Sun Walks Down
Fiona McFarlane
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

In September 1883, 6-year-old Denny has gone missing during a dust storm in a South Australian outback town. Everyone from newlyweds and farmers to Indigenous trackers, camelers, and policemen scour the area for the lost child, confronting their relationships with one another and with the landscape they inhabit. Told in many ways and by many voices, this is a brilliant new novel from the author of *The Night Guest*.



A Brief Affair
Alex Miller
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

A new novel by the twice Miles Franklin Award winner, Alex Miller, is always an event! *A Brief Affair* is a gentle love story and a journey of self-discovery. It follows the life of Dr Frances Egan who, on the face of it, has it all—a well-established career in academia, something she's worked hard to achieve, and a loving family. A brief affair, while on visit to China, and the discovery of a long-forgotten diary, turn her life upside down and make her question her understanding of herself and everything she holds dear. Vintage Miller!



Seeing Other People
Diana Reid
Ultimo Press
TPB \$32.99

Reid returns after the widespread success of *Love & Virtue*. Charlie and Eleanor are very different sisters living in Sydney, both trying to work out how to be a good person. When Charlie's beautiful housemate Helen enters their lives, the two find their relationship stretched to breaking point. Reid weaves a wry tale of the delicate balance between selfishness and self-love, and how to navigate both when choosing between family and your heart.



Willowman
Inga Simpson
Hachette Australia
TPB \$32.99

Allan Reader is keeping the family business of Reader Cricket Bats alive in a small workshop in Melbourne. When Todd Harrow, a gifted young batter, catches Allan's eye, a spark is lit and Allan decides to make a Reader bat for him, selecting the best piece of willow he's harvested. As Harrow charts a meteoric rise, Allan's magical bat takes centre stage. But can Allan's fledgling renaissance—hanging as it does on the magic of that bat—carry on after Harrow is stricken by injury and a strained personal life?



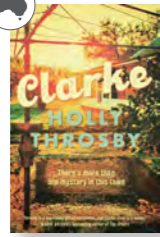
The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding
Holly Ringland
4th Estate
TPB \$32.99

The last time Esther Wilding's sister Aura was seen, she was walking towards the sea. Looking for answers, Esther travels from Tasmania to Copenhagen guided by stories left behind by Aura. Esther embarks on a haunting and magical journey of sisterly love and the transformation that can happen when you embrace both grief and joy. From the author of *The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart* comes a novel of magic and mystery that will lift you up and warm your heart.



The Lovers
Yumna Kassab
Ultimo Press
TPB \$32.99

The Lovers is an enchanting fable that explores the light and dark of a relationship—a love distilled down to its barest form. What happens when we become used to each other, when we become bored, when we anticipate each other's moods like the seasons cycled in a day? What happens when we tire of each other?



Clarke
Holly Throsby
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

Holly Throsby's long-awaited third novel is a warm and compelling story of Australian family life. Each resident of the regional town of Clarke is haunted by their own small mysteries. Throsby weaves a tale of missing women and broken families, all the while affirming the unlikely connections and the comedy of everyday life.



Murder in Williamstown
Kerry Greenwood
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

What a delight to be back in the presence of the indomitable Phryne Fisher and her coterie of trusty sidekicks. A delightful romp with all the trademark elements—extravagant house parties, flirtatious dalliances, mysterious goings on, enterprising young people and of course the travails of Dot and Hugh. Pour a cup of tea or a glass of bubbles and get ready to savour every moment.



Limberlost
Robbie Arnott
Text Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Ned hunts rabbits for their pelts, trying to save enough money to buy a boat. His father and sister are running the family orchard, Limberlost, while his older brothers are away somewhere fighting in the war. With the orchard failing and his brother's absence, Ned must reconcile his personal dreams with the responsibilities that are thrust upon him. Masterful storytelling.



The Soulmate
Sally Hepworth
Macmillan Australia
TPB \$34.99

The *New York Times* bestselling author is back with another twisty domestic thriller. Pippa and Gabe have just moved to a beautiful cliffside cottage in Victoria that harbours a dark secret: it is a common suicide spot. Gabe becomes a town hero when he talks first one, then more, people off the brink, but when he fails to save someone, Pippa starts to ask questions.



Fanatic Heart
Tom Keneally
Vintage Australia
TPB \$32.99

The much-loved and highly regarded prize-winning author Tom Keneally has turned his talents to tackle the life of Irish patriot John Mitchel, a politician, lawyer and journalist who was charged with treason in Ireland and was transported to Van Diemen's Land and then to the USA. An often conflicting but always entertaining study of the life of a man with devout beliefs and a supportive family.



Salonika Burning
Gail Jones
Text Publishing
HB \$34.99

A novel by Gail Jones is always a cause for celebration. Set in 1917 in the Greek city of Salonika, where a spark from a refugee's fire burns the city and leaves 70,000 homeless. A war rages in Europe. We follow four people giving aid at the frontlines. Based on real Australian experience of the period, this group is at the heart of the story. Beautifully immersive writing.



Moon Sugar
Angela Meyer
Transit Lounge
TPB \$29.99

Meyer's newest novel is a powerful piece of genre-bending fiction. Following the sudden suicide of a young man, his lover and best friend undertake a desperate search to understand the circumstances of his death. Rather than a city-hopping sci-fi epic, *Moon Sugar* is a meditative reflection on grief, sexuality, and the supernatural, from the streets of Melbourne to the nightclubs of Berlin.



Tiny Uncertain Miracles
Michelle Johnston
4th Estate
HB \$32.99

Awkward Marick is still struggling with the loss of his wife, his child, and his faith when he is reluctantly thrust into the position of chaplain at a large public hospital. Here he meets Hugo, a hospital scientist and a man almost as lost as Marick himself, who is working in a forgotten lab and is convinced that the bacteria he uses for protein production have, unbelievably, begun to produce gold.



Iris
Fiona Kelly McGregor
Picador Australia
TPB \$34.99

Iris Webber is many things, friend and lover, fighter and scammer, but most of all she is a survivor. Sly-grog Sydney in the 1930s is the background for this novel of the marginalised, with Iris moving through the underbelly of the city defying police and gangsters alike. An incredible story, based on true events, of a woman who would not be denied.



Song of the Sun God
Shankari Chandran
Ultimo Press
TPB \$34.99

Although theirs was an arranged marriage in 1946, on the eve of Ceylon's independence from Britain, Nala and Rajan soon learn to love each other against a backdrop of increasing ethnic tension. Spanning three continents and three generations of family, we see why some elements of history are worth holding onto, and some parts and people must be left behind.



The Glass House
Brooke Dunnell
Fremantle Press
TPB \$32.99

A moving reflection on complex family dynamics and the intensities of girlhood friendships. In order to help her cantankerous elderly father move into an aged-care home, Julia Lambett returns to her childhood home in Perth. When her old friend Davina reaches out, long-buried secrets and emotions begin to emerge through Dunnell's multilayered, character-driven narrative. Perfect for fans of Liane Moriarty and Sally Hepworth.

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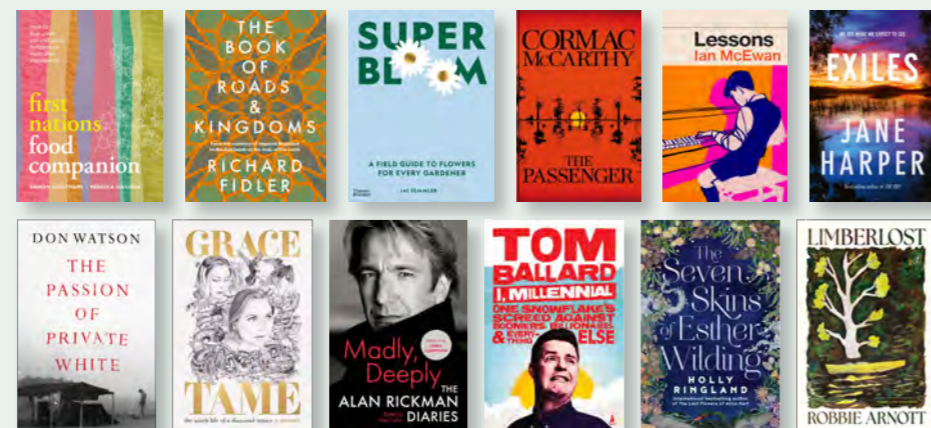
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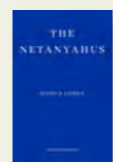
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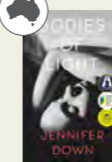


2022 Award Winners



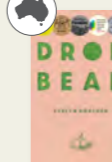
The Netanyahus
Joshua Cohen
Fitzcarraldo
PB \$22.99

Winner of the 2022 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.



Bodies of Light
Jennifer Down
Text Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Winner of the Miles Franklin Literary Award 2022.



Dropbear
Evelyn Araluen
U.Q.P. | PB \$24.99

Winner of the 2022 Stella Prize.



The Book of Form and Emptiness
Ruth Ozeki
Text Publishing | TPB \$32.99

Winner of the 2022 Women's Prize for Fiction.



Love & Virtue
Diana Reid
Ultimo Press
PB \$22.99

Winner of ABA Booksellers' Choice Adult Fiction Book of the Year.



The Passenger
Stella Maris
Cormac McCarthy
Picador | HBs
\$45.00 (*The Passenger*)
\$34.99 (*Stella Maris*)

(*Stella Maris* is a December release)

Bobby Western is a scuba diver and mathematical genius called to a strange job—a submerged jet with nine bodies intact, but missing the black box, the pilot's bag, and the tenth passenger. A decade earlier Western's sister Alicia enters therapy, and these seven sessions comprise *Stella Maris*, an intellectual and emotional coda to *The Passenger*. The pairing is a thrilling mystery that weaves together science, maths, philosophy, and theology in examination of what it is to live, love and die.



Less is Lost
Andrew Sean Greer
Little, Brown
TPB \$29.99

The sequel to the Pulitzer Prize winning *Less*. Our hapless hero Arthur Less is once again running away from his problems, accepting a series of literary gigs that send him on a zigzagging adventure with a black pug, Dolly, and a rusty camper van nicknamed Rosina across the US. With all the irrepressible wit and comic adventures of *Less*, *Less Is Lost* is a profound and joyous novel about the enigmatic nature of life in America.



Demon Copperhead
Barbara Kingsolver
Faber
TPB \$32.99

Inspired by *David Copperfield*, Kingsolver's story follows a young boy born into rural poverty to a drug-addicted young single mother. Facing unbearable hardship in the derelict foster care system and hanging onto his childhood nickname from his copper-coloured hair, young Demon fights to make a better life for himself, despite many disasters and great loss. More brilliance from Kingsolver.



Best of Friends
Kamila Shamsie
Bloomsbury
TPB \$29.99

Kamila Shamsie follows her tale of family, *Home Fires*, with an equally beautifully written novel. This is the story of Maryam, from a wealthy Karachi family, and Zahara, from a more modest, middle class, background. From school days in Karachi, to high flying careers in London, the friendship is at times stretched to its limit, but can it endure?



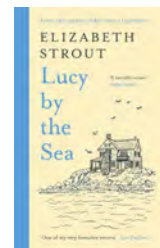
Our Missing Hearts
Celeste Ng
Little, Brown
TPB \$32.99

This gripping, brilliant novel tells the story of 12-year-old Bird who lives with his father in a not-too-distant future America. His mother has disappeared, as have her 'dissident' poems and stories from libraries and acceptable cultural history as they have been deemed 'un-American', and therefore dangerous. When Bird receives a mysterious letter, he is drawn into a quest to find her.



Lessons
Ian McEwan
Jonathan Cape
TPB \$32.99

Roland Baines' life is a fascinating telling of 20th century events in McEwan's epic semi-autobiographical new novel. Difficult relationships with his parents and complex influences of women in his life render Baines a seeker of the next thing, a scarred psychology in need of something but not quite knowing what. A brilliant and (at times) unusually autobiographical view of the (white male) Baby Boomer experience and the historical events that shape them.



Lucy by the Sea
Elizabeth Strout
Viking
HB \$32.99

Lucy by the Sea follows the heroine of *My Name is Lucy Barton* through the early days of the pandemic. In March 2020 Lucy's ex-husband

pleads with her to leave New York and escape to a coastal house he has rented in Maine. As she reluctantly agrees, what was thought to be a week or two turns into months as Lucy lives with William and their complex past in a little house nestled against the sea.



The Last Chairlift
John Irving
Simon & Schuster
HB \$49.99

Returning to fiction after seven years, John Irving brings us another story of outsiders, oddballs and just a few ghosts. Over the span of 80 years, we follow the life of Adam Brewster, son of a would-be skiing champion. Equal parts humour and heartbreak, Irving brings us wrestling, comedy clubs in the 1960s and the evolving nature of sexual politics.



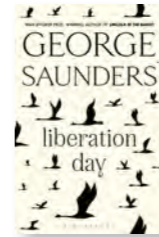
Before Your Memory Fades
Toshikazu Kawaguchi
Picador
PB \$19.99

We return to the Café Funiculi Funicula in Kawaguchi's newest instalment, following a familiar narrative format as the café's cast expands. We're treated with new backstories, new lovers, new regrets, but always remaining is the shared desire to treasure those lost to time. As with Kawaguchi's previous novels, this is a quiet celebration of bittersweet love.



The Romantic
William Boyd
Viking
TPB \$32.99

By the author of *Any Human Heart*, *The Romantic* is set in the 19th century and follows the roller-coaster fortunes of a man as he tries to negotiate the random stages, adventures, and vicissitudes of his life. He is variously a soldier, a farmer, a pawnbroker, a writer, a gigolo—and many other manifestations—and, finally, a minor diplomat, based in Trieste (then in Austria-Hungary) where he seeks the end of his days in well-deserved tranquillity. This will not come to pass...



Liberation Day
George Saunders
Bloomsbury
TPB \$29.99

The master of the short story turns his exacting gaze to contemporary America in this new collection exploring ideas of power, ethics, and justice, cutting to the very heart of what it means to exist in a world with our fellow humans. Absurd, bizarre, and very, very funny, Saunders' great compassion for his characters shines through in these carefully crafted stories.



Nights of Plague
Orhan Pamuk
Hamish Hamilton
TPB \$32.99

The latest novel from Nobel-prize winner Pamuk is set on the fictional Ottoman Island of Mingheria in 1900. A plague rages alongside religious tensions—and a then a murder occurs. Steeped in history and rife with suspense, *Nights of Plague* is an epic story set over one hundred years ago, with themes that feel remarkably contemporary.



A Ballet of Lepers
Leonard Cohen
Canongate
TPB \$32.99

Before embarking on his famed musical career, Leonard Cohen penned several short stories and a novel. This sometime

playful, often penetrating collection of fifteen short stories, a radio play, and the early novel *A Ballet of Lepers* provides a posthumous window into the early artistry of a storytelling master. An anthology offering surprising insight into Cohen's dark imagination and creative process.



Forever Home
Graham Norton
Coronet
TPB \$32.99

Norton's fourth novel, full to the brim with his usual tenderness and compassion. Quietly heroic Carol has at last found happiness with a man much older than her. Yet when illness strikes, she unwillingly finds herself in the midst of family drama. Norton beautifully balances the emotional weights of love and grief with the playful crime-capers of a cosy mystery.



The Book Eaters
Sunyi Dean
Voyager
TPB \$32.99

Devon is a book eater: for her family books are food, and they retain a book's content after eating it. Her brothers grew strong feasting on stories of adventure, but as a girl, Devon was raised on fairy tales and cautionary stories. Devon learns that real life doesn't always come with happy endings when her son is born with a darker kind of hunger: not for books, but for human minds.



Illuminations
Alan Moore
Bloomsbury
TPB \$32.99

For the first time, comic book behemoth Alan Moore collects some of his short stories from his 40-year career. As fans of his can imagine, the stories range from the mythical to the bizarre, showcasing the author's comic-book roots. These are stories to be read before bed and will linger in your mind long afterwards.



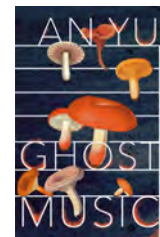
They're Going to Love You
Meg Howrey
Bloomsbury
TPB \$29.99

A novel moving between the worlds of the 1980s AIDS crisis, the New York Ballet, and the bohemian Greenwich Village. Ambitious dancer Carlisle Martin is drawn to her charismatic mentor James, prompting a devastating chain of events. With precise, elegant language, Howrey contrasts the deeply flawed nature of humanity with our drive to move others through art.



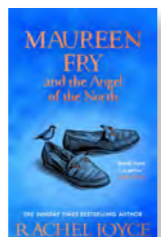
My Soul Twin
Nino Haratischvili
Scribe Publications
TPB \$32.99

As children, Stella and Ivo grew close as their parents embarked on an affair that would shatter both families. Later, as teenagers, their own relationship would be the cause of further scandal. Now, as adults, they set out on an odyssey to uncover the truth about another family's past and to understand their own. *My Soul Twin* is an intense love story about forbidden desire, the ties that bind us, and whether we can ever truly forget what we leave behind.



Ghost Music
An Yu
Harvill Secker | TPB \$32.99

From the brilliant author of *Braised Pork* comes a beautiful novel of music, secrets, and self-discovery. Having given up her career as a concert pianist for marriage and accommodating her newly arrived mother-in-law, Song Yan starts to receive parcels of mushrooms from a long dead virtuoso pianist. A captivating and original story of alienated young womanhood set in the ancient hutongs of a wintery Beijing.



Maureen Fry and the Angel of the North
Rachel Joyce
Doubleday | HB \$32.99

The final novel in the Harold Fry trilogy where Harold undertook his own pilgrimage ten years ago. After receiving an unexpected message, Maureen has her own pilgrimage to make. Her journey is different to Harold's, and she is unsure of what she will find. This is a beautifully written and powerful story about accepting the past to appreciate the present and future lives.



Now is Not the Time to Panic
Kevin Wilson
Text Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Frankie and Zeke are a pair of loners in Coalfield, Tennessee. They meet in the boredom of summer and become increasingly close, creating an unsigned poster that strikes a chord throughout the town. Rumours abound as to who is responsible, and their simple creative act spirals out of control. Decades later a journalist investigates the Coalfield Panic, and Frances must reckon with the past, and with Zeke...



Swanfolk
Kristin Ómarsdóttir
Harvill Secker
HB \$32.99

A young woman becomes obsessed by a species of half-human, half-swan creatures. Kristin Ómarsdóttir takes an experimental leap into a narrative fragmented by flashes of violence and beguiling poetry. *Swanfolk's* plot—sometimes difficult to locate—is slow, lucid, and dreamlike. A novel for readers who enjoy sitting within a narrative rather than racing to the end.



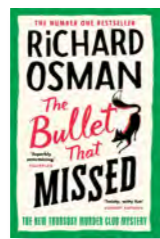
The Picture Bride
Lee Geum-yi
Scribe
TPB \$32.99

Three Korean women in 1910 journey to Hawaii where they will marry, having seen only a photograph of their intended husbands. Different fates await each of them: Hong-ju meets a man who looks twenty years older than his photograph; Song-hwa meets a lazy drunkard; and Willow's 26-year-old groom, Taewan, looks just like his image, but real life doesn't always resemble a picture...



Exiles
Jane Harper
Macmillan Australia
TPB \$32.99

A woman disappears from a small-town festival leaving a baby asleep in a pram. A year later her family are still holding out hope she is alive. When federal investigator Aaron Falk arrives in town to attend a christening, he's drawn towards uncovering the truth and in the process stirs up simmering resentments and long-held secrets. Another masterful page-turner from the queen of rural noir.



The Bullet that Missed
Richard Osman
Viking
TPB \$32.99

The third outing for the Thursday Murder Club gang sees them investigate a young TV reporter's death from ten years ago. Joyce has a new cardigan especially to meet an esteemed TV journalist who may be able to help them. Could romance be on the cards for rough-around-the-edges Ron? And who is sending Elizabeth cryptic and threatening text messages?



The Tilt
Chris Hammer
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

This latest offering from the master of Australian crime fiction follows newly promoted detective Nell Buchanan as she returns to her hometown, and to a decades-old murder mystery. Set upon the backdrop of the Murray River, Chris Hammer deftly weaves together history, espionage, and family intrigue to create a gripping and multi-layered novel that will keep you guessing until the final page.



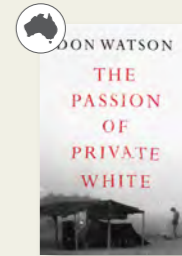
Tell Me Again
Amy Thunig
U.Q.P.
TPB \$32.99

In this remarkably open and honest memoir, Amy narrates her challenging journey through childhood and adolescence, growing up in a community that faced the challenges of addiction and incarceration. In recounting her experience, she shows how the stories we tell about ourselves can help to shape and sustain us. Amy will captivate, move, and inspire you with her candour and insight.



Time of My Life
Myf Warhurst
Hachette Australia
TPB \$34.99

Here is a memoir filled with funny, fabulous, and occasionally fraught tales about growing up in a small country town with an unhealthy obsession with *Countdown*. From her time working on Australian radio and the experience of the much-loved music quiz show *Spicks & Specks*, Myf spills the backstage beans on work, fame, feminism, failure, love, and success.



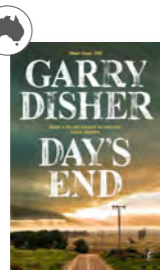
The Passion of Private White
Don Watson
Scribner Australia
HB \$45.00

Anthropologist Neville White detailed the culture and history of the Yolgnu clans in north-east Arnhem Land over a 50-year relationship. White also carried the scars of Vietnam and began to bring members of his old platoon to help him work with the community. This coming together of trauma delivers a story of humanity's resilience and adaptivity, and our need for personal and national healing.



Gemini Falls
Sean Wilson
Affirm Press
TPB \$32.99

Set in 1930s Melbourne during the Great Depression, a murder takes place in the town of Gemini. 13-year-old Morris Turner loves the stars and becomes involved when his detective father, Jude, must investigate the murder. Morris learns to confront his fears and together with his new friends searches for a killer in a town full of mysteries and old secrets.



Day's End
Garry Disher
Text Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Hirsch is used to dealing with problems which beset small towns, and during the pandemic he sees heightened stress and emerging social divisions. Whilst helping international visitor Janne, whose backpacker son disappeared during the lockdowns, a call comes in about a roadside fire. A burned suitcase is found containing a body, not Janne's son, and the tension ramps up.



After You Were Gone
Vikki Wakefield
Text Publishing
TPB \$32.99

After much success writing for a younger audience, Vikki Wakefield turns her hand to adult crime with this gripping thriller that examines the aftereffects of a child's disappearance. Six years ago, Abbie let go of her daughter's hand in a crowded market and hasn't seen Sarah since. Now she is getting married but is haunted by that split-second decision. How far would she go to find out if Sarah is still alive?



I Am NOT Fine, Thanks
Wil Anderson
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

Part memoir, part manifesto, *I Am NOT Fine, Thanks* is a refreshing look back at the chaos of 2020 onwards, all told in Anderson's characteristic dry wit. Anderson rejects the pantomime of 'getting back to normal' and leads onwards to a future of hope and community. Fans of *Gruen*, *Question Everything*, and his stand-up comedy will not be disappointed.



Tripping Over Myself
Shaun Micallef
Hardie Grant Books
TPB \$34.99

Shaun Micallef is deeply insightful and very funny, and this memoir is that also. Covering his early, nerdy, years through to national TV stardom and accelerated comedy career, this memoir leaves no stone unturned. You will laugh, you will wonder, you will reflect, you may even book a trip to India!



Under Her Skin
Sue Williams
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

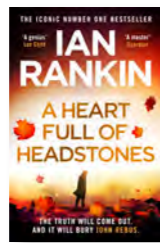
Under Her Skin is a candid and luminous tale of the life of surgeon Fiona Wood. Sue Williams covers Wood's landmark work in reconstructive burn surgery after the Bali bombings, her Australian Living Treasure Award, and the care with which she raised six children. This is a remarkable biography filled with warmth and Williams' characteristic keen eye for detail.



The Next Girl
Pip Drysdale
Simon & Schuster
TPB \$32.99

December release

Billie has woken up in a stranger's bed and doesn't remember what happened that night or how she even got to Coney Island! Once the memories start flooding back, she realizes her job is on the line for something that wasn't her fault. There is only one way to stop the predatory Samuel Grange, and that's if she becomes 'the next girl' herself and exposes him to the world.



A Heart Full of Headstones
Ian Rankin
Orion
TPB \$32.99

Ian Rankin returns with the 24th book in the John Rebus series. Rebus is in trouble, serious trouble with the possibility of prison time. Times have changed since the days of hard policing but has Rebus changed with them? As Inspector Siobhan Clarke works on this missing corrupt cop case it seems increasingly likely that Rebus may be the perpetrator.



An Afterlife for Rosemary Lamb
Louise Wolhuter
Ultimo Press
TPB \$34.99

When a young girl goes missing in the small town of Magpie Beach, three women's lives are irrevocably changed. Fleeing complicated pasts and trying to navigate uncertain futures, Meg, Rosemary, and Lily forge a delicate friendship under the shadow of a growing mystery and hostile town. This beautifully written portrait of a small community of outsiders keeps building until the final page, revealing how little we really know about each other.



Wizards of Oz
Brett Mason
NewSouth Publishing
PB \$34.99

Brett Mason brings to light the previously untold story of how two Australian childhood friends launched the most important scientific endeavours of WWII. Mason's eager, fast-paced narrative lets the instrumental actions of physicist Mark Oliphant and medical researcher Howard Florey finally emerge, revealing how important they were to the manufacturing of penicillin, developing microwave radar and building the atomic bomb.



Big Love
Brooke Blurton
Simon & Schuster
TPB \$34.99

Since Brooke Blurton, a proud Noongar-Yamatj woman, starred on *The Bachelor* she has become a constant on our radio and TV, but Brooke is more than a reality star. She had to grow up fast, surviving a challenging childhood and youth, and overcoming the shocking legacy of intergenerational trauma. As an openly queer woman, she's also had to defy labels and perceptions. In *Big Love* she brings us her story, her connection to culture and her awe-inspiring resilience.



No Bull
Vika and Linda
Affirm Press
TPB \$35.00

Vika and Linda Bull's incredible harmonies have stirred many of us over the years. From singing in church with their mother, 30 years of backing vocals in the Australian music industry and recording their own albums, the Bulls have well and truly earned their places as Rock Royalty. Filled with the same verve the Bulls bring to the music world, this memoir is a joyful trip through their lives.

Recent Fiction Favourites



Carrie Soto Is Back
Taylor Jenkins Reid
Hutchinson Heinemann
TPB \$32.99



The Marriage Portrait
Maggie O'Farrell
Tinder Press
TPB \$32.99



This Devastating Fever
Sophie Cunningham
Ultimo Press
TPB \$32.99



Horse
Geraldine Brooks
Hachette Australia
HB \$39.99



The Murder Rule
Dervla McTiernan
HarperCollins Australia
TPB \$32.99



Wandering with Intent
Kim Mahood
Scribe
PB \$35.00

Kim Mahood is synonymous with provocative and inciteful essays and this collection is no exception. Vivid, evocative, and fascinating, Mahood's studies prompt the reader to re-evaluate their knowledge of Australia with wry humour and detailed analysis, without ever being patronising. These essays look at the land, the culture, the problems, and the history of Aboriginal people in a life-affirming way.



Minds Went Walking
Jock Serong, Mark Smith and Neil A. White
Fremantle Press
TPB \$32.99

For many of us, the lyrics from Paul Kelly tell the stories of our lives. In this tribute to Paul and his music, a group of revered Australian authors, including Robbie Arnott, Claire Coleman, Tim Rogers, Jock Serong, Mark Smith, and Neil A. White use his lyrics to tell stories which will transport you—but also keep bringing you back home.



The Ninth Life of a Diamond Miner
Grace Tame

Macmillan Australia
HB \$49.99

Grace's story, in Grace's words, on Grace's terms. Here she returns, again and again, to the things that have driven and saved her: love, connection, and radical, unwavering honesty. Sharply intelligent, deeply felt and often blisteringly funny, Grace offers a constructive and optimistic vision for a better future for all of us. This is the voice of the 2021 Australian of the Year, one that will no longer be silenced.



The Light We Carry
Michelle Obama

Viking
HB \$55.00

In the follow-up to *Becoming*, former First Lady Michelle Obama shares practical wisdom and powerful strategies for staying hopeful in today's highly uncertain world. She opens a frank and honest dialogue with readers, asking how we can build enduring and honest relationships. With trademark humour and compassion, she also explores issues connected to race, gender, and visibility, encouraging readers to work through fear and live with boldness.



My Dream Time
Ash Barty

HarperCollins
HB \$49.99

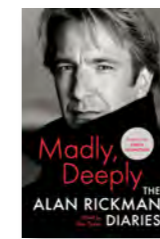
"My Dream Time is about finding the path to being the best I could be, not just as an athlete but as a person..." It's about tennis, family, teamwork, purpose, perspective, gratitude, disappointment, doing what you love, being your best, winning and more. Ash Barty tells her compelling and exciting story, detailing the highs and lows, in a refreshing memoir from a new Australian icon.



A Book of Days
Patti Smith

Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB \$39.99

Loved by so many, these peeks into Patti Smith's world garnered a huge following, and the result is a beautiful book. An introduction by Patti Smith and personal vintage photographs completes the 365 days of a singer, poet, writer, photographer, and woman's year.



Madly, Deeply
Alan Rickman

Canongate
HB \$49.99

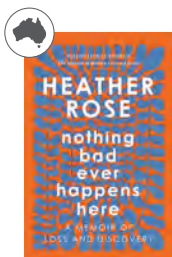
The late Alan Rickman has become one of the most beloved actors of all time, from his breakout role as *Die Hard's* Hans Gruber to his run as Professor Snape, and beyond. In his never-before-seen diaries, he invites readers into his life, offering insight into both the public and private. Here is Rickman the actor, but also the friend, the traveller, the fan, the director, the enthusiast: in short, the real man. With a foreword by Emma Thompson.



A Pocketful of Happiness
Richard E. Grant

Simon & Schuster
HB \$45.00

When the actor's wife died in 2021, her final challenge to him was to find 'a pocketful of happiness' in every day. This tender, moving and frequently hilarious memoir follows back and forth through Richard E. Grant's incredible acting career from *Whitnail & I* to his Oscar nominated role in *Can You Ever Forgive Me?*, entwining juicy showbiz gossip with uplifting reflections on hope and life's unexpected joys.



Nothing Bad Ever Happens Here
Heather Rose

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

Award-winning author Heather Rose lays herself bare in this luminous, compelling, and utterly surprising memoir. She reveals herself as a wild barefoot girl keen for adventure, a seeker of truth initiated in ancient rituals, a fledgling writer who becomes one of Australia's most acclaimed authors and a fierce mother whose body may falter at any moment.



A Father's Son
Matt Rogers

Simon & Schuster
HB \$49.99

Rugby and NRL sporting legend Mat Rogers' story is framed by triumph and tragedy. With unvarnished frankness, he discusses his father's suicide, his sporting career, fatherhood and his son's autism. Rogers rises to the difficulties sent his way, and ultimately, finds purpose and contentment. Much more than another athlete's memoir, *A Father's Son* is a story of a man who rises to the challenge of life's difficulties.



Childhood: A Memoir
Shannon Burns

Text Publishing
TPB \$34.99

Through the transformative power of books, Shannon Burns found a life so utterly unlike the one he was born into. After a childhood of neglect and poverty, at 15 he finds himself working at a recycling centre and begins to read books. After an affair with a schoolfriend's mother he is offered a way out of the dysfunctional homes and families unable to care for him. This is a confronting memoir of class, masculinity, and abuse.



Novelist as a Vocation
Haruki Murakami

Harvill Secker
HB \$35.00

A selection of Murakami's essays—often unexpectedly personal—compiled from a series written for a Japanese literary magazine. This is classic Murakami, humble and playful reflections on the personal qualities a novelist may possess. Not a 'how-to-write' book in the traditional sense, but Murakami's subtle meditations on craft nonetheless leave one with the urge to write.



Terry Pratchett
Rob Wilkins

Doubleday
TPB \$35.00

A biography clearly written by two beloved friends, infused with the warmth and humour characteristic of Pratchett's stories. Wilkins includes memories typed by Pratchett himself alongside those of family, friends, fans, and colleagues. Beginning with Pratchett's origin as a journalist, this is less a literary analysis of Pratchett's work than a celebration of the man behind the magic.



Cinema Speculation
Quentin Tarantino

W&N
TPB \$34.99

This long-awaited work of non-fiction from the acclaimed director Quentin Tarantino is a deliriously entertaining and wickedly intelligent cinema book as unique and creative as anything you'd expect to see on screen from the auteur. Structured around key American films that Tarantino first saw as a youth in the 1970s, this book combines criticism with film theory, cultural reporting, and personal history to create a true treat for cinephiles everywhere.



Friends, Lovers, and the Big Terrible Thing
Matthew Perry

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TPB \$34.99

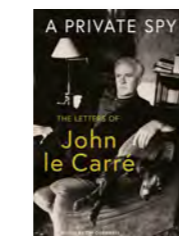
In an extraordinary story that only he could tell—and in the heartfelt, hilarious, and warmly familiar way only he could tell it—Matthew Perry lays bare the fractured family that raised him, the desire for recognition that drove him to fame, and the void inside him that could not be filled even by his greatest dreams coming true. He details the peace he's found in sobriety and how he feels about the ubiquity of *Friends*, sharing stories about his castmates and other stars he met along the way.



It's a Shame About Ray
Jonathan Seidler

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

A powerful memoir about family. What tracks combine to make a family album? Traversing death, hope, love, family, survival, compassion, and the deep relationship we can develop with music throughout our lives when all else is simply not enough. Jonathan Seidler's memoir about his family, his father, and the events that shape us, is one that will get your mind thinking and your foot tapping.



A Private Spy
John le Carré

Viking
TPB \$39.99

John le Carré led a remarkable life, from his early life in the London underworld, through teaching at Eton, to becoming a secret servant in the British Intelligence. He then became one of the greatest novelists in his lifetime with the likes of *The Spy Who Came in from the Cold* and *Tinker, Tailor, Soldier, Spy*. This collection of personal letters takes a deep and intimate look into his life and include correspondence with Stephen Fry and Alec Guinness. A superb compendium.



A Year with Wendy Whiteley
Ashleigh Wilson

Text Publishing
HB \$45.00

Wendy Whiteley is a legendary figure in the art world, the keeper of the Brett Whiteley legacy and is best known for creating the Secret Garden on the land below her house on Sydney Harbour. Through interviews with her, Ashleigh Wilson paints the picture of a survivor and a remarkable figure whose life has had its own contours and priorities.



The Philosophy of Modern Song
Bob Dylan

Simon & Schuster
HB \$59.99

Dylan began working on this book in 2010, a master class on the art and craft of song writing delivered with 150 carefully curated photos. Presenting more than 60 essays focusing on other people's songs from Stephen Foster and Elvis Costello to Hank Williams and Nina Simone. The analysis is written in Dylan's unique prose: mysterious and mercurial, poignant, and profound, and often laugh-out-loud funny. A journey through modern song by one of the greatest.



Surrender: 40 Songs, One Story
Bono

Hutchinson Heinemann
HB \$49.99

U2 have had an expansive career with some unforgettable songs; their front man has quite a story to tell. From his youth in Dublin to his passionate activism against the global issues of poverty and AIDS, this memoir is a no-holds barred affair, written with a poetic finesse from the songwriter's pen. Chaptered by song titles, this journey will show you his extraordinary life but will also have you reaching for those records.



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Chelsea Manning

Bodley Head | TPB \$35.00

Whistleblower, activist, and former US Army soldier, Chelsea Manning has a fascinating story to tell. Following her conviction for espionage, she served four years in military prison whilst also transitioning to become a woman. This memoir is brutally honest, powerful, and moving in equal measure. Chelsea's passion and intellect leap off the page in this riveting book.



The Successor
Paddy Manning

Black Inc | TPB \$34.99

In the first major biography of the heir to the Murdoch media throne, Paddy Manning examines one of the world's most powerful and enigmatic people. Drawing on unprecedented access to Lachlan Murdoch's inner circle, Manning explores Lachlan's upbringing, his political beliefs, what we can expect from his time at the helm and whether he has what it takes to chart a future for this century-old company.



Banjo Paterson: A Life in Pictures and Words
Alistair Campbell

Macmillan Australia
HB \$49.99

A stunning collection from the archive of Australia's greatest storyteller, Banjo Paterson, containing notebooks, illustrations, photographs, letters, and transcripts of some of our best-loved songs, poems and stories has been brought together for the first time. Banjo's great-grandson and sole executor of the poet's literary estate, Alistair Campbell, has curated this rare collection and provides intimate commentary on his famous relative.



Those Dashing McDonagh Sisters
Mandy Sayer

NewSouth Publishing
TPB \$39.99

Mandy Sayer recounts a fascinating social history of filmmaking in Australia told through the lives of the trailblazing McDonagh sisters who became the first women in Australia to form their own film production company. At a time when there were few career options available to women, this remarkable trio went on to produce four feature films and several documentaries between 1926 and 1933.



Not Now, Not Ever
Julia Gillard

Vintage Australia
TPB \$35.00

A wide spread of feminist contributors reflect on the legacy of former Prime Minister Julia Gillard's iconic 'misogyny speech'. From recollections by Wayne Swan and Cate Blanchett, to analysis of its ongoing popularity with young Australians on TikTok, Gillard herself has compiled an anthology that stands as testament to the speech's impact and longevity.



Freedom, Only Freedom
Behrouz Boochani

Bloomsbury
TPB \$32.99

Boochani's *No Friend but the Mountains* gave us a smuggled first-hand account of Australia's immigration detention program. Now his collected writings are combined with essays from experts on refugee rights in a challenging account of the oppression of refugees and migrants on a global scale. A deeply human and enlightening contribution to our understanding of this tragedy.



How to Stand Up to a Dictator
Maria Ressa

WH Allen
TPB \$35.00

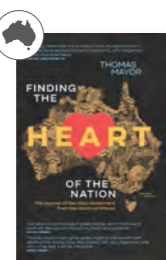
The 2021 Nobel Peace Prize winner Maria Ressa shares her personal frontline manifesto in the war against authoritarianism's sinister uses of big tech. Drawing on decades worth of experience as a journalist, Ressa maps a network of disinformation seeded by various governments and private companies that has ensnared the globe threatening our freedoms and democracy at large. A powerful and urgent read.



How Many More Women?
Jennifer Robinson and Keina Yoshida

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

In this powerful and accessible exploration of our legal systems, two human rights lawyers break open the big judgments, developments and trends that have and continue to silence and disadvantage women, and identify the changes needed to ensure that women's freedom, including their freedom of speech, is no longer threatened by the laws that are supposed to protect them.



Finding the Heart of the Nation, 2nd edition
Thomas Mayor

Hardie Grant Explore
PB \$34.99

Updated with a new introduction and conclusion, Thomas Mayor explains the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Told through his own personal story and with interviews with 20 fundamental people, this book clarifies the Uluru statement and provides hope for a substantial constitutional change. Essential reading in the lead up to the referendum.



Bulldozed
Niki Savva

Scribe
TPB \$35.00

December release

Niki Savva has been there for all of it. *The Road to Ruin*—Tony Abbott and Peta Credlin paving the way for Turnbull. *Plots and Prayers*—the overthrow of Turnbull leading to the conniving Morrison. Now, the final unravelling of the Coalition, Labor and the independents' historic 2022 election win, *Bulldozed* is the unique final volume of an unputdownable and impeccably sourced political trilogy.



I, Millennial
Tom Ballard

Simon & Schuster
TPB \$29.99

December release

Best known for comedy, Tom Ballard is pivoting to serious rage in his publishing debut. Millennials have been handed a housing crisis, crippling student debt, the gig economy, a cooked planet, a truly broken political system and now a global pandemic, as a treat. With swearing, silly pictures and a joke or two, Ballard guides us through how we got here and just how angry we should be.



The Superpower Transformation
Ross Garnaut

La Trobe University Press
TPB \$34.99

While Australia has been acting against its own interests for decades, more visionary minds have been considering the country's energy possibilities. Following on from *Superpower*, Garnaut turns to the practicalities of post-carbon energy, with new evidence supporting the job and income opportunities that strong action on climate change will deliver. A vital collection of essays curated by a superbly pragmatic economist.



2022: Reckoning with Power and Privilege
The Conversation

Thames & Hudson Australia
PB \$32.99

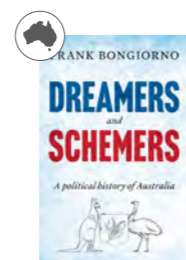
Look back on 2022 through *The Conversation's* most insightful essays. Leading thinkers explain the potent forces that continue to shape our world—from the winding back of abortion rights in the US to unstable Pacific political relations—and how those with the privilege of power don't always prevail. Here is an insider's guide to 2022's momentous events written by experts you can trust.



Bold Types
Patricia Clarke

NLA Publishing | TPB \$34.99

Journalist Patricia Clarke has documented female journalists' fight against gender inequality from the 1860s to the end of World War II. These fiercely independent women fought against the intrinsic patriarchal culture by venturing into dangerous situations just like their male counterparts to provide us with the news. This book holds inspiration for women today who are still fighting for equal rights and respect even in their workplace.



Dreamers and Schemers
Frank Bongiorno

La Trobe University Press | TPB \$39.99

Australian historian Frank Bongiorno has written a book depicting the social and cultural aspects of political life, from pre-settlement Indigenous systems through to present times. His historical account covers informal to formal meeting places and all aspects of party formation and looks at how politics has influenced and transformed our nation to what it is today.



Amber Book Light

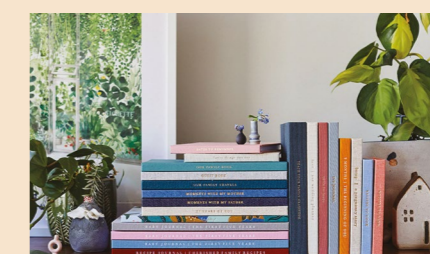
Artico
\$39.95

This unique book light emits zero blue light, making it easier to fall asleep after reading. It is rechargeable, has 4 LEDs and 3 levels of brightness. It will hold its charge for at least 16 hours, and comes with a USB cord.

Festive Leaf Bookmark

Bell Art
\$11.95

Mimicking the very Australian tradition of using a real gum leaf as a bookmark, these striking designs offer a colourful and memorable companion for your literary trove. Pack of 3.



Book Lovers Mug

Ginger Fox
\$22.95

Featuring 30 unforgettable classic novels, this mug will awaken the book lover in everyone. So curl up with a cuppa and choose your next read.



A Journal For Everyone

Write To Me

Write to Me believe in the importance of family. Create, record and share your story. With a journal for every occasion and every milestone, we've got you covered.

Whether planning, list making, creating memories or creative writing, there is a journal for everyone, from a wide variety of brands.

Perkeo Fountain Pen

Kaweco
\$37.95

The Perkeo's matte octagonal cap and sixteen-edged barrel work perfectly together. With an ergonomic grip section to ensure an effortless writing experience. Made of a sturdy resin, the Perkeo features a stainless steel nib and includes four Kaweco ink cartridges.



The Book Seat

The Book Seat
\$45.95

Lightweight & portable, The Book Seat holds your book in place with the pages open, enabling a comfortable, hands-free reading experience. Various colours available.

2023 Planners and Calendars

Get 2023 organised! We have a calendar and diary to suit all styles. Whether you need lots of space to write in each day, or are more interested in the aesthetic, there is an option for everyone!



While stocks last. All items may not be available in all stores. Some styles and colours may vary.

Australian Designed

Paint By Numbers

Journey of Something **\$39**

Paint by numbers kits just got cool. Here is one you will actually want to frame when you're done. Great for mindfulness and chill time. And yes, you can still call yourself an artist! Various designs available.



Jagun 1000 Piece Puzzle

La La Land **\$32.90**

Contemporary Aboriginal artist Holly Sanders is a proud Bundjalung woman from the North Coast of New South Wales. Through her art, she aims to share her stories, culture and Country in a contemporary way.



Party Charades

Ginger Fox **\$22.95**

Challenge your rival team by choosing a tricky category or help your own team by selecting a simpler one. Boost your score by stealing your opponents' point if they fail to guess the mime in time. Great fun for get-togethers with friends and family!



That's How We Roll

Brass Monkey **\$37.95**

Includes everything you need to play (and dominate) 30 different card dice games... but who's keeping score anyway? You are that's who.



After Dinner Trivia

Ginger Fox **\$34.95**

Including six trivia categories, this set of three hundred trivia cards ensures riotous after-dinner fun!



Dressed Up Dogs

Ridley's **\$32.95**

Looking for the paw-fect game? Look no further than this Dressed Up Dogs Memory Game from Ridley's Games. Take it in turns to pick two cards to reveal and try to match the dogs to their fetching costumed companions!



Happy Socks

From \$19.95

Happy Socks are for those who think that life can never be too colourful, and that true happiness stems from the freedom to be yourself. Breezy combed cotton with a softer and smoother feel than ordinary cotton.



Hand Cream And Soap Duet

Myrtle & Moss **\$29.95**

Capturing the beauty of botanicals and foraged treasures. This Rose, Geranium, Grapefruit and Clary Sage hand cream and soap set is beautifully packaged. With crisp and vibrant essential oils and subtle floral notes.



Home



Saturday Vase

Jones & Co **From \$32**

The Saturday Vase is designed to add a pop of colour and texture to even the smallest windowsill, shelf or side table. Pick your favourite or start a collection.



Water Carafe Set

Annabel Trends **From \$39.95**

Made with solid mouth blown glass, this water carafe and tumbler set is the perfect addition to spice up your home or office decor.

Copenhagen Candle Holder

Aery Living **\$34.95**

Evoke a vintage aesthetic and create a unique and cosy atmosphere in your home with the Copenhagen candle holder. Designed to hold tealights and pillar candles for an elevated presentation.

Various colours available.



Bamboo Bird Feeder

Annabel Trends **\$15.95**

Cute petal shaped bird feeders will attract beautiful birdlife to your yard. Simply hang with the rope and hook supplied and fill the petals with seed.

Rose Quartz Bath Soak

Daylesford Apothecary **\$33**

Elevate your bathing experience with this Rose Quartz essence Bath Soak. Epsom and Pink Himalayan salts are hand blended with beautiful rose petals and scented with delicious Rose Quartz essential oil blend, which lifts the mood and calms the body.



Australian Native Tea Sampler

Rabbit Hole Tea **\$39.95**

Featuring five sample sized tubes of the Australian Native Tea range. Exquisitely gift boxed with brass tea infuser, you won't want to give this one away!

Picnic Rug

The Somewhere Co **\$112**

Your next outdoor picnic is about to get a whole lot more chic! Pick your favourite design, grab your friends and get ready to spend the afternoon lounging around with your loved ones.



Ceramic Drink Bottle

Frank Green **From \$49.95**

The best drink bottle in the biz! This is the ultimate reusable bottle. It's beautiful, maintains beverage temperature and keeps your drink tasting just the way you like it. Plus it won't spill in your bag when you're on the go. Pick your colour and your size.

Quick Dry Towel

Dock & Bay **From \$37.95**

Quick to dry, compact, lightweight and sand-free! Made from 100% recycled post-consumer plastic, and so many designs to choose from, it's the only beach towel you'll need.



Mojo Candles

Various Fragrances **\$44.90**

Mojo create beautiful eco luxe candles, while saving thousands of tonnes of glass waste from landfill. Made from reclaimed wine bottles, pick your favourite scent and enjoy!



Chino Mug

Jones & Co **From \$28**

The classic Jones & Co Chino Mug is the perfect shape to enjoy your favourite beverage, and is finished with a wide generously proportioned handle. This best-selling shape mug comes in several designs to mix and match.

Harvest Basket

Robert Gordon **From \$39.95**

Timeless and ever so useful, these baskets will come in handy no matter where you're going.

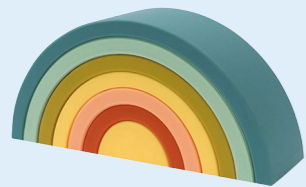




Bath Racers Platypuses

Tiger Tribe **\$20**

With two adorable swim-ready platypuses in the one set and no batteries required, simply wind them up, release them into the bath and then watch their little platypus arms turn as they race across the water.



Silicone Rainbow Stacker

O.B. Designs **\$34.95**

This silicone Rainbow Stacker is an open-ended building toy for children, designed to unleash creativity and imagination. Encouraging hand-eye coordination, creative thinking, and problem-solving skills.

Duke The Dog Rattle

O.B. Designs **\$24.95**

These popular soft rattle toys are irresistibly cute and a great first toy. It helps develop motor skills and the wooden ring soothes teething pain. Each comes with a sweet and fun bio. Perfect for gifting and a wonderful keepsake.



Penguin's Iceberg Adventure

Mudpuppy **\$34.95**

This new Cooperative Game builds community, encourages respect, and supports social - emotional development. Players work together to flip tiles and match shapes to build an iceberg path. Help the baby penguin cross safely to his mama and everyone wins!



Felt Stories - Once Upon A Garden

Tiger Tribe **\$25**

A mess-free creative way for young ones to develop imagination and fine motor skills. Each time they play they can create a new scene and story too.



Petits Amis

Lily & George **\$45**

Meaning Small Friends, the French inspired Petits Amis range will be sure to charm. With its own keepsake box, this is one to treasure.



Magnetic Play Scene Storytime

Petit Collage **\$43.95**

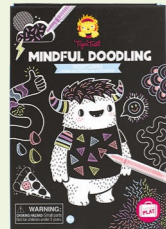
The Storytime Magnetic Scene from Petit Collage allows children to express their creativity and use their imagination as they decorate an animal treehouse scene or create a super cute animal picnic in the park.

For Kids

Mindful Doodling Night Lines

Tiger Tribe **\$25**

This mindfulness activity set is designed to encourage tweens to unplug, slow down and de-stress by helping them focus their minds on meditative drawing activities. Includes visual step-by-step instructions to show kids how to get started with creating neon doodles and patterns that 'pop' using the supplied gel pens, and applying them to a selection of black paper templates and illustrations.



Patternation Eco City

Tiger Tribe **\$42.50**

Inspired by the practice of sustainable urban design, Patternation Eco-City introduces children to sustainability in a fun and engaging way. With 16 different Eco-City template patterns, kids construct their own green city layout by arranging tiles on the magnetic display board.



Newton's Lab Wind Energy Kit

Kikkerland **\$42.95**

Learn about wind energy by making your own windmill. Blow on to the blades and see how it lights up the house. This is hands on fun, whilst learning about natural resources.



Puzz' Art Whale

Djeco **\$33**

From award winning French company Djeco, comes this stunning 150-piece puzzle. With no corners and no straight edges, this all-new format turns traditional jigsaw puzzles on their head. Contains a poster to help with completing the puzzle. Various designs available.



Eraseable Pens

Legami **\$3.95**

Say goodbye to crossing out mistakes. With this sweet range of Legami Erasable Gel Pens you can rub out your errors and keep writing.



Rainbow Pin Art

IS Gift **\$27.95**

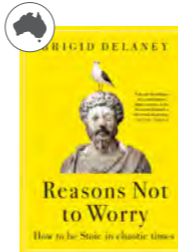
Make an impression and turn everyday objects and yourself into a work of art!



Healing Through Words

Rupi Kaur **\$35.00**

By bestselling author and poet, Rupi Kaur, *Healing Through Words* is a guided tour on the journey back to the self, a cathartic and mindful exploration through writing. This carefully curated collection of poetry writing exercises asks only that you be vulnerable and honest, both with yourself and the page. You don't need to be a writer to take this walk; you just need to write—that's all.



Reasons Not to Worry

Brigid Delaney **\$24.99**

The modern world presents us with so many problems and issues, one can get flustered trying to find the answers. However, the human condition has been a talking point for millennia. In Brigid Delaney's brilliant book, she seeks truths from the ancient stoic philosophers Epictetus (Greek) Seneca (Roman), and Marcus Aurelius (Roman emperor) to provide our modern lives with some much-needed enlightenment.



Try Not to Think of a Pink Elephant

Martin Ingle et al. **\$32.99**

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder is a genuine issue for numerous people. Fuelled by anxiety and (often irrational) fears, OCD can rule people's lives. This collection of essays from a variety of writers highlights some of the all-consuming effects and the resulting behaviour for those who suffer. These stories are wildly different but all too familiar to those who can relate to the condition. A fascinating and moving collection.



A Kind of Magic

Anna Spargo-Ryan **\$36.99**

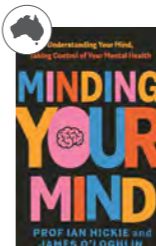
Mental illness can be overwhelmingly debilitating and in this memoir we get a first-hand account from the pen of Anna Spargo-Ryan. Anxieties, depression, fears, and that incessant critical voice in one's own head, can prevent us from leading our fullest lives. Anna examines her own, constantly conflicting emotions and offers ways to tackle them and, eventually, find optimism for the future.



Just One Thing

Dr Michael Mosley **\$34.99**

In *Just One Thing*, Dr Michael Mosley unearths a range of small simple things you can introduce into your routine, whose impacts are so surprising and intriguing you will be desperate to try them out. He chats to experts, road-tests all his tips and even enlists the help of some very special guests to help you find that one small thing that could really make a difference to how you feel every day.



Minding Your Mind

James O'Loughlin and Ian Hickie **\$34.99**

Based on the popular podcast, *Minding Your Mind* is an exploration into everything you've ever wanted to know about how your mind works. With compassion and curiosity this book is for anyone who wants the best for their mental health but is not quite sure where to start. It's a check-up for everything going on in your body and what to do if the alarm bells start going off.



The Book of Phobias and Manias

Kate Summerscale **\$29.99**

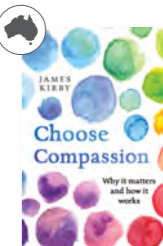
A wonderful collection of 99 of the obsessions, both rare and common, that affect us in so many varied ways. Whether it be triskaidekaphobia (fear of the number 13) or acarophobia (fear of tiny insects), Summerscale delves into the meaning of our oddest fears and examines their historical and cultural background. Addictive and fascinatingly entertaining.



Fifteen Seconds of Brave

Melissa Doyle **\$34.99**

In 2020, we experienced a different type of 'normal'. The world was in lockdown with borders closed and life changed dramatically for so many. What we took for granted was no longer a reality. Here award-winning journalist Melissa Doyle reflects on past interviews with survivors of adversity, draws on their experiences and examines how they have triumphed over tragedy.



Choose Compassion

James Kirby **\$32.99**

Drawing on his many years of experience as a clinical psychologist, Australia's leading compassion researcher Dr James Kirby debunks the myth that compassion is just a feeling. Kirby shows us how it can be a motivational force and that we can choose compassion to make our lives healthier, happier and more meaningful.

Recent Favourites - Cookbooks and Non-Fiction



Ottolenghi Test Kitchen: Extra Good Things

Noor Murad and Yotam Ottolenghi **\$49.99**



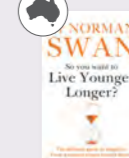
Around the Table

Julia Busuttill and Nishimura **\$44.99**



Bedtime Story, Gift edition

Chloe Hooper **\$39.99**



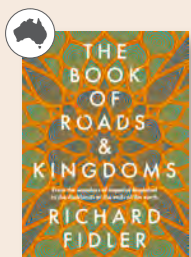
So, You Want to Live Younger Longer?

Norman Swan **\$34.99**



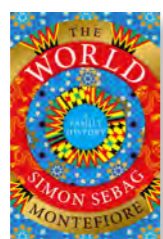
Ten Steps to Nanette

Hannah Gadsby **\$49.99**



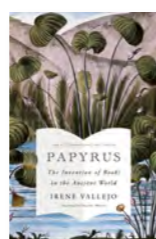
The Book of Roads and Kingdoms
Richard Fidler
ABC Books
HB \$39.99

The story of medieval travellers during Islam's golden age, when Baghdad was the richest city in the world. The citizens of Baghdad were modern, looking out to the world for knowledge that their traders, diplomats, soldiers, and scientists brought back from their journeys into the unknown. A tale of adventurers and their once great empire, expertly told by Richard Fidler.



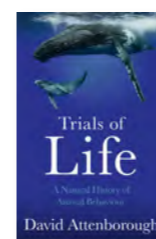
The World
Simon Sebag Montefiore
W&N
HB \$65.00

The bestselling historian Simon Sebag Montefiore returns with a magisterial history of humanity viewed through the lens of its most powerful dynasties. This is world history told on both the most grand and intimate of scales—spanning centuries, continents, and cultures, this incredible feat of historical writing links essential themes of war, migration, plague, religion, medicine, and technology to the people at the centre of it all.



Papyrus
Irene Vallejo
Hodder & Stoughton
TPB \$34.99

Papyrus takes us on an enthralling journey through the history of books, libraries, and literary cultures of the ancient world. Award-winning author Irene Vallejo weaves together fascinating stories about the spies, scribes, illuminators, librarians, booksellers, authors, and statesmen whose rich and often complicated engagement with the written word bears remarkable similarities to our world today.



Trials of Life
David Attenborough
William Collins
TPB \$34.99

This is the third and final updated edition of David Attenborough's classic *Life* trilogy. *Life on Earth* covered evolution, *Living Planet*, ecology, and now *Trials of Life* tackles ethology, the study of how animals behave. Told with Attenborough's signature charm and enthusiasm, this approachable and engaging account of natural history will leave you in awe of the wonders of the animal world.



The Climate Book
Greta Thunberg
Allen Lane
HB \$55.00

Climate activist Greta Thunberg brings us a book of warning and hope, with essays from acclaimed scientists from around the globe and filled with incredible photography from a rapidly changing world. Greta Thunberg is urging us to act and to act without delay. A must read for all parliamentary members, decision makers and, of course, for all of us.



Why Do Birds Do That?
Dr Grainne Cleary
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

If you have ever wondered why birds behave as they do, you will find the answers in this book! Set out in an easy-to-read question and answer format. Questions such as: Why do birds have feathers? Why do birds sing in the morning? Why do some birds live in family groups and other birds do not? Fascinating and informative.



The Battle of Long Tan
Peter FitzSimons
Hachette Australia
HB \$49.99

By far the deadliest battle for Australian forces in Vietnam, the Battle of Long Tan has a proud place in the annals of Australian military history.

In this book, bestselling author Peter FitzSimons reveals the horror, the bravery, the wins and the losses that faced our soldiers, and brings to life the personal stories of the men who fought.



Elizabeth & John
Alan Atkinson
NewSouth Publishing
TPB \$39.99

In *Elizabeth & John*, Alan Atkinson, prizewinning author of *Europeans in Australia*, draws on his work on the Macarthur family over the

last 50 years to explore the dynamics of a strong and sinevy marriage, and family life over two generations. With the truth of John and Elizabeth Macarthur's relationship much more complicated and more deeply human than other writers have suggested, Atkinson provides a finely drawn portrait of a powerful partnership.



Hudson Fysh
Grantlee Kieza
ABC Books
HB \$45.00

The extraordinary story of the former jackeroo, light horseman at Gallipoli, and WWI Flying Corp gunner who went on to found and build Qantas, from its humble beginnings with two rickety biplanes to the age of jumbo jets. The award-winning journalist and author Grantlee Kieza uncovers the incredible and inspiring tale of Hudson Fysh, the man who gave Australia its wings.



The Body: Illustrated
Bill Bryson
Doubleday
HB \$65.00

Enhanced by hundreds of stunning photographs and illustrations, this new edition of Bill Bryson's now 'classic' book

about the human body, how it functions and its remarkable ability to heal itself, is jam-packed with extraordinary facts, remarkable characters, and astonishing stories. In Bryson's own words: the human body is 'infinitely more complex and wondrous and often more mysterious, than I had ever suspected. There really is no story more amazing than the story of us.'



Koala
Danielle Clode
Black Inc
TPB \$34.99

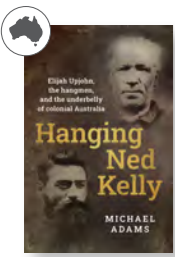
Despite their iconic status and celebrity, koalas remain something of a mystery. Often affectionate in captivity, they seek out human

assistance when in need of water or care, yet can also be fierce and belligerent. Sharing the latest scientific insights, Danielle Clode takes readers up into the trees to reveal the truth about this extraordinary animal and what must be done to ensure its survival. A portion of the proceeds from the sale of this book go towards supporting wildlife conservation efforts in Australia.



Aussie Ark
Tim Faulkner
Echo
HB \$45.00

Australia's threatened wildlife needs an advocate now more than ever, and Tim Faulkner, with help from his many high-profile supporters, is working to restore our country's unique biodiversity. Over the past twenty years, Tim's efforts and achievement include building conservation organisations such as Aussie Ark; co-owning the Australian Reptile Park; and rescuing rare wildlife after the 2019-20 Black Summer bushfires.



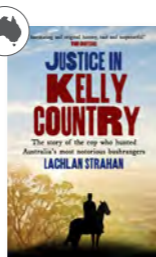
Hanging Ned Kelly
Michael Adams
Affirm Press
HB \$35.00

Not your traditional Ned Kelly biography. Michael Adams uses Kelly's hangman—'rogue and vagabond' Elijah Upjohn—to explore the rusted underbelly of colonial Victoria. Revealed is a world of thievery, scandal, and murder, all shadowed by the ominous figure of the hangman. Fans of Adams' podcast *Forgotten Australia* will be treated once again with his thorough research and innovative historical analysis.



Sons of War
Paul Byrnes
Affirm Press
HB \$45.00

In 1945, Australian boys lied about their age to fight for their country, just like their fathers in the previous war. And just like the past, they were ill-prepared for what was to come. Many of them never returned home and those that did told horrific tales of suffering. This book focuses on untold stories of 40 Australian children from their journey through the Middle East to the jungles of some of our closest neighbours.



Justice in Kelly Country
Lachlan Strahan
Monash University Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Anthony Strahan was a boy from County Kildare who was a major player in the hunt for Ned Kelly. Lachlan Strahan, Anthony's great-great-grandson, grew up with the familiar story of Ned Kelly, the egalitarian rebel, and his ancestor as the villainous cop. Yet as he began to probe into Anthony's life, he discovered that the truth—and the Kelly legend it has given rise to—is much more complex than he believed.



Black Holes
Prof. Brian Cox and Prof. Jeff Forshaw
ABC Books
TPB \$34.99

A brilliant exploration of the most exotic objects in the universe and the secrets of the cosmos. Professors

Brian Cox and Jeff Forshaw take you on a journey through the latest research on the mystery that are black holes, including the astonishing prospect that they might connect us to another universe through wormholes and the startling conclusion that our world may operate like a giant quantum computer.



In Search of Perfumes
Dominique Roques
Mountain Leopard Press
HB \$39.99

Fruits, flowers, spices, bark, leaves, and branches are just some of the natural ingredients used for thousands of years in the creation of perfume. Industry insider Dominique Roques criss-crosses the globe to eloquently not only reveal the beauty and mysteries of the world's most precious scents but also realise the impact our changing climate will have on them.



The Best Australian Science Writing 2022
Ivy Shih
NewSouth Publishing
PB \$32.99

An anthology covering this year's best moments in Australian science writing, alongside important work that otherwise may have been missed. This is a unique compilation in that poets and scientists alike come together to interrogate the scientific concerns currently fascinating Australia. Even the most wizened science reader will learn something new or gain a new appreciation for an already-existing concept.



The Bodyline Fix
Marion Stell
U.Q.P.
TPB \$34.99

During the 1932-1933 test match the bodyline controversy broke out. Summer the following year, the Australian women's cricket team travelled to England for the inaugural international test cricket match. With sporting relations at an all-time low, this talented group of sportswomen gained recognition and celebrity. Drawing from interviews and photographs *The Bodyline Fix* shines a light on gender, race, class and of course cricket in 1930s Australia.



The Immortals of Australian Soccer
Lucas Radbourne
Gelding Street Press
HB \$39.99

The Immortals of Australian Soccer celebrates the greatest players from the round ball game to form a best-of-the-best XI from our country's storied past. Football journalist Lucas Radbourne selects his team of Immortals and delves into the lives and careers of icons like Johnny Warren, Craig Johnston, Tim Cahill and Sam Kerr.



Great Achievers & Characters in Australian Cricket
Roland Perry
Penguin
TPB \$35.00

The legendary Roland Perry lends a historian's gaze to the cricketing greats of Australia. Perry examines the personalities and playing styles of greats like Shane Warne and Elyse Perry, the dry humour of Richie Benaud, and the bullyboy tactics of Kerry Packer. An engaging and well-researched work that shines a spotlight on the best and beyond of Australia's game.



Fen, Bog & Swamp
Annie Proulx
4th Estate
PB \$29.99

From Pulitzer Prize winner Annie Proulx comes a riveting history of wetlands and peatland destruction and their role in the climate crisis. A lifelong environmentalist, she takes us on a sobering look at the degradation of wetlands over the centuries from 16th-century England, Canada's Hudson Bay lowlands, Russia's Great Vasyugan Mire, America's Okefenokee National Wildlife Refuge and to the destruction of the Amazon rainforest.

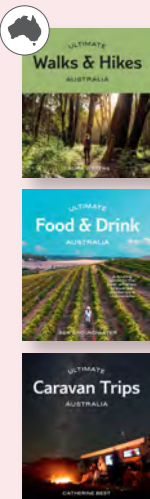


Taxi From Another Planet
Charles S. Cockell
Harvard University Press
HB 45.95

If you've ever sat in the back seat of a taxi, you know that cabbies like to talk. And when the passenger is astrobiologist Charles Cockell, that topic is usually space and what, if anything, lives out there. *Taxi from Another Planet* tackles the questions that everyday people have about the cosmos and our place in it. Will we understand aliens? What if there isn't life out in the universe? And why is the government spending tax dollars on space programs anyway?



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Ultimate Australia: Walks & Hikes/Food & Drink/Caravan Trips
 Laura Waters, Catherine Best and Ben Groundwater

Hardie Grant Explore
 PBs \$45.00 each

Three new titles in the bestselling Ultimate travel series. *Ultimate Walks & Hikes: Australia* is your inspirational and practical guide to 40 of the best walking tracks across Australia, all complemented by colourful photos and detailed maps. *Ultimate Food & Drink: Australia* is your

complete touring guide to the best wineries, breweries, distilleries, and restaurants in Australia's premier wine regions, and *Ultimate Caravan Trips: Australia* is your ticket to #vanlife. This caravanner's travel bible lifts the lid on 40 of the best adventures you can have on six (or eight) wheels.

WIN a set of all 11 published titles in the Ultimate travel Australia series, valued at \$495!

Purchase one of the new books in the series from your local bookshop, for your chance to win a set of all published titles. For a list of titles and how to enter, go to the Competition page at www.bookpeople.org.au

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Lonely Planet's The Islands Book

Lonely Planet
 HB \$49.99

Journey to 150 of the world's most unique and enchanting islands in this beautiful new pictorial

book from Lonely Planet. Featuring photography, detailed maps, bespoke illustrations, and practical information to help plan your trip, this gorgeous hardcover provides endless ideas for future seaside escapes and makes the perfect gift for the intrepid traveller in your life.



Travels: Australia's best stays, swims, walks, dining, culture and experiences

Broadsheet Media
 Macmillan Australia
 HB \$54.99

Broadsheet *Travels* celebrates all that makes our country special—from its natural beauty and ancient culture to its creative cities. Discover remote thermal springs, luxurious tropical islands, scenic day hikes, deserted beaches, regional art galleries, easy going country pubs, the best restaurants in each city and more. Featuring unforgettable destinations and experiences across all states and territories, this is the ultimate Australian travel guide.



Japan: A Curated Guide
 Michelle Mackintosh and Steve Wide

Plum
 PB \$44.99

Packed with cultural insights and stunning photography, this eclectic guide offers a tightly curated list of must-see places and experiences for people who want to get an up close and personal look at the real Japan. Navigate the dynamic cities, walk the roads of old Japan in Kyoto, Nara, Kanazawa and Nikko, or go off-grid to smaller, far-flung towns, each with their own unique, traditions, crafts, sights, food and art.



Safar: Muslim Women's Stories of Travel and Transformation
 Sarah Malik

Hardie Grant Explore
 HB \$32.99

Safar is the Urdu and Arabic word for 'journey'. Through a series of interviews this book explores the emotional and spiritual aspects of journeying, from travelling to a new country to visiting a new locale. This beautiful gift book weaves together the stories and lovingly centres the experiences and perspectives of Muslim women.



Tenderheart
 Hetty Lui McKinnon

Plum
 HB \$59.99

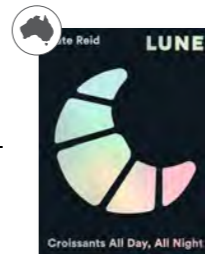
Tenderheart is a book about vegetables. It is also a story of unbreakable family bonds, love and loss, and the legacy of food as a way to stay connected to loved ones, including those who have passed. With each of the 22 chapters being dedicated to Hetty's favourite everyday vegetables, this book combines ingredients, flavours and textures in creative and inventive ways.



Tonight's Dinner 2
 Adam Liaw

Hardie Grant Books
 HB \$45.00

In his follow-up to last year's successful *Tonight's Dinner*, Adam Liaw brings us more delightful recipes for everyone from busy singles to on-the-go families. This delicious and original collection takes the grind out of midweek cooking with nutritious meals that are quick and affordable. Make magic in the kitchen with this collection of mighty meals for every day, including Ingenious Breakfasts, Light Fantastic, Family Favourites, Meat Free, Pizza and Pasta, The Wok, and Sweets. What are you having for tonight's dinner?



Lune
 Kate Reid

Hardie Grant Books
 HB \$55.00

Lune Croissanterie is one of the most famous bakeries in the world, loved by Nigella Lawson and Yotam Ottolenghi. Star baker Kate Reid has spent months and months perfecting the recipe to make croissants at home. With step-by-step techniques for rolling and shaping croissants, followed by recipes for every hour of the day, plus what to do with leftovers and how to make a croissant a special occasion, this is the ultimate guide to baking the world's best-loved pastry.



The Joy of Better Cooking
 Alice Zaslavsky

Murdoch Books
 HB \$49.99

If you already enjoy the eating part, you have everything it takes to find joy in cooking too. With her unbounding enthusiasm, let Alice lead you on a journey to confident, intuitive cooking. This vibrant kitchen manual contains stacks of veg-forward recipes with handy kitchen skills that will make you aspire to be a better cook.



First Nations Food Companion
 Damien Coulthard and Rebecca Sullivan

Murdoch Books
 HB \$49.99

Damien Coulthard and Rebecca Sullivan have produced a generously detailed ingredients guide of edible and accessible native plants available around Australia. Included is a First Nations flavour wheel that helps you visualise what these different ingredients can offer in the kitchen, allowing you to explore the recipes included and even develop some of your own.

Competition to WIN a \$500 Warndu food hamper

Purchase a copy of *First Nations Food Companion* for your chance to WIN a hamper of Native Australian ingredients from Warndu, Damien Coulthard and Rebecca Sullivan's Indigenous food business. To enter and for full terms and conditions, go to the Competition page at www.bookpeople.org.au

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Plant and Garden



Futureproof Your Garden
 Angus Stewart and Emma Stewart

Murdoch Books
 PB \$45.00

A practical guide from award-winning horticulturalist and author Angus Stewart and passionate sustainable garden expert Emma Stewart who have created a comprehensive photographic plant directory, packed with advice on what to plant, where and practical design information relevant to outdoor spaces of all sizes. Plus, a step-by-step resource on how to use, capture and store water in times of drought or deluge.



Dream Gardens
 Michael McCoy

Hardie Grant Books
 HB \$70.00

December release

A companion to the hit ABC TV series, in this beautifully photographed book, designer Michael McCoy, shows us the challenges and rewards in creating gorgeous yet functional gardens and outside spaces. Featuring a wide variety of challenging spaces, from tiny plots in the inner city to expansive country acreages, this book proves that great design can always find a perfect solution to suit an owner's needs.



Plants
 Zena Cumpston, Michael-Shawn Fletcher and Lesley Head

Thames & Hudson Australia
 PB \$24.99

The First Knowledges series provides a deeper understanding of the expertise and ingenuity of Indigenous Australians. This fifth title celebrates the deep cultural significance of plants and shows how engaging with this heritage could be the key to a healthier, more sustainable future. This series is building a valuable collection of Aboriginal knowledge that we can all learn and share.



What I Cook When Nobody's Watching
 Poh Ling Yeow

Plum
 PB \$44.99

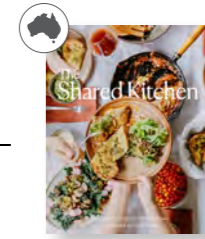
The queen of home cooking is back, sharing with us all the things she cooks when nobody's watching. Poh's recipes prioritise ease and comfort to help you reconnect with the simple pleasure of cooking for both yourself and others. Full of joy, humour, pantry staples, and cheeky household tips, *What I Cook When Nobody's Watching* is a celebration of good, honest food that will help you find beauty and ritual in the everyday.



Dinner
 Nagi Maehashi

Macmillan Australia
 PB \$44.99

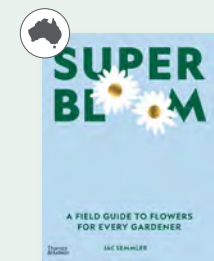
A brilliant debut cookbook from Nagi Maehashi of 'Recipe Tin Eats' blog fame. From naan bread to crispy Korean pancakes to Beef Wellington, *Dinner* is a practical culture-hopping guide both for those keen to hone their culinary craft, or just starting out in the kitchen. Included with each recipe are links to Nagi's famous video tutorials, serving suggestions, and photographs of beloved kitchen assistant—Dozer the Golden Retriever.



The Shared Kitchen
 Clare Scrine

Smith Street Books
 PB \$45.00

A celebration of sharing kitchen counters, recipes, and leftovers. *The Shared Kitchen's* chapters, methodically organised by fruit and vegetable, are filled with versatile vegan and vegetarian dishes that are easy to portion around the dining table. Warm photographs and interviews with young people in Brisbane sharehouses are included throughout.



Super Bloom
 Jac Semmler

Thames & Hudson Australia
 HB \$90.00

This stunning love letter to flowers from the former head of ornamental gardening at the Digger's Club, is a comprehensive gardening how-to for beginners and experts alike who would like to showcase old-world flowers in the modern garden. It is a manifesto for maximum plants, maximum flowers, maximum beauty. Perfect for anyone who loves the art of gardening. *Super Bloom* is a modern gardening classic in the making.



Bloom
 Lauren Camilleri and Sophia Kaplan

Smith Street Books
 HB \$55.00

Bloom features interviews with plant lovers who have filled their homes with blooming plants. Learn all about the different types and how to care for them and find inspiration to introduce and style flowers in your own home. Whether you've never owned a plant or you've cultivated a greenhouse of orchids, *Bloom* has tips for care, style, and arrangements that will turn your house into an indoor garden.



First, Cream the Butter and Sugar
 Emelia Jackson

Murdoch Books
 HB \$59.99

Make baking your happy place, with recipes and tips from baker extraordinaire Emelia Jackson! Packed with invaluable advice for every level of home baker, and full of delicious recipes, this beautiful book is the modern baking guide you need, whether it's for the night before the birthday party or just a Sunday afternoon for baking something sweet to get you through the week.



The Fast Five
 Donna Hay

4th Estate Australia
 HB \$49.99

From bestselling cookbook author Donna Hay comes the recipes you've been waiting for. Whether you're looking for ways to improve on your favourites or for a total kitchen refresh, *The Fast Five* will bring you fast fabulous new flavour combinations—all done without ever straying from your repertoire of go-tos. *The Fast Five* is the ultimate bible of fast, delicious recipes you need to know, made in ways you've never tried before.

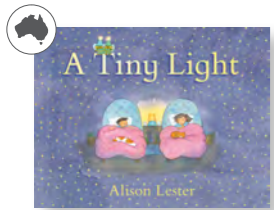


Moro Easy
 Sam & Sam Clark

Ebury Press
 HB \$55.00

Recipes from the famous Moro restaurant kitchen, simplified for the home cook. *Moro Easy* focuses on flavour but also on ease. Featuring deceptively simple dishes such as roasted eggplant with pomegranates, and chicken with preserved lemon labneh, this collection lets the cuisines of Southern Spain and North Africa shine on your dining table, much to the admiration of your dining guests.

We hope you enjoy this selection of handpicked titles from the 2022-23 Kids' Reading Guide. For more great children's and YA books, visit: kidsreadingguide.com.au



A Tiny Light
Alison Lester
U.Q.P.
HB \$19.99

Alison Lester once again delivers everything we've come to expect from the former Children's Laureate. Wonderful rhyming text accompanies her trademark illustrations, as she takes us on an adventure through the night sky. At once hopeful and comforting, it is perfect for any child aged from 0-6.



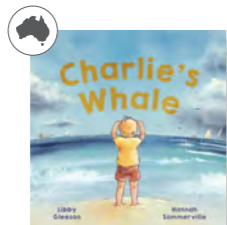
Snap!
Anna Walker
Scribble
HB \$24.99

This beautiful picture book will delight little readers. With its bright illustrations, minimal text and adorable green frog, *Snap!* will have pre-schoolers acting out the words and giggling at the animal antics. Perfect for sharing with the youngest of children, this is sure to become a firm favourite with children and parents alike.



Farmhouse
Sophie Blackall
Lothian Children's Books
HB \$24.99

This extraordinary picture book by two-time Caldecott winner Sophie Blackall is an instant classic. Telling the story of an old, dilapidated farmhouse and the family who used to live there, Sophie has used scrumptious layers of collage salvaged from the actual house to create a dollhouse-like interior and a snapshot into a long past time and place. It is one of those special books that can be enjoyed by young and old and definitely one to spend hours appreciating the love and detail in each gorgeous page. A divine gift for every member of the family!



Charlie's Whale
Libby Gleeson and Hannah Sommerville (illus)
Lothian Children's Books
HB \$24.99

Charlie is obsessed with whales of all shapes and sizes and is determined to catch a glimpse of one in its natural habitat. Perfectly capturing the iconic Australian coastal experience, it will appeal to kids around the globe with a love for nature and the ocean. A classic and beautifully told tale with stunning illustrations that will no doubt feature in the awards season next year. Perfect for Alison Lester fans, just divine!



Colours, Colours Everywhere
Julia Donaldson and Sharon King-Chai (illus)
Two Hoots
HB \$29.99

This is the third book in the collaboration between Julia Donaldson and Sharon King-Chai. Like the previous two, this one has beautiful, rhyming text and brightly coloured landscapes. It is the story of a little girl painting her own adventure with her blue tree frog as her companion. Filled with colourful trees, gardens, balloons, and birds it is the perfect book to teach children all about colours.



Back On Country: Welcome to Our Country
Adam Goodes, Ellie Laing and David Hardy (illus)
Allen & Unwin
HB \$24.99

A wonderful story of children going back on Country for the first time. Told using some Indigenous language and using a simple illustrated glossary, lessons about Indigenous culture are woven through the story. This is a beautiful book about reconnecting with family, culture and Country.

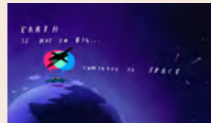


Meanwhile Back on Earth
Oliver Jeffers
HarperCollins
HB \$27.99

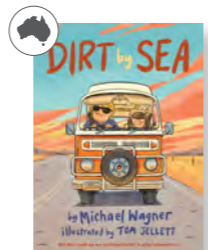
A father takes his two children on an adventure into space and asks them to check in the 'rear view mirror' so they can look back at Earth and see all the conflicts that have taken place since the beginning of time. The enduring message from these conflicts is that what binds us together matters more than what sets us apart.

WIN an Oliver Jeffers print

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Dirt By Sea
Michael Wagner and Tom Jellett (illus)
Puffin
HB \$24.99

Daisy and her dad go on an EPIC adventure all around Australia in their Kombi van! One day I want to go on a trip just like them. My big brother liked this book too, and how it was told like a comic.

Charlie, aged 4



The Zebra's Great Escape
Katherine Rundell and Sara Ogilvie (illus)
Bloomsbury Children's
HB \$29.99

When a baby zebra appears and begs Mink to help find his missing parents, Mink discovers that someone has stolen an alphabet's worth of animals! Together with a brave band of urban animals, she makes a mad dash to free the captives, but will she get there in time?



The Bookseller's Apprentice
Amelia Mellor
Affirm Kids
HB \$19.99

It's 1871 and Melbourne's Paddy's Market is a noisy, bustling, magical place. 12-year-old Billy Pyke loves his job working as an apprentice bookseller at Cole's Book Stall. When a sinister magician known as the Obscurosmith starts tricking people into making dangerous deals, brave young Billy tries to stop him. This highly anticipated prequel to *The Grandest Bookshop in the World* doesn't disappoint. Riddles and magic and a tense race against time make for an exciting read.



Runt
Craig Silvey and Sara Acton (illus)
Allen & Unwin
HB \$22.99

Runt is the heartwarming story of Annie Shearer and her adopted best friend Runt. Runt is a fast and agile dog who after years of evading capture has found companionship with Annie. This is one of those classic stories in which you are rooting for the underdog to win against all odds. You will laugh and cry and be moved by this tale of kindness and friendship.



Digging Up Dad
Morris Gleitzman
Puffin | PB \$16.99

Here we have a fantastically funny collection of stories. Once again Morris has given us some hilarious and delightfully silly short stories for any kid (or adult) with a love of the absurd. From retired teachers taking on Parliament House to talking speed bumps, these stories are fun, hopeful and uplifting.



The Dangerous Business of Being Trilby Moffat
Kate Temple
Lothian Children's Books
PB \$16.99

I wish all books could be narrated by a thylacine who studies law. This book is really crazy, there is a strange sleeping disease sweeping the world, there is a lot of eating cakes for breakfast, time bending and parallel universes and I really loved the clever crossword clues at the beginning of every chapter. If you love hilarious adventures with a little bit of mystery and lots of kind characters then you need some serious Trilby action!

Rose, aged 9



Dusty in the Outwilds
Rhiannon Williams
Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
HB \$22.99

In the bush behind her gran's house, Dusty and her friends discover a secret world filled with strange creatures. When they are separated, Dusty must cross the Outwilds to find her friends and bring them home. This wonderfully engaging adventure is perfect for fans of *Land of Stories* and *Nevermoor*.



The Goodbye Year
Emily Gale
Text Publishing | PB \$16.99

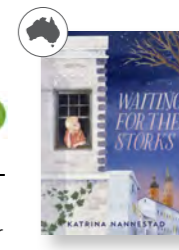
Harper is excited for her last year of primary school, but once it starts nothing goes to plan. On top of all of that, she has started to see and experience strange things. Is she being haunted by the ghost of a young soldier that attended her school in 1913? This is a deeply relatable story, with a hint of the supernatural, and a lot of heart.



A Girl Called Corpse: An Elston-Fright Tale
Reece Carter
Allen & Unwin
PB \$16.99

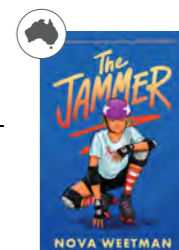
Corpse is a ghost who is on a mission to find out who she was. Read this book if you like spooky and funny stories. Simon the spider is my favourite character, and I am glad Corpse chose him as a best friend. There are witches, ghosts, sea monsters, zombie skeletons, and lots of adventure. I loved it and can't wait for more.

Lucy, aged 11



Waiting for the Storks
Katrina Nannestad
ABC Books
HB \$19.99

In Katrina Nannestad's new novel set during the Second World War we meet Zofia, a young Polish girl who is taken from her home and adopted by a wealthy German family giving her a comfortable and loving home, but in this process, she loses her Polish heritage. One day a Polish boy arrives, and her past is back to haunt her. Told with Katrina's amazingly tender style this book is powerful and heart-wrenching.



The Jammer
Nova Weetman
U.Q.P. | PB \$16.99

Roller Derby means everything to Fred, but when she loses her mum, she can't face playing anymore. However, newfound family and friends might just help her on the track to healing. This is a beautiful story about loss, family and roller derby, deftly and sensitively crafted, creating an uplifting tale full of warmth.

Junior Fiction



The Trouble with the Two-Headed Hydra, Book 2
Karen Foxlee and Freda Chu (illus)
Allen & Unwin | PB \$14.99

Miss Mary-Kate Martin might be anxious, but she's not scared of monsters especially when she is armed with her glitter pens and strawberry scented notebooks. Travelling the globe with her famous archaeologist mother, Mary-Kate helps solve legendary problems in this fun, informative, adventure series which began with the *Wrath of the Woolington Wyrms*.



Football Fever, Book 1: The Kick Off
Kristin Darell
Puffin | PB \$14.99

This is a fun new series with each book featuring two kids from the under 11 Merridale team. Written by sports journalist Kristin Darell and in collaboration with the Matildas and Socceroos, it is jam-packed full of football mischief and a few bits of awesome advice from some of the superstars of football too. Great for sports fans but also for kids who just like a great story!

CBCA Book of the Year Awards 2022



Tiger Daughter
Rebecca Lim
Allen & Unwin | PB \$16.99

WINNER Book of the Year: Older Readers



Iceberg
Claire Saxby and Jess Racklyeft (illus)
Allen & Unwin | HB \$24.99

WINNER Picture Book of the Year



A Glasshouse of Stars
Shirley Marr
Puffin | PB \$16.99

WINNER Book of the Year: Younger Readers



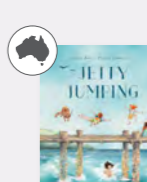
The Boy Who Tried to Shrink His Name
Sandhya Parappukkaran
Bright Light | HB \$24.99

WINNER CBCA Award for New Illustrator



Still Alive, Notes from Australia's Immigration Detention System
Ahmed Safdar
Twelve Panel Press | PB \$30.00

WINNER The Eve Pownall Award



Jetty Jumping
Andrea Rowe and Hannah Sommerville (illus)
Hardie Grant Publishing
HB \$24.99


WINNER Book of the Year: Early Childhood



Unnecessary Drama
Nina Kenwood
Text Publishing
PB \$24.99

Brooke has always been the sensible one. She prides herself on her exceptional life admin and she's got every detail organised for the start of her uni degree and re-location to Melbourne. Imagine her surprise when Jesse, her nemesis from high school, shows up as her new house mate. They both swear to follow one of the only rules in the house and keep things DRAMA FREE, but that is easier said than done. This is a funny and utterly charming story about finding love with the person you least expect and navigating life on your own for the first time.

Gift with Purchase offer
Purchase a copy of *Unnecessary Drama* from participating bookshops (www.bookpeople.org.au) and receive a free tote bag. Terms and conditions apply.




As Long as the Lemon Trees Grow
Zoulfa Katouh
Bloomsbury
PB \$16.99

Salama is trying to find a way to escape war-torn Homs, hoping and dreaming of a better future, when love and destiny find her. A love story for the ages, this book is beautiful and heart-wrenching and wonderful, a story of life and love in modern-day Syria.

A Magic Steeped in Poison
Judy I. Lin
Titan
PB \$22.99

Be swept up by this evocative and highly original tale of magic, subterfuge... and tea. To save her sister, Ning enters a competition to become the emperor's new tea-master. When a chance encounter with a mysterious boy sees her embroiled in deadly court politics, Ning must decide how far she is willing to go to survive. Intoxicating and compelling, readers aged 14 and up will love it!



Something About Alaska
J.A. Cooper
MidnightSun Publishing
PB \$19.99

I loved this book, especially the elements of folklore. The story follows 14-year-old Isaac who is visiting his dad in Alaska. When he ends up on his own in the wilderness, he realises just how dangerous the Alaskan weather can be, and how a lack of experience can be just as perilous.

Peter, aged 14

The Killing Code
Ellie Marney
Allen & Unwin
PB \$22.99

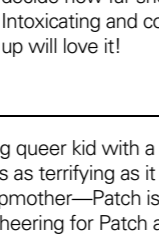
In 1943, Virginia USA, 18-year-old former maid, Kit is working as a codebreaker as the war rages in Europe. When other girls are murdered, Kit and her new friends must work together to find out who the killer is and bring them to justice. This is a fantastic thriller that looks at class, race, sexuality and empowering friendships.

Gemma, aged 16




Dancing Barefoot
Alice Boyle
Text Publishing | PB \$24.99

Patti 'Patch' Smith is a music-loving queer kid with a secret long-term crush on basketball star Evie Vanhoutte. An unexpected encounter with Evie sparks a friendship that is as terrifying as it is exciting. Add in supporting a friend who is transitioning, dealing with the school bully, and worrying about a potential stepmother—Patch is dealing with some complex feelings. Full of pop-culture references, this feminist, queer feel-good romance will have you cheering for Patch as she navigates first love.



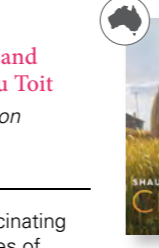
Ocean Pools
Marie-Louise McDermott and Chris Chen
Thames & Hudson
Australia
HB \$59.99

A celebration of the many and varied ocean pools built along our coastline providing saltwater sanctuaries for swimmers. You'll find everything from simple rings-of-rocks pools to seawater pools with concrete floors and marked lanes. Stunning photographs, the story behind each pool as well as practical information about opening times and access. Swimmers start planning your next road trip!



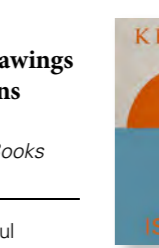
Surf Life
Gill Hutchison and Willem-Dirk du Toit
Thames & Hudson
Australia
HB \$49.99

Surf Life is a fascinating peek into the lives of some amazing women whose love of surfing is a vital and intrinsic part of their lives. These women cover the spectrum of ages and live from the far north to the far south of Australia, but they all share two things in common—a deep love of surfing and a creative spirit.



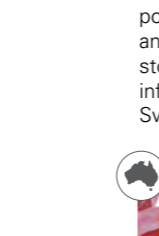
Creature: Paintings, Drawings and Reflections
Shaun Tan
Windy Hollow Books
HB \$64.99

This is a wonderful collection of Shaun Tan's work, produced over the last 25 years and all exhibiting his recurring theme of the 'Creature'. Perhaps best known for his stunning and thoughtful picture books, here he combines book illustrations with images from film, graphic novels, and sketches, interspersed with illuminating short essays. This is a stunning monograph from the master of creating the curious.



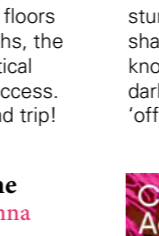
Kinfolk Islands
John Burns
Workman Publishing
HB \$65.00

Join *Kinfolk* on a journey off the beaten track, to islands big and small, in this collection of 18 new travel stories. Whether it's a tour of the otherworldly landscape of Socotra in Yemen or a hike into the old growth of a Japanese forest on Yakushima, each slow travel itinerary invites you to set sail at a pace that allows for true discovery and immersion.



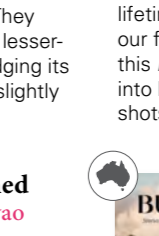
Artists at Home
Karina Pires Hanna
Thames & Hudson
Australia
HB \$59.99

A rare look inside the studios and homes of Australian creatives, *Artists at Home* offers profiles and interviews with 32 women who work across a wide range of mediums. Featuring a lavish combination of photography and artwork, this collection examines the intersection of the work and life for established and emerging artists including Rhoda Tjitayi, Lindy Lee, and Patricia Piccinini.



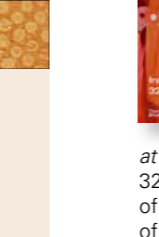
Tasmania Living
Joan-Maree Hargreaves and Marita Bullock
Thames & Hudson
Australia
HB \$70.00

Tasmanian landscape is dotted with spectacular and innovative homes. Now, their inhabitants reveal how they stumbled upon their island properties. They share their journeys to discovering rich, lesser-known Tasmanian treasures, acknowledging its dark history, and embracing an ever-so-slightly 'off the grid' lifestyle.



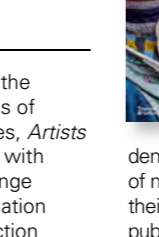
Bird Planet
Tim Laman
Thames & Hudson
Australia
HB \$80.00

Tim Laman is one of the world's most preeminent bird photographers. In this lusciously illustrated coffee table book, he collates the work of a lifetime capturing rare and remarkable images of our feathered friends. Organised geographically, this *National Geographic* photographer takes us into his archive, sharing never before published shots and stories from his 25-year career.



China Adorned
Prof. Deng Qiyao
Thames & Hudson
Australia
HB \$100.00

Drawing on three decades of research, this beautiful book documents and demystifies the customs, rituals, and mythology of more than 30 minorities in China through their clothing and accessories. Never-before-published archival photos sit alongside stunning contemporary imagery that showcases fabrics, jewellery, and the surrounding landscapes, helping readers to better understand the deep connections between people, place, ritual and adornment.



Bush Life: Beauty in the Bush Collective
Beauty in the Bush Collective
Affirm Press
HB \$49.99

Bush Life explores the vibrant world of creative living that exists beyond our city limits told through the camera lens of ten exceptional women photographers. The Beauty in the Bush collective is a team of women working and living in rural Australia. Here they share their homes, work, and play with heart-warming photography and writing.

Non-Fiction for Kids



The ME Book
Marion Deuchars
Laurence King Publishing
PB \$22.99

Kids of all ages will love this fill-in activity book that is all about them! Following the easy and engaging prompts, kids will write, draw, and colour facts and snippets about themselves. Once finished, it will make a wonderful keepsake to be revisited as the child grows older.



Off to the Market
Alice Oehr
Scribble
HB \$24.99

Prepare your shopping list and take a wander through the Sunday fresh food market! Alice Oehr's vibrant illustrations perfectly capture the lively atmosphere, introducing the community of growers and their produce. From different types of tomatoes, to herbs and their flavour profiles, this is packed with fun information, encouraging readers on the food journey.



An Atlas of Lost Kingdoms
Emily Hawkins and Lauren Mark Baldo (illus)
Wide Eyed Editions
HB \$35.00

Embark on a fantastical voyage in search of mystery and adventure by travelling through the pages of this beautifully illustrated book to lost worlds shrouded in mystery. Explore cities like Atlantis and El Dorado, read about ancient folklore and search the maps and ancient manuscripts for facts and stories that might unravel these mysteries.



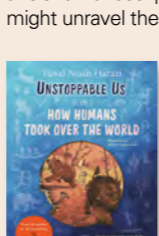
Surprising Sea Creatures
Sami Bayly
Lothian Children's Books
HB \$19.99

We all love Sami Bayly for showcasing all those unusual animals that don't get much attention and this time she takes us deep sea diving, looking for the extra scaly, super slimy creatures from under the sea. This book is extra special because Sami features as a deep-sea diver tour guide throughout the book. It is as fun and informative as her previous award-winning series... but with extra Sami, we love it!



Wonders Under the Sun
Tai Snaith
Thames & Hudson Australia
HB \$29.99


What a truly original and interesting way to classify diurnal animals! From Legless Legends to Spiky Spunks, with body-size comparisons for scale and a key to their vulnerability, this stunning animal book is sure to foster curiosity and creativity. Tai Snaith's exquisite illustrations make this an art book as much as a great reference for young naturalists.



Unstoppable Us
Yuval Noah Harari
Puffin
HB \$39.99

This is a really awesome book for other curious kids (like me) who like reading about history, science and philosophy. It has loads of maps, timelines and cool illustrations, it asks lots of questions but best of all it is full of mind blowing facts about the history of humans on earth. It is a book I like to dip in and out of and to read again and again.

Patrick, aged 11



The World of the Brontës
Amber Adams and Eleanor Taylor (Illus)
Laurence King Publishing
Boxed set \$39.99

Piece together the world of the Brontë family and spot their most famous characters as you complete this detailed 1000-piece jigsaw puzzle.




Agatha Christie Bingo
Laurence King Publishing
Boxed set \$55.00

Play bingo with the Queen of Crime—collect characters, clues, and murder weapons on your bingo card to win!



Matchmaking: The Jane Austen Memory Game
John Mullan and Barry Falls (Illus)
Laurence King Publishing
Boxed set \$35.00

Match up Jane Austen's iconic characters with their romantic partners in this charming memory game.

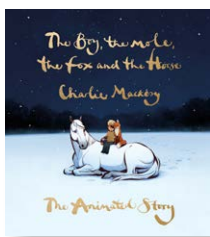


The World of Charles Dickens
Laurence King Publishing
Boxed set \$39.99

Dickens fans will—like Oliver—find themselves asking for more as they build this 1000-piece puzzle and relive the dramas hidden within.

Literary Games and Puzzles

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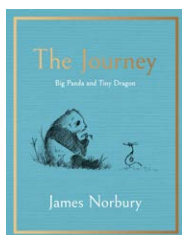
The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and The Horse

Charlie Mackesy

Ebury Press
HB \$45.00

Charlie Mackesy's worldwide bestseller

The Boy, The Mole, The Fox and the Horse is soon to be released as an animated short film and this beautiful full colour book brings together some of the most heart-warming illustrations. A story of love, friendship and hope!



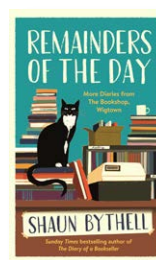
The Journey

James Norbury

Michael Joseph
HB \$35.00

Norbury melted our hearts with *Big Panda and Tiny Dragon* and now we continue on the journey with these two friends

as they navigate their way through life's obstacles together. This beautifully illustrated book full of wisdom and inspiration will make the perfect gift for anyone seeking their own path in life even if that means taking a few wrong turns.



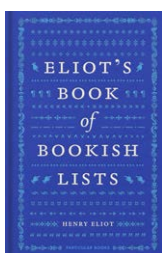
Reminders of the Day

Shaun Bythell

Profile
PB \$29.99

Bythell's latest collection of diary entries about his delightful bookstore in the tiny Scottish Wigtown

has everything that made his previous books such a joy to read—tales of books bought and sold, customers either irritating or charming, antics of the shop's cat, the Scottish weather, plus his regular reporting of each day's sales and customers, in all their minimal glory.



Eliot's Book of Bookish Lists

Henry Eliot

Particular Books
HB \$29.99

Henry Eliot—author, editor, and insatiable bookworm—has ransacked the libraries and archives of

world literature, compiling hundreds of bookish lists. This eclectic collection showcases his favourites. From the sublime to the ridiculous—and everything in between—Eliot's lists will inspire, and surprise anyone who loves reading. The essential gift for booklovers!



Brickman's Big Book of Better Builds

Ryan McNaught

Murdoch Books
Flexi \$39.99

Lego is truly that in demand gift for 8- to 80-year-olds, and in this

new guide Brickman shares in-depth skills, techniques and know-how tools so you can build your most impressive LEGO creation ever. This book will teach you how to design in 3D, and how to find and create a story from your Lego. The perfect gift for any fan!



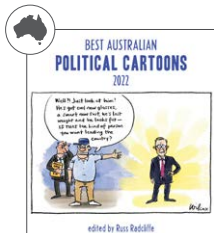
Rolling Stone: The 500 Greatest Albums of All Time

Rolling Stone

Abrams
HB \$75.00

Rolling Stone is a

world-recognised and much-loved music magazine that has been around since 1967. In 2003 they published a list of the top 500 Greatest Albums of All-Time that has been occasionally updated. This collection covers the latest top 500 after it was reevaluated in 2020. Featuring stunning covers, commentary and the renowned *Rolling Stone* photography, this coffee table book is a must-have for music lovers around the world.



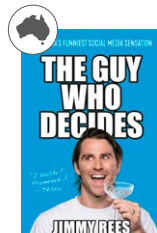
Best Australian Political Cartoons 2022

Russ Radcliffe

Scribe | PB \$35.00

While the last few years have been a nightmare for most of us, there is one community who have been richly rewarded: political satirists. From never-ending election campaigns and invisible

ministers to international turmoil and visible climate change effects, those grubby cartoonists have been rubbing their hands in glee. Russ Radcliffe has collated the comedy cream of the crop in his annual roundup.



The Guy Who Decides

Jimmy Rees

Affirm Press | TPB \$29.99

Jimmy Rees brings to print and expands upon his hilarious social media videos that sustained so many of us during the pandemic lockdowns. Little did we know that the conventions of the world required such questioning, nor that they would be so funny. Rees is a unique character, devoid of the contemporary crudeness and abuse that many adopt, and his comedy is an embrace and a tonic in our maddening world.



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