

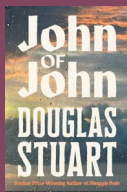
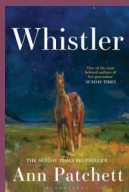
ReadingGuide

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The season's
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— Not to miss —

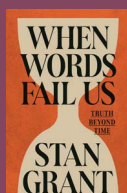
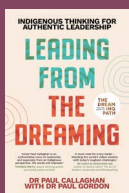
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Maggie O'Farrell, Douglas Stuart



Featured: Australian fiction highlights



Featured: Non-fiction that matters



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fabulous selections
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Unmissable new
Australian fiction
— M.L. Stedman,
A Far-flung Life

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The Book Attic

Welcome to the new edition of our Reading Guide!

The new season brings along a fabulous crop of new releases—and we've handpicked the best of the best for you. On the pages of this guide, you will find new books by bestselling and much-loved authors, and new voices to discover. There is something for everyone—from fabulous fiction to inspiring biographies and memoirs, thought-provoking non-fiction, gorgeous, illustrated editions and a superb collection of children's and young adult books—over 150 books to choose from and plenty more in-store.

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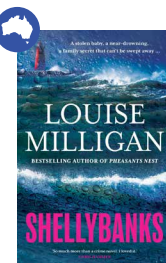
Once We Were Wildlife
Inga Simpson
Hachette Australia
TPB \$29.99

Drawing on her deep connection with nature, Inga Simpson's first collection of short stories (and a single poem) brims with humanity and awe. This tender, luminous series of interconnected tales matches scorched landscapes, wild oceans and rocky terrain with themes of love, longing and the wilderness—both within and around us.



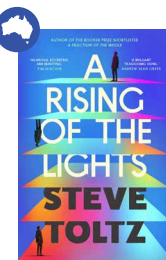
The Minstrels
Eva Hornung
Text Publishing
TPB \$34.99

Neighbouring the cliffs of a gorge they call the Minstrels, Gem and her brother Will grow up side by side on their family farm. Shrouded in local mythology, the watery chasm also harbours a memory Gem will one day hope to forget. As time passes, transformation ensues in this highly anticipated story of family, redemption, grief and the land.



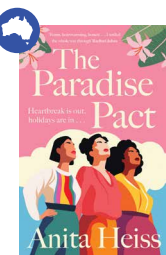
Shellybanks
Louise Milligan
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

From the bestselling author of *Pheasants Nest*, Kate Delaney returns in this novel of buried secrets and unimaginable trauma and discovers how the love of family can pull you through to a brighter future. This compelling, haunting tale of secrecy and survival charts how two women find strength in each other as they reckon with Ireland's hidden histories, and the scars that endure across generations.



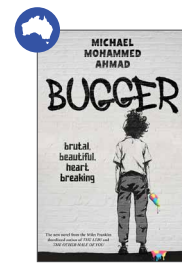
A Rising of the Lights
Steve Toltz
Penguin
TPB \$34.99

When Rusty loses his job to an AI system and his parents are kicked out of their nursing home, having to come live with him, things seem they couldn't get any worse. Filled with talking robots, elaborate get-rich-quick schemes and ridiculous neighbours, Toltz has created an absurdist, rollicking tale about destiny and (in)human nature.



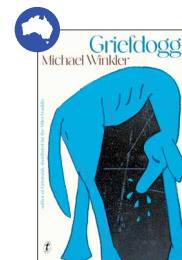
The Paradise Pact
Anita Heiss
Simon & Schuster Australia
TPB \$34.99

Before Abbey, Stevie and Caitlin head to the island paradise of Hawai'i, they make a pact: they will do nothing but indulge in mai tais and sunsets—and run a half marathon! But during their holiday Abbey meets Kaleo, a man who makes her heart race, and causes complications for their drama-free holiday.



Bugger
Michael Mohammed Ahmad
Hachette Australia
TPB \$34.99

With meticulous detail and devastating honesty, *Bugger* brings us a confronting day-in-the-life of 10-year-old Hamoodi. After being rescued by his teenage cousin Alooshi from bullies, Hamoodi discovers that violence can extend beyond the schoolyard, in places we least expect. An unfiltered portrayal of abuse, Ahmad's latest novel probes the crash collision of power, innocence, and language.



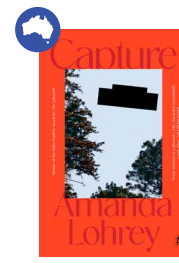
Griefdog
Michael Winkler
Text Publishing
TPB \$34.99

Jeffrey Watson-Johnson is a steady Mildura hydrologist until an inheritance and a strange encounter with his cousin tip his life off balance. He tells his wife he wants to live like the family dog, sleeping during the day and wandering the riverbanks. Then he discovers he can sense other people's hidden grief. Odd, funny and unexpectedly moving.



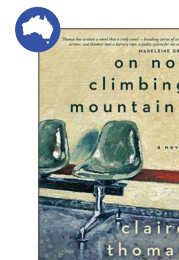
The Nocturnals
Frances Whiting
HarperCollins
TPB \$34.99

Fifteen years after their high school friendship had shattered, a group of five is called back together. From all corners of the globe, they come to reassemble their weird, glamorous and dangerous group. A lyrical, character-driven novel of love and friendship, which asks, how far would you go, to protect your old friends?



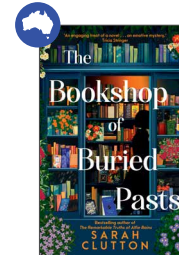
Capture
Amanda Lohrey
Text Publishing
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome
A psychiatrist in his sixties is invited to take on a new group of patients—each one claiming to have been abducted by aliens... This new novel about truth and doubt from the Miles Franklin Award-winning author of *The Labyrinth*, is a strange philosophical fable about how, why and what we believe in.



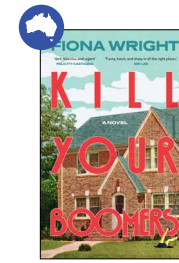
On Not Climbing Mountains
Claire Thomas
Hachette Australia
TPB \$32.99

A woman arrives in Geneva, the first stop in a train journey through the country of her father's birth. She yearns to be outside of time—untethered and alone—but she soon becomes immersed in the stories resonating around her. Amongst many others, she will find traces of Mary Shelley, Charlie Chaplin, Patricia Highsmith and Edmund Hillary.



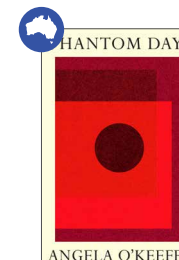
The Bookshop of Buried Pasts
Sarah Clutton
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome
Phyllida is adored and admired, and her antiquarian bookshop is a community hub. So when she is suddenly gone, leaving her granddaughter Lottie a letter requesting she 'Find Francis', friends rally to help. They uncover a fortune, a trail that leads to England, and another bookshop with eerie similarities to their own.



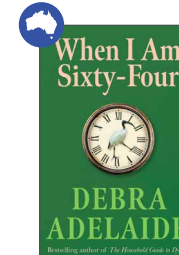
Kill Your Boomers
Fiona Wright
Ultimo Press
TPB \$34.99

Set in a mouldy share house and fuelled by envy, gin and bad ideas, 30-year-old Keira hatches an idea to ensure her out-of-reach dream of home ownership can become a reality. A darkly funny novel about housing panic, generational wealth and the quiet desperation of falling behind, *Kill Your Boomers* asks how far you'll go to own a home.



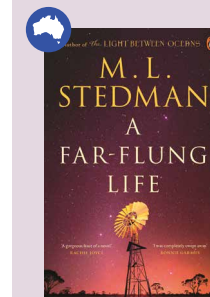
Phantom Days
Angela O'Keefe
UQP
PB \$29.99

May release, pre-orders welcome
While traveling overseas, Isabel is accompanied by a new novel that sits unread, observing. When the book is left in a taxi and Isabel's boyfriend takes it home, it begins to learn about him and his past. Soon, it begins to understand: Isabel is not safe. *Phantom Days* is a marvel—eerie, elegant and unforgettable.



When I Am Sixty-Four
Debra Adelaide
UQP
HB \$34.99

Based on Debra Adelaide's friendship with Gabrielle Carey, this is a shimmering lyrical novel capturing two writers' lives. Tender, moving and infused with a passion for words, it captures the human condition in all its complexity: the small events that transform a life; the way cherished memories can be more different than you realised; and the necessity of love.



A Far-flung Life
M.L. Stedman
Penguin
TPB \$34.99

Set against the vast landscape of Western Australia, comes a sweeping tale from the author of the award-winning bestseller *The Light Between Oceans*. The novel explores the lives of the MacBrides and the secrets they hold. On a lonely road, Phil MacBride swerves to avoid a kangaroo. In seconds, the lives of his entire family are shattered. This is an epic story of family and belonging, of compassion, forgiveness and hope.



The Angry Wives Club
Gabbie Stroud
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

Shellwater Bay, a place with a calm sea, idyllic scenery and three women quietly planning a revolution. Bonded at their gym by sweat and fury, these women swap stories about the silent bargains they've made to keep the peace in their relationships. But peace has its price and maybe a crime or two is in order.



Every Wild Soul
Katherine Johnson
HarperCollins
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome
A propulsive and evocative novel set on Tasmania's wild and remote Maria Island where the community is grappling with the tension between progress and preservation. After a storm sees a young man washed ashore, a chain of events is set in motion, ending in a mysterious death.

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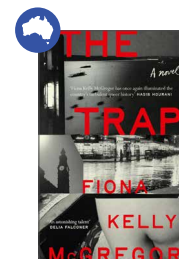
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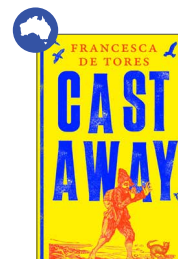
The Trap
Fiona Kelly McGregor
Picador Australia
TPB \$34.99

Fiona Kelly McGregor returns to the world of the award-winning *Iris* in this standalone companion. Set in Sydney, Kings Cross, Darlinghurst in the 1940s, where corruption and crime are aplenty, McGregor explores the difficulties and joy of living as a queer person in a post-war world where the seedy underbelly of Sydney looms large.



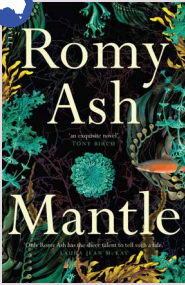
Goodbye My Love
Yumna Kassab
Ultimo Press
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome
Returning to the world of *The Lovers*, Yumna Kassab explores the complexities of relationships and how things continue to affect us, long after they are over. Amina's failed marriage should be in the rearview, but how can you move forward when the past is burned into your soul?



Cast Away
Francesca de Tores
Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB \$32.99

May release, pre-orders welcome
Abandoned by his crew in the South Pacific Ocean in 1704, Alexander Selkirk, the man who inspired *Robinson Crusoe*, is now a castaway on a deserted island. Ousted from society, left with only a goat and a cat, his story is a gripping read for those who love their soul-searching with a side of adventure.



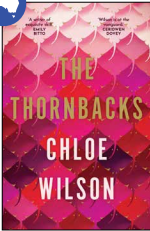
Mantle
Romy Ash
Ultimo Press
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

Ursula, a self-possessed geologist, is called back to Tasmania from London when her mother is struck with a mysterious illness. As the sickness spreads across the island and beyond, and Ursula is herself affected, she joins the community. This exquisite and haunting novel examines our fragile bond with nature, how we love and how we grapple with death and decay.



Gift with Purchase offer: Purchase a copy of *Mantle* from participating bookshops (see Stockists at www.loveyourbookshop.org.au/find-a-bookshop and select Autumn guide) and receive a free beautiful acrylic pin. *While stocks last



The Thornbacks
Chloe Wilson
Hamish Hamilton Australia
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

In *The Thornbacks*, bodies are objects of care and of violence, tools to coerce and control. Gertie and Tabitha, morticians by day, spend their nights catfishing potential partners, using a carefully constructed persona. Deliciously unsettling and chillingly funny, this debut novel delves into the worlds we would prefer to keep hidden.



Good Boy
Michelle Wright
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

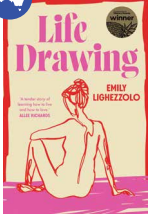
Serving the last of his sentence in a minimum-security prison, Cookie signs up for a last-chance rehabilitation program for abandoned dogs. When he is assigned Good Boy, who is almost certain to flunk the test, Cookie must decide how far he'll go to save him. Wright explores the deep, transformative bonds between dogs and their humans, and how hope can move us towards redemption.



Yeah the Boys
Holden Sheppard
Pantera Press
TPB \$34.99

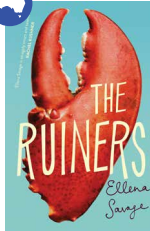
May release, pre-orders welcome

In this much-anticipated follow-up to modern gay Australian classic *Invisible Boys*, a fierce, fast-moving story of friendship and masculinity under pressure unfolds. Set across footy fields, punk bars and public backlash, it captures the mess of growing up, staying silent and risking everything to live honestly with each other.



Life Drawing
Emily Lighezzolo
UQP
TPB \$34.99

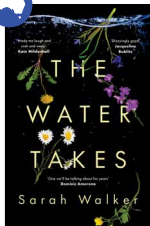
The story of Maisie and Charlie begins on a canvas. But as the lives of these two artists coalesce, so too do they discover what it means to know someone so intimately. In this exquisite debut novel, Lighezzolo paints a vivid and visceral portrait of love and lust in all its intimate contours.



The Ruiners
Ellena Savage
Summit Books
TPB \$34.99

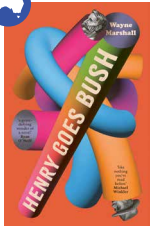
May release, pre-orders welcome

From the author of the essay collection *Blueberries*, this is a sharp restless debut novel that dives into inheritance, desire and the mess we leave behind. When a sudden windfall leads two young idealists to a fading Greek island, romance collides with environmental reckoning. Clever, uneasy and timely, it asks how to live ethically inside a broken world.



The Water Takes
Sarah Walker
Summit Books
TPB \$34.99

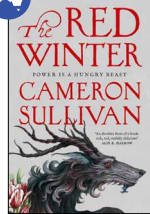
Puddles become pools, then sinkholes; the fragile connection between Pam, a stubborn septuagenarian, and Charlotte, her scared 10-year-old neighbour is tested. This dystopian, water-logged Australian thriller is full of humanity, surprises, humour and life, as Pam and Charlotte attempt to navigate and survive a catastrophically altered world.



Henry Goes Bush
Wayne Marshall
Picador Australia
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

When Henry Lawson is banished from Sydney to 'find the real bush', he expects only dust, despair and hangovers. Instead, he stumbles into a collision of myth, politics and madness. *Henry Goes Bush* reimagines Lawson's fateful 1892 exile to Bourke as a surreal, time-bending journey in which the lines between history, legend and hallucination blur.



The Red Winter
Cameron Sullivan
Tor Australia
TPB \$34.99

The Beast of Gévaudan is plunging the French countryside into rivers of red, and Professor Sebastian is being turned into a film in *A Deadly Episode*. When Hawthorne and Anthony visit the set, they find an unhappy family; but things are about to get much worse. In the middle of shooting, the actor playing Hawthorne is stabbed, which has the real Hawthorne investigating his own murder.



Sororicidal
Edwina Preston
Picador Australia
TPB \$34.99

Stella Prize-shortlisted author of *Bad Art Mother*, Edwina Preston's new novel is an absorbing look at sisterhood set in the early-20th century. Mary leaves the family home for art and adventure; Margot stays in South Australia, never truly finding herself or forgiving Mary for wrongs inflicted. A powerful exploration of the complexity of sisterhood.



Things I Cannot Say
Geraldine Mellet
HQ
TPB \$34.99

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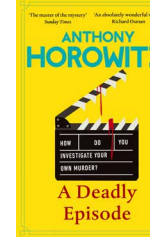
Tracey Read, a globetrotting 30-year-old engineer, has been left paralysed after a major accident and shunted into an aged care facility. Overcoming her own prejudices, finding community and independence, Tracey delves into wrongdoings happening behind closed doors. This novel is a powerful reminder of our inner strength and resilience.



Three Reasons for Revenge
Dervla McTiernan
HarperCollins
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

Alexis Turner walks into the police station to report an assault. By the end of the day, she is nowhere to be found. Soon after she disappears, three identical packages arrive at three very different doors. Inside, each gift is perfectly tailored to its recipient—and each will tear apart the life of its intended victim. The new thriller by the bestselling author of *What Happened to Nina?*



A Deadly Episode
Anthony Horowitz
Century
TPB \$34.99

The Word is Murder, the first book in the Hawthorne series, is being turned into a film in *A Deadly Episode*. When Hawthorne and Anthony visit the set, they find an unhappy family; but things are about to get much worse. In the middle of shooting, the actor playing Hawthorne is stabbed, which has the real Hawthorne investigating his own murder.



The Last Mandarin
Louise Penny and Mellissa Fung
Hodder & Stoughton
TPB \$34.99

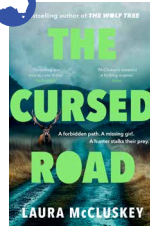
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First-generation Chinese-American food blogger Alice Li and her mother Vivien, a globally recognised human rights activist, are called to search for answers when security and fire alarms go off simultaneously around the world. An intriguing political thriller written by Louise Penny in collaboration with journalist Mellissa Fung.



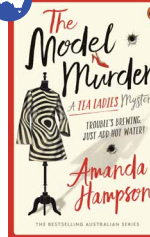
How to Kill a Guy in Ten Dates
Shailee Thompson
Atria Australia | TPB \$34.99

Attending a speed-dating event may include some awkward conversations, sleazy pick-up lines and... murder? Cinephile Jamie Prescott is faced with this very situation when the lights unexpectedly go out, and her date's throat has been slit. An intense blending of genres that will have you blinking away the horrors and unexpectedly laughing a second later.



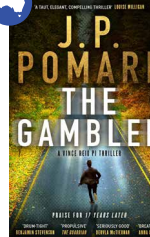
The Cursed Road
Laura McCluskey
HarperCollins
TPB \$34.99

When a young woman's body is found on a remote stretch of road, with a name carved into her arm, detectives Georgina Lennox and Richard Stewart suspect foul play and connections to a cold case. Hurling with relentless tension and underpinned by a gripping atmosphere, McCluskey's crime thriller unravels town secrets and ancient feuds.



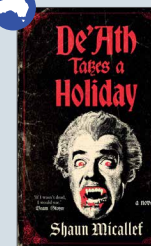
The Model Murder
Amanda Hampson
Penguin
TPB \$34.99

True to form, the latest in Amanda Hampson's popular cosy crime series is a delightful historical romp. Set in Sydney in 1968, the tea ladies are faced with drama on multiple fronts; not least the murder of a popular local man and the disappearance (and presumed guilt) of his fashion model fiancée.



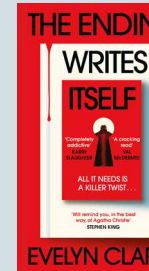
The Gambler
J.P. Pomare
Hachette Australia
TPB \$34.99

PI Vince Reid takes what looks like easy money, investigating why a respected woman opened fire at a rally. The job seems straightforward, but the deeper he digs the murkier it gets, uncovering gambling wins tangled with conspiracy theories and end of days thinking. Another twisty ride from Pomare that is hard to put down.



De'Ath Takes a Holiday
Shaun Micallef
Ultimo Press | TPB \$34.99

Shaun Micallef turns Gothic horror inside out in this gleefully irreverent romp about immortality, boredom and bad timing. Following a weary vampire across Victorian Europe, meeting the Queen, matching wits with the Elephant Man, inspiring Henry Ford, *De'Ath Takes a Holiday* skewers history and human folly with wicked intelligence, delivering dark laughs and sharp satire.



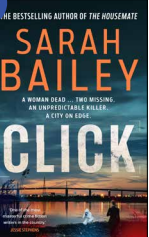
The Ending Writes Itself
Evelyn Clarke
HQ
TPB \$32.99

After the untimely death of world-famous author, Arthur Fletch, leaves his novel unfinished, six struggling authors are invited to his private Scottish island and presented with the opportunity of a lifetime: finish the book and receive a publishing deal and two million dollars. Written under the pseudonym Evelyn Clarke, V.E. Schwab and Cat Clarke have crafted a multi-faceted mystery.



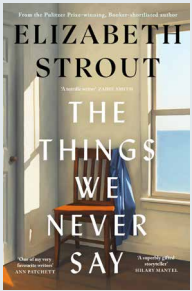
Two Islands
Ian Kemish
UQP
TPB \$34.99

Diplomat and debut author Ian Kemish has written an assured thriller. Disappearing to a tiny Scottish isle after being exposed in witness protection, Niko meets recluse, Fergus. In this tightknit island community—where the locals view newcomers with suspicion—war, trauma, and the kindness of strangers are all examined in this excellent page-turner.



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Sarah Bailey
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

A chilling Melbourne-set crime novel where murder collides with media spectacle. Sarah Bailey fans will recognise returning journalist, Oli Groves from *The Housemate*. Alongside rookie detective Penelope Kibbs, Groves explores obsession, power and the dangers of being watched. Taut and unsettling, this is modern noir with real bite and momentum.



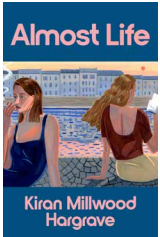
The Things We Never Say
Elizabeth Strout
Viking
HB \$35.00

May release, pre-orders welcome

Artie Dam, a high school teacher, appears engaged and content, yet privately feels disconnected from the world around him. When Artie discovers a life-altering secret, he is forced to rethink his relationships and confront the mysteries that shape our lives. With her trademark clarity and compassion, Elizabeth Strout explores how grief lingers, how friendship sustains us and how freedom emerges when long held secrets come to light.

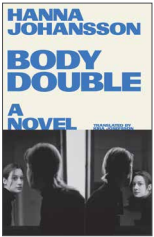


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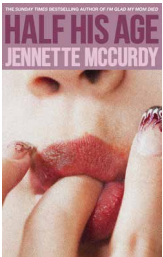
Almost Life
Kiran Millwood Hargrave
Picador
TPB \$34.99

Erica and Laure meet on the steps of the Sacré-Cœur in Paris, 1978. The spark is undeniable, but their encounter turns into far more than a summer of love. A decades-spanning tour de force about the enduring power of young love and the poignant heartbreak of missed chances.



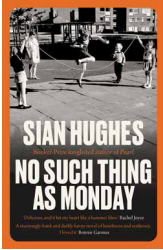
Body Double
Hanna Johansson, trans. Kira Josefsson
Scribe
PB \$29.99

On one side of the city, an accidental coat-switch pulls two women mysteriously together. On the other, a young transcriber moves through her humdrum routine, until one recording stops her in her tracks. Hanna Johansson's latest literary thriller is a tantalising enigma that swallows you whole.



Half His Age
Jennette McCurdy
4th Estate
TPB \$32.99

From the bestselling author of *I'm Glad My Mom Died*, comes McCurdy's highly anticipated debut fiction novel that will captivate you from the first line and leave you unsettled long after you've finished. Waldo endlessly wants, and what she wants most of all is her teacher. This intimate look into desire explores the complexities of a relationship built on power imbalances.



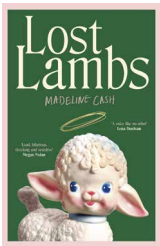
No Such Thing As Monday
Sian Hughes
Penguin
TPB \$34.99

Sian Hughes, author of Booker Prize-longlisted *Pearl*, brings us another beautifully written novel. Steffie drops in to see her dad on her lunch break, only to find him dead in his chair. Steffie and her estranged sister Caroline have both suffered at the hands of their father. We follow the tale of their trauma as Steffie makes her way to redemption in this funny, yet sad, novel.



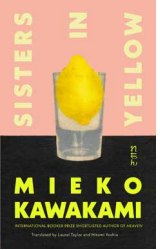
A Beautiful Loan
Mary Costello
Text Publishing
TPB \$34.99

Introverted and naive, Anna Hughes is captivated by Peter Gallagher, an older, worldly man. Her obsessive longing for him leads to marriage and eventually, a crushing betrayal. This is a piercing, profound novel, unfolding over 25 years, that explores loss of innocence, the price of love, and the cost of seeking salvation in others.



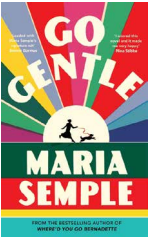
Lost Lambs
Madeline Cash
Doubleday
TPB \$34.99

A suburban family of five is unspooling at the seams, navigating a disastrous open marriage, teenage rebellion and an unexpected human trafficking/body-hacking crime conspiracy. Irreverent and addictive, ping-pong between the voices of the Flynn family and those of the panorama of characters around them, this is a novel of quick-witted observation and surprising tenderness.



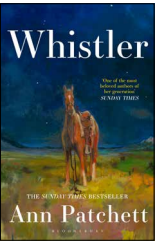
Sisters in Yellow
Mieko Kawakami, trans. Laurel Taylor and Hitomi Yoshio
Picador
TPB \$34.99

Fifteen-year-old Hana lives in a tiny apartment in Tokyo with her mother—they have no money and no security. Things change when she meets older Kimiko and they set up a bar that, despite its seedy clientele, becomes her haven. This story of enduring friendship and deep betrayal is a masterful exploration of teenage dreams and adult cruelties.



Go Gentle
Maria Semple
Orion
TPB \$34.99

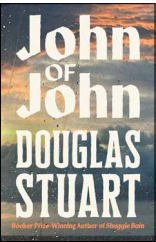
Contented divorcee Adora Hazzard cherishes her teenage daughter, the bliss of finally being solo, and the 'coven' of like-minded single women she has assembled. Secret rendezvous, international intrigue and a past she's worked hard to forget, see her life begin to unravel and she must risk everything to get it back.



Whistler
Ann Patchett
Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB \$34.99

June release, pre-orders welcome

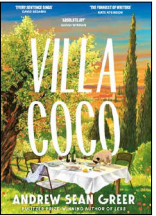
With her characteristic clarity and grace, Ann Patchett, bestselling author of *The Dutch House* and *Tom Lake*, gives us the story of a woman reunited with her one-time stepfather, decades since he and her mother had separated. When, by chance, they meet again at the Metropolitan Museum, their previous affinity rekindles in this novel about memory, human fallibility and love.



John of John
Douglas Stuart
Picador
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

From Booker Prize-winning author, Douglas Stuart, comes a raw, immersive return-to-home story set on the Isle of Harris, where faith, masculinity and longing rub painfully close. Quietly devastating and richly atmospheric, this is a novel about belonging and the cost of becoming yourself, especially when home has little room to change with you.



Villa Coco
Andrew Sean Greer
Sceptre
TPB \$34.99

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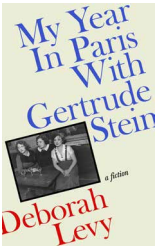
From the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Less* comes a sun-drenched, gently offbeat novel set in a decaying Tuscan villa, where acts of intimacy and friendship reshapes a drifting life. Witty, tender and quietly wise, it celebrates found family and the slow enchantment of place.



The Midnight Train
Matt Haig
Canongate
TPB \$34.99

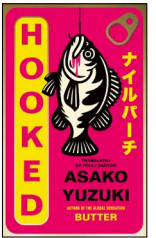
26 May release, pre-orders welcome

The author of *The Midnight Library* has crafted a novel of love, missed opportunities and second chances. As Wilbur lays dying, a train arrives that can take him back in time. Reliving the moments that mean the most, Wilbur wishes he could have lived differently.



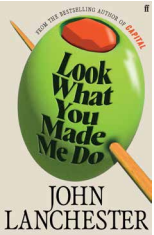
My Year in Paris with Gertrude Stein
Deborah Levy
Hamish Hamilton
HB \$42.99

Gertrude Stein—avant-garde poet, art collector, and queer icon—has captivated readers for a century. In Levy's new novel, a narrator visits Paris to explore Stein's influence, forming connections with Eva, an artist, and Fanny, a financier. As they share meals and conversations, the narrator reflects on modernity, anxiety, family, migration, and how these questions shaped both Stein's era and her own.



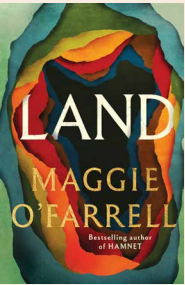
Hooked
Asako Yuzuki, trans. Polly Barton
4th Estate
TPB \$34.99

From the author of *Butter* comes an unsettling story about isolation, female friendship and womanhood in contemporary Japan. When office worker Eriko becomes fascinated with a popular blog written by a housewife, she manufactures a chance encounter with Shōko. As connection quickly spirals into obsession, the delicately balanced lives of both women begin to unravel.



Look What You Made Me Do
John Lanchester
Faber Fiction
TPB \$34.99

A smart psychological thriller skewering marriage, media and middle-class hypocrisy. When private betrayals become public entertainment, resentment curdles into obsession. Funny and deeply uncomfortable, this is a novel about who gets to tell the story, and how far revenge can go.



Land
Maggie O'Farrell
Headline
TPB \$34.99

June release, pre-orders welcome

In 1860s, Tomás and his ten year old son, Liam, are mapping a remote Atlantic peninsula in a country still scarred by Ireland's Great Hunger. Tomás hopes the maps will preserve the memory of the tragedy, but an unsettling encounter in the woods derails their work and shatters his composure. A spellbinding tale of deep-rooted history, lingering ghosts, and the truth that neither land nor the past ever truly disappears.

Gift with Purchase offer: Purchase a copy of *Land* from participating bookshops (see Stockists at www.loveyourbookshop.org.au/find-a-bookshop and select Autumn guide) and receive a free 'seeded' bookmark. *While stocks last



Son of Nobody
Yann Martel
Text Publishing
TPB \$34.99

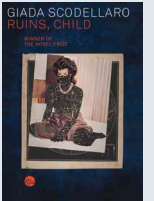
From the Man Booker Prize-winning author of *Life of Pi*, *Son of Nobody* is a dazzling feat of myth, history and domesticity, exploring how stories become facts. Moving from the plains of Troy to the halls of Oxford, Harlow Donne is the sole translator of an Ancient Greek epic that follows a goatherd's son who leaves his family to fight with the Greeks at Troy.

International Debut Fiction



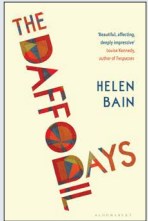
Dandelion is Dead
Rosie Storey
Borough Press
TPB \$34.99

From the depths of grief, Poppy resurfaces her sister—by pretending to be her. Seven months since Dandelion died, Poppy is on a date with Jake... as Dandelion. A complex tale which asks the question what happens when you fall in love with a lie?



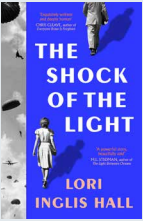
Ruins, Child
Giada Scodellaro
Giramondo Publishing
PB \$32.95

Winner of the Novel Prize, Giada Scodellaro's *Ruins, Child* centres six women who co-exist in a crumbling apartment tower, set in what may be the future. An incredible exploration of form, by fracturing the experiences and lives of the ensemble cast and bringing them back together.



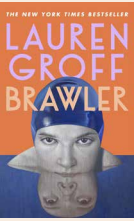
The Daffodil Days
Helen Bain
Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB \$32.99

In the early 1960s, as the people of North Tawton go about their days, a young couple with their daughter arrives, hoping to build a peaceful life in Court Green. *The Daffodil Days* captures a pivotal year in the marriage of Sylvia Plath to Ted Hughes, told through the voices of the people in the neighbourhood.



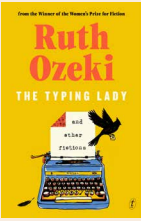
The Shock of the Light
Lori Inglis Hall
Borough Press
TPB \$34.99

A thrilling, heartbreaking debut, *The Shock of the Light* takes us across Europe during the ravages of World War II, as twins Theo and Tessa are torn apart by circumstance, secrets, and love. A deeply researched historical novel that grapples with war and its aftermath.



Brawler
Lauren Groff
Hutchinson Heinemann
TPB \$34.99

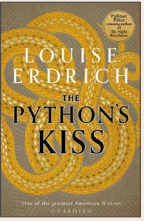
A fierce, luminous collection of nine stories that probes the fault lines between love and fear, exploring the embers of darkness within. Spanning decades and landscapes, these finely wrought tales sit with moral pressure, grief and endurance, revealing how ordinary lives are shaped by instinct, compassion and survival.



The Typing Lady: And Other Fictions
Ruth Ozeki
Text Publishing
TPB \$34.99

June release, pre-orders welcome

Women's Prize-winning Ruth Ozeki returns with a story collection about missed connections and paths not taken. In her inimitable style that blurs magical realism and metafiction, she broaches big themes with humour and compassion, exuding hope and joy.



The Python's Kiss
Louise Erdrich
Little Brown
TPB \$34.99

Louise Erdrich's new short story collection is full of richly drawn characters and intimate world building linked together by the in-between of life and death. With her signature blend of the sacred, the mundane, and the mythic, this is a great introduction to the Pulitzer Prize-winning author for new readers.



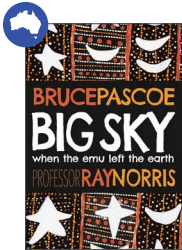
The News from Dublin
Colm Tóibín
Picador Australia
TPB \$34.99

The News from Dublin travels across a rich tapestry of love, fortitude and grief. Tóibín's mastery of language is distilled in the quiet unfolding of character's lives as they grapple with a past that haunts their narrative. A must-read for any fan, new or old.



Leading From the Dreaming
Paul Callaghan with Paul Gordon
Pantera Press
TPB \$36.99

Paul Callaghan, bestselling author of *The Dreaming Path*, shares how the key to mindset, lifelong learning and leadership excellence exists within the Indigenous knowledge systems. Drawing on his experience and cultural knowledge, Paul walks you through the 8 Rs of Leadership: responsibility, relationships, respect, recognition, reflection, results, resilience and renewal.



Big Sky: When the Emu Left the Earth
Bruce Pascoe and Ray Norris
Magabala Books
PB \$34.99

A conversation between award-winning writer Bruce Pascoe and astrophysicist Professor Ray Norris, *Big Sky* explores astronomical insights through First Nations beliefs and knowledge. In Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander culture, everything that is represented on earth is written into the sky and can provide navigation for science, ethics and law.

Australian Stories



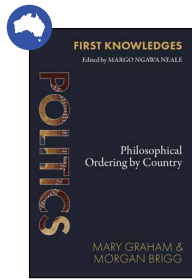
Ellen Savage and the Heroes of AHS Centaur
Grantlee Kieza
ABC Books
TPB \$35.99

In May of 1943, just three minutes after a Japanese torpedo ripped open its hull, the hospital ship Centaur was lost. The burning wreckage took away lives, hope, and perhaps much more if it weren't for the bravery of a nurse called Helen Savage. This is an unmissable story about unwavering heroism, and how one woman refused to give up in spite of it all.



For Her Love of Birds
Jane Melville
Museums Victoria
TPB \$36.99

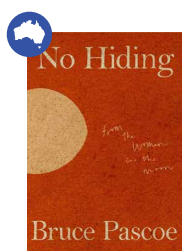
This gripping narrative non-fiction explores Jane Ward Tost's tumultuous journey to becoming Australia's leading taxidermist in the 19th century. Apprenticed to eminent naturalist, John Gould, Jane's artistic talent and technical expertise captivated museum visitors in England, Australia and around the globe. Forgotten by history, she left an indelible legacy.



First Knowledges Politics
Mary Graham and Morgan Brigg
Thames & Hudson Australia
PB \$26.99

June release, pre-orders welcome

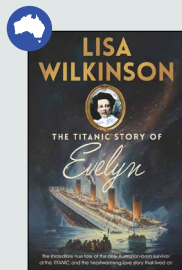
For First Nations peoples, Country is not just a place but a network of relationships where social and political systems balance individual freedom with collective responsibilities. Mary Graham and Morgan Brigg explore how First Nations cultural systems and colonial political systems—often seen as opposites—can interact and help shape a modern, resilient Australia.



No Hiding From the Woman in the Moon
Bruce Pascoe
Magabala Books
PB \$27.99

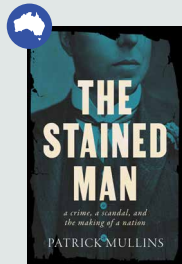
May release, pre-orders welcome

The bestselling author of *Dark Emu*, Bruce Pascoe pivots in a new direction with this stunning poetry collection. Through four sections, *The Earth, Her People, Their Loves*, and *Follies*, Pascoe explores the climate crisis, the effects on Country and interweaves universal themes such as love and heartache.



The Titanic Story of Evelyn
Lisa Wilkinson
Hachette Australia
TPB \$34.99

Exhaustively researched, this is the never-before told true tale of the only Australian-born survivor of the sinking of the *Titanic*. It is the story of a brave young Australian nurse who wanted to see the world, fell in love, then almost lost it all in one of the greatest maritime tragedies of all time.



The Stained Man
Patrick Mullins
Scribe
TPB \$39.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

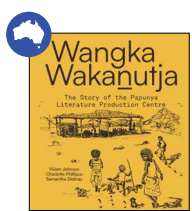
True crime with a twist, moving from sordid Sydney streets to the corridors of parliament, and spanning the critical years of Australia's history in the late-19th and early-20th centuries. *The Stained Man* tells the riveting story of Richard Meagher, a solicitor who lost his reputation and practise, and who embarked on a political career to regain it all.



The First Inventors
Billy Griffiths, Larissa Behrendt and Sean Ulm
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$36.99

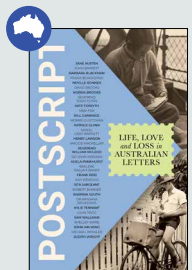
June release, pre-orders welcome

Based on the SBS and Channel 10 TV series of the same name, *The First Inventors* is an exploration into how Indigenous knowledge has shaped the Australian continent. The oldest continuous culture in the world, First Nations people have innovated, designed and collaborated on and with the idea of Country in mind, for 65,000 years. A history of Australia with Indigenous perspective at its heart.



Wangka Wakanutja
Vivien Johnson, Charlotte Phillipus and Samantha Disbray
National Library of Australia
HB \$49.99

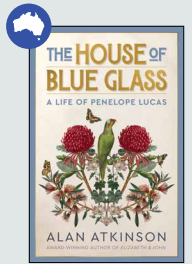
The Papunya Literature Production Centre in the 1980s produced over 300 illustrated, community created books from local stories in local language, Pintupi-Luritja. Telling the rediscovery of these and of their initial creation, *Wangka Wakanutja* sheds light on this unique body of Indigenous literature, sharing a definitive story of collective creativity and cultural pride.



Postscript
National Library of Australia
National Library of Australia
PB \$26.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

The National Library of Australia holds millions of letters—personal, political, scientific, and historical. *Postscript* showcases selected standout examples and asks contemporary Australians to respond with new letters inspired by them. Together, these original and modern letters reveal lives, ideas and emotions, highlighting the enduring power of written communication.



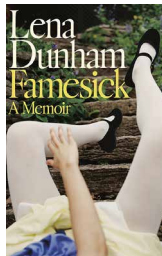
The House of Blue Glass
Alan Atkinson
NewSouth
TPB \$39.99

The House of Blue Glass explores the life of Penelope Lucas, who was Elizabeth and John Macarthur's family governess. Penelope's bookkeeping work made an important difference to the Macarthurs' success. This biography looks at the gender dynamics within the household and the life of a single woman of means in Georgian England and early colonial Sydney.



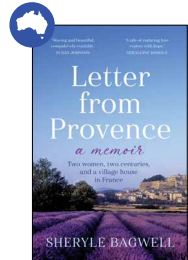
Kids, Wait Till You Hear This!
Liza Minnelli
Hodder & Stoughton
HB \$55.00

A fearless, deeply candid memoir from an icon reclaiming her own story. Daughter to director Vincente Minnelli and actress/singer Judy Garland, Minelli lived it all, from Hollywood inheritance and Studio 54 nights to love, loss and survival. This is a funny, raw and unapologetic celebration of resilience, self-belief and the hard-won freedom of living truthfully.



Famesick
Lena Dunham
4th Estate
TPB \$34.99

From American writer, director, actress, and producer, Lena Dunham's highly anticipated second memoir *Famesick* is a raw and personal dive into the shadow cast by the spotlight. Following the decade from the premiere of *Girls*, in a world she hardly recognises, Lena must reckon with who she is and what's she's experienced.



Letter from Provence
Sheryle Bagwell
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

After buying an old stone house in Provence, Australian journalist Sheryle Bagwell finds a book of letters by 17th century noblewoman Madame de Sévigné, who once lived in the nearby château. As Sheryle adapts to life in France, the letters draw her into Sévigné's world and prompt reflections on her own mother's unrealised dream of travelling to France.



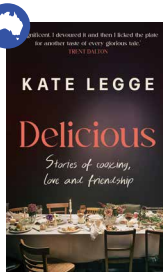
Sirens
Martin McKenzie-Murray
Black Inc
TPB \$34.99

Martin McKenzie-Murray presents intimate portraits of three frontline responders: a paramedic, a cop and a firefighter, alongside his own experiences of trauma. This is a subtle, compassionate and nuanced deep-dive into the ways we see and shape our worlds, and why some people are drawn to situations many would run from.



A Hymn to Life
Gisèle Pelicot
Bodley Head
TPB \$36.99

For the first time, Gisèle Pelicot tells her story about the sexual assault that stunned a nation and the world. Four years on from the discovery of the horrific crimes against her, Gisèle found the courage to waive her right to anonymity, declaring 'shame must change sides' and giving voice and hope to millions of abuse victims.



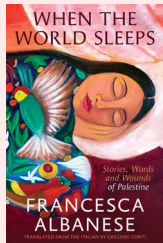
Delicious
Kate Legge
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

A warm, generous memoir about the way food binds us together. Kate Legge writes about the meals that mark a life, from first dates to family kitchens, and the women who shared their recipes and their stories. It celebrates the dishes themselves as well as the memories, friendships and handwritten recipes that carry love across years.



Back on My Feet
Olivia Ong
ABC Books
TPB \$34.99

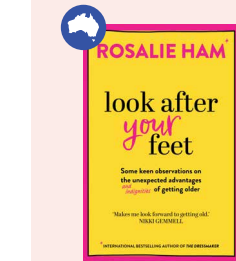
In September 2008, Olivia Ong, training as a rehabilitation registrar, was struck by a car and suffered a catastrophic spinal injury, turning her from doctor to patient. Being told she would never walk again, she felt her future slipping away. A story of resilience, intense physical therapy and determination, Olivia changed the narrative and returned to medicine.



When the World Sleeps
Francesca Albanese
Hardie Grant Books
TPB \$32.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

A collection of ten powerful stories on daily life in Palestine—what it was and what it has become. Drawing on years spent living in the region as UN Special Rapporteur, Francesca Albanese highlights the people and places that define this troubled land. With a voice that is both personal and urgent, she moves beyond headlines to show the human cost of conflict and the global failures that shaped it.



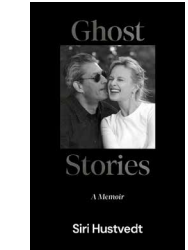
Look After Your Feet
Rosalie Ham
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

Rosalie Ham, author of the beloved *The Dressmaker*, brings her trademark wit to her first non-fiction book. *Look After Your Feet* is a hilarious look at the tragedy, horrors, lessons and joys of aging. Women of a certain age will truly love seeing themselves reflected within the pages. Not quite a memoir, not really an advice book, this is a funny look at the indignities most of us will eventually suffer.



Raven Mother
Jane Messer
NewSouth
PB \$34.99

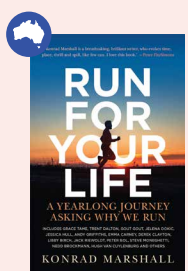
Raven Mother is a powerful memoir, essential to understanding the impacts of the Holocaust and Jewish identity in the post-World War II era. Blending personal experiences and historical information with lyrical precision, Jane Messer weaves together her Jewish family's compelling and tragic story, stretching back and forth between Berlin, Israel, Palestine, Melbourne and Sydney.



Ghost Stories
Siri Hustvedt
Sceptre
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

Ghost Stories is Siri Hustvedt's memoir of her 43 years with writer, poet and filmmaker Paul Auster, tracing their life together from 1980s New York to his death in 2024. Combining journal entries, emails, notes, early love letters, and Auster's final unfinished writing, the book is a deeply personal exploration of love, memory, grief, and the way shared lives continue to echo after loss.



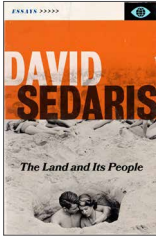
Run for Your Life
Konrad Marshall
Hardie Grant Books
TPB \$36.99

As a New Year's resolution for 2024, sportswriter and journalist Konrad Marshall decided to improve his health by running every day for a year. Over the course of that year, he ran alongside athletes and politicians, writers and scientists, to understand the benefits—physical and mental—that running can bring to our lives.



The Ruin of Magic
Kate Holden
Black Inc
TPB \$36.99

Award-winning Kate Holden has crafted a luminous essay collection that wanders through nostalgia, belonging and modern disquiet with grace and bite. In the vein of Maggie Nelson and André Aciman, Holden's thoughtful, erudite and deeply felt collection, reflects on home, beauty and the loss of magic under fluorescent life to offer solace in language, memory and the quiet power of attentive living.



The Land and Its People
David Sedaris
Abacus
TPB \$32.99

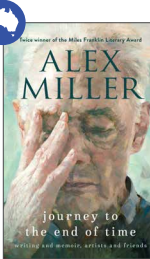
26 May release, pre-orders welcome

David Sedaris' first collection since *Happy-Go-Lucky* includes wry, tender and sharply observant essays that find humour in ageing, travel, grief and the daily absurdities of being alive. By turns laugh-out-loud and quietly moving, this is Sedaris at his most reflective, noticing small human moments with generosity, mischief and a deeply earned warmth.



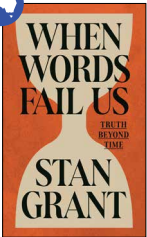
Light and Thread
Han Kang
Hamish Hamilton
HB \$29.99

Light and Thread, Han Kang's first book since winning the Nobel Prize in Literature, gathers essays, poems, photographs, and diaries to explore the connections between her inner and outer worlds. The book revisits the 'gold thread' she first imagined as a child, symbolising the bond between writer, reader, and language. A luminous reflection on creativity and connection.



Journey to the End of Time
Alex Miller
Allen & Unwin
HB \$45.00

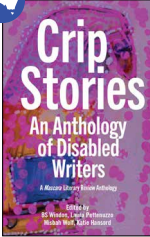
Journey to the End of Time, a companion volume to Alex Miller's *The Simplest Words* and *A Kind of Confession*, collects Miller's short stories, memoir, essays, poems and journal entries spanning decades. Opening with his father's departure for war and closing with a 2023 poem on creative solitude, the anthology reflects key moments that shaped the life and craft of the twice Miles Franklin award winner.



When Words Fail Us
Stan Grant
NewSouth
HB \$26.99

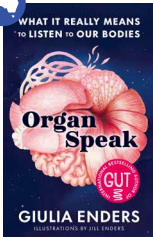
May release, pre-orders welcome

In a polarised world, esteemed journalist and thinker Stan Grant reflects on how we struggle to speak to one another, and the importance of listening, silence and philosophy. His touchstones range from Radiohead to Simone Weil to Plato, demonstrating that deeper truths can be found in stillness than in the constant chatter of modernity.



Crip Stories
Edited by BS Windon et al.
NewSouth
PB \$34.99

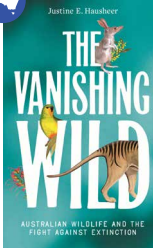
The word crip was once used to discriminate. Today, it is reclaimed and celebrated. *Crip Stories* is a gathering of vibrant and diverse experiences from disabled people. A collection of narrative non-fiction, essays and poetry, it's a first-person narrative of lived experience. This anthology seeks to challenge dominant power structures through a disability justice approach.



Organ Speak
Giulia Enders and Jill Enders (illus)
HarperCollins
TPB \$35.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

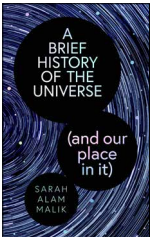
The bestselling author of *Gut* returns with a fascinating tour of the human body. In an increasingly noisy and complex world, *Organ Speak* invites us to look inward. Using new scientific research, Enders shows how our organs—from muscles to the brain—solve problems in unique ways, revealing what they can teach us about safety, healing and thriving.



The Vanishing Wild
Justine E. Hausheer
NewSouth
PB \$34.99

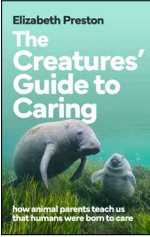
May release, pre-orders welcome

A lyrical, urgent exploration of Australia's vanishing wildlife, from award-winning science writer Justine E. Hausheer, blends field encounters with clear-eyed science and hope. Moving from alpine peaks to desert nights, it reveals what is being lost and what might yet be saved. For readers who care deeply about Country, creatures and the future we share.



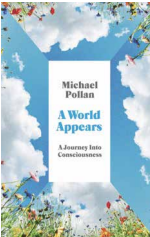
A Brief History of the Universe (and our place in it)
Sarah Alam Malik
Simon & Schuster
TPB \$36.99

Particle physicist Dr Sarah Alam Malik captures a diverse cast and curious history of deep space and the quantum. Wandering from ancient times, towards galaxies and discoveries leading to quantum mechanics and the subatomic world, humanity's desire to understand the mysterious cosmos has directed us to an incredible future.



The Creatures' Guide to Caring
Elizabeth Preston
Scribe
TPB \$36.99

In this compelling and entertaining study, science journalist Elizabeth Preston explores the biology, brain circuitry, and behaviours we share with species across the animal kingdom that care for young. Alongside animal parents that range from lonely octopuses to warfare-waging mongooses, we'll see the strategies animals use and encounter our own species in a new way.



A World Appears
Michael Pollan
Allen Lane
TPB \$39.99

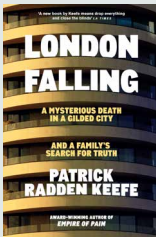
Michael Pollan, bestselling author of *How to Change Your Mind*, explores the question of consciousness itself. Approaching the concept of our subjective experience of the world from scientific, philosophical, literary, spiritual and psychedelic perspectives, Pollan discovers a world far deeper and stranger than our everyday reality.



Psychoactive Plants & Fungi
Liam Engel
Thames & Hudson Australia
HB \$49.99

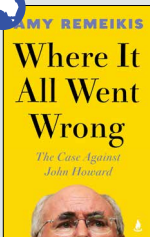
Ethnobotanist Liam Engel guides readers through humanity's long fascination with psychoactive plants and fungi in this accessible and cultural guide. Richly illustrated and globally minded, this thoughtful book blends folklore, science, and cultural history, from everyday stimulants to sacred species, exploring how altered states have shaped ritual, healing and human experience.

Non-fiction



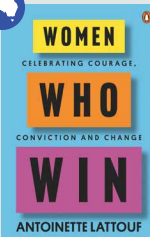
London Falling
Patrick Radden Keefe
Picador
TPB \$36.99

In 2019, a London teenager mysteriously fell to his death from a luxury apartment building on the banks of the Thames. When his grieving parents began their desperate quest to understand how their son died, they made a terrible discovery about Zac and a fantasy life posing as the son of a wealthy Russian oligarch.



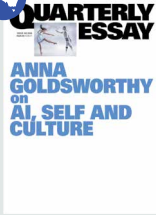
Where It All Went Wrong
Amy Remeikis
Scribner Australia
PB \$29.99

A searing and captivating analysis of John Howard's tenure. A government that bought boomer votes with franking credits and negative gearing, then sold out future generations for mining billionaires, investment properties and annual cruises. In showing us where it all went wrong, linking today's national crises to John Howard's policies, Remeikis illuminates the path to a better future.



Women Who Win
Antoinette Lattouf
Penguin
TPB \$36.99

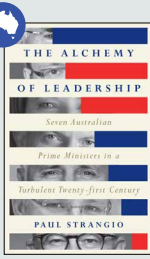
In her battle with one of Australia's largest media institutions, Antoinette Lattouf joined the ranks of women who stood up, and stood strong, in the face of power and prejudice. In this inspiring history of female defiance, Lattouf invites us to meet the women whose names we should not forget, and whose wins are wins for us all.



On AI, self and culture: QE 102
Anna Goldsworthy
Black Inc
TPB \$29.99

June release, pre-orders welcome

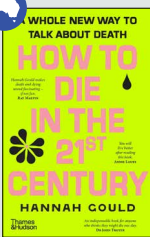
In Australia's latest edition of the trailblazing political journal *Quarterly Essay*, Anna Goldsworthy's lucid, searching essay meets AI not with panic or hype, but with human curiosity. Moving through art, culture and the self, it reflects on bodies, memory and connection, asking what remains irreducibly human as machines grow more persuasive and powerful.



The Alchemy of Leadership
Paul Strangio
Melbourne University Publishing
TPB \$39.99

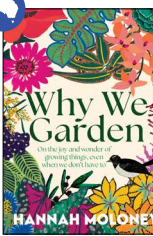
May release, pre-orders welcome

A sharp, accessible study of Australia's recent political churn, tracing how personality, populism and power collided at the top. Examining prime ministers of the past 25 years, this book asks why leadership faltered and how, amid global democratic decline, Australia's political centre ultimately proved more resilient than it seemed.



How to Die in the 21st Century
Hannah Gould
Thames & Hudson Australia
TPB \$34.99

A compassionate, practical and hopeful guide to understanding death in the modern world. Anthropologist Hannah Gould offers clear, reassuring answers to the questions many are afraid to ask—about cremation, green burials, grieving pets, and navigating delicate funeral etiquette, or simply starting conversations about death—encouraging readers to approach mortality with curiosity and courage.



Why We Garden
Hannah Moloney
Affirm Press
HB \$34.99

Hannah Moloney, ABC Gardening Australia presenter, explores the question of why we garden. Interviewing people from different walks of life, this book presents the answers she found as she spoke to ordinary people and names we all know such as Tim Winton, Bruce Pascoe, Clare Bowditch and Costa Georgiadis. A life-affirming exploration with community at its core.



Flower Power
Jac Semmler
Thames & Hudson Australia
HB \$85.00

Jac Semmler presents a new approach to creating year-round garden interest through layered, resilient plantings rich in texture and pattern. Instead of following strict rules, this method helps you develop your own creative vision. With practical guides, seasonal care tips and innovative visual tools for layout and composition, *Flower Power* shows how to build gardens that thrive and captivate in every season.



The Coastal Garden
Sorrel Everton
Phaidon Press
HB \$69.95

May release, pre-orders welcome

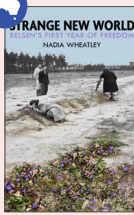
A stunning collection of 48 coastal gardens from around the world, highlighting designs that work in harmony with their seaside environments—from Mediterranean cliffs to Australia's Mornington Peninsula. Large-scale photography is paired with commentary by garden writer Sorrel Everton and an introduction by designer Nigel Dunnett.

History



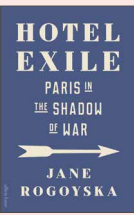
Challenging ANZAC
Edited by Mia Martin Hobbs, Carolyn Holbrook and Joan Beaumont
NewSouth | PB \$39.99

The ANZAC legend has shaped Australia's national identity for more than a century; yet many experiences of war do not fit comfortably within this. In *Challenging ANZAC*, it is revealed how episodes that challenged the ANZAC warrior mythology have been omitted or adapted to 'fit' the legend.



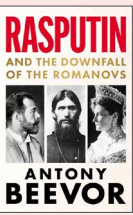
Strange New World
Nadia Wheatley
Monash University Publishing
TPB \$39.99

Strange New World is a work Nadia Wheatley wrote after visiting the Belsen Camp Hospital, where her father had been Medical Superintendent after WWII. Readers will discover the untold story of the Belsen Displaced Persons Camp survivors' first year of freedom and the alienating circumstances of the post-war world.



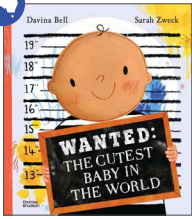
Hotel Exile
Jane Rogoyska
Allen Lane
TPB \$39.99

Hotel Exile connects the lives of three individuals who fall within very different groups as their religion, nationality and passport displace and disrupt their lives. Grounded in research, Rogoyska explores the horrors of Nazi-occupied Paris and the resilient hope of its survivors in the story of Hôtel Lutetia.



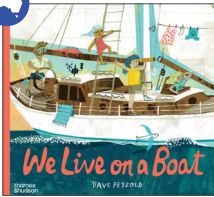
Rasputin
Antony Beevor
W&N
HB \$55.00

Rasputin was one of the strangest characters in one of the most explosive periods of Russian history. His life raises enduring questions about how individuals shape history. Beevor tells his story—and that of the ruling Romanovs over whom Rasputin held a vast sway—in the most engaging and readable way.



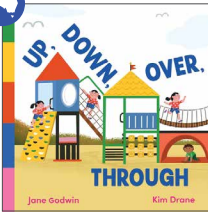
WANTED: The Cutest Baby in the World
Davina Bell and Sarah Zweck (illus)
Thames & Hudson Australia
HB \$24.99

Late one night, a detective bursts in on two worn out parents with shocking news: she's tracking the world's sneakiest super criminal—The Cutest Baby in the World. Beware! If this tiny trickster gets hold of you, your whole life will flip upside down. From bestselling author Davina Bell and award-winning illustrator Sarah Zweck comes a cheeky, giggle-filled tale!



We Live on a Boat
Dave Petzold
Thames & Hudson Australia
HB \$26.99

Follow one family's life at sea in this delightful picture book. When the open ocean is your home, you never know what wonders wait on the horizon. From CBCA shortlisted author Dave Petzold comes a bright, beautiful adventure about sailing the open sea, swimming under moonlight and discovering spectacular sights far from shore.



Up, Down, Over, Through
Jane Godwin and Kim Drane (illus)
Lothian Children's Books
HB \$24.99

Two young children meet at the playground and spend the morning climbing, swinging and exploring together. Using bouncy read-aloud text and bright illustrations, this joyful picture book introduces early spatial concepts—up, down, over and through—with play that will feel instantly familiar to preschoolers.



The Apocalypse and Other Mild Inconveniences
Alex Dyson
Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
PB \$19.99

Xavier Gency is a 12-year-old standup comedian in the making. But when Xavier discovers some bad news about his family farm, he must decide what is most important to him; jokes or fighting for what is right. This middle grade climate-fiction title has great characters, an eye-watering sense of humour and is perfect reading for 9+.



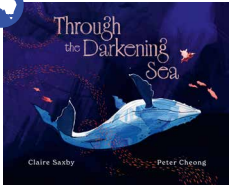
Lamington Left Behind
Andrea Innocent
Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
PB \$19.99

After a great flood destroys her home and separates her from her mother, Lamington survives alone in the bush before discovering a hidden community of animals living underground and realising she can understand them. This full-colour graphic novel follows her on a dangerous journey to recover a lost seed library, driven by hope of finding her mother.



The Wild Unknown
Emily Gale
Text Publishing
PB \$16.99

It's 2045 and the world is full of tech. Despite the progressive technology and bots, it can't help the police find a missing boy who was last seen at the river. Eddie and his friends sneak around looking for clues, when strange and unexpected things start happening. Embrace adventure in this fast-paced mystery!



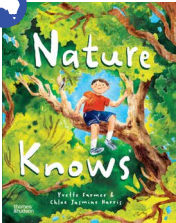
Through the Darkening Sea
Claire Saxby and Peter Cheong (illus)
HarperCollins
HB \$24.99

It is always a treat to see a new book from award-winning author Claire Saxby. With Peter Cheong's striking collage illustrations, we follow a whale fall through shifting ocean depths, meeting the remarkable creatures at every layer. A lyrical, thoughtful look at the cycle of life and the extraordinary animals that live beyond the light.



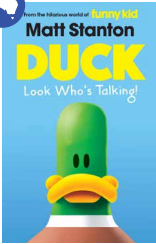
The Future Book
Mac Barnett and Shawn Harris (illus)
Simon & Schuster
HB \$27.99

This book is from the future. You might think you know what the future is like and what words and phrases we use. But lots of things are different here in the future. Have you seen the colour BLORANGE? You haven't? We invite you to turn the pages to see what else has changed.



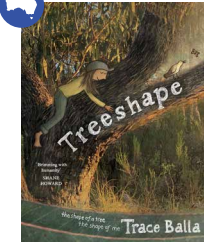
Nature Knows
Yvette Farmer and Chloe Jasmine Harris (illus)
Thames & Hudson Australia
HB \$26.99

A lyrical picture book narrative about escaping the hustle and bustle of everyday life and finding solace in nature. "Sometimes life gets busy—too busy. Mum calls it 'feeling foofy'. Dad calls it time-to-go-camping!" Journey into the wild and discover what nature knows about calming busy minds and bringing us home to ourselves.



Duck Look Who's Talking! (Duck #1)
Matt Stanton
ABC Books
PB \$16.99

Fan-favourite Duck from the *Funny Kids* series is back, this time leading Mouse and Dog in a revolt against the humans taking over their town. When a suspicious new coffee shop appears, the animals decide it's time to act. Fast, silly and packed with opinions, this is laugh-out-loud humour.



Treeshape
Trace Balla
Allen & Unwin Children
HB \$32.99

Trace Balla, award-winning author and artist brings us another glorious graphic novel for all ages. This is a memoir of family, connection to land, activism and the beauty all around us. This book is a moving, insightful and inspiring invitation for us to venture into her world. With gorgeous illustrations and beautiful words, it's one not to be missed.



Phoenix (Ride On #1)
Kimberly Brubaker Bradley
Text Publishing
PB \$17.99

After her parents' divorce, eleven-year-old Harper moves to a new town and wants nothing to do with the riding stable next door. But when a starving horse is abandoned nearby, Harper steps in to help. A moving story about the bond between Harper and Phoenix, the horse she rescues and how caring for him helps her adapt to change and open herself to new friendships.



Fearless
Kelly Canby
Fremantle Press
HB \$24.99

Bea Ware is afraid of almost everything, while her friend Annie Venture seems to breeze through life without worry. When Annie admits she is not fearless, she just fears less, Bea starts taking small steps of her own. Bright, lively illustrations add to this gentle, reassuring story about finding your own version of brave.



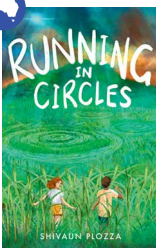
Spare Kisses
Pip Harry and Yiscah Marcatili (illus)
Lothian Children's Books
HB \$24.99

At Nan's place there are always spare things: a key in the pot plant, extra seats at the table and plenty of sweet surprises. Most special of all are Nan's spare kisses that make everything right. A gentle, comforting picture book celebrating the everyday love between grandparents and grandchildren.



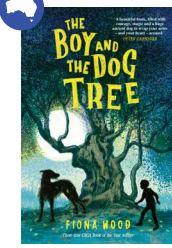
One Last Leaf
Patrick Guest and Jess Racklyeft (illus)
Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
HB \$24.99

One Last Leaf tells the soft story of the last little brown leaf on a mighty oak tree, clinging on through the winter. With a powerful message about love being all around and how to let go, this picture book is a great conversation starter for children and families dealing with big changes, separation anxiety and loss.



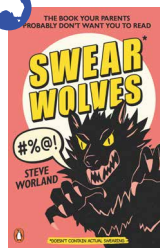
Running in Circles
Shivaun Plozza
UQP
PB \$17.99

A science-loving realist, she is horrified when her estranged mum returns, convinced aliens are to blame. As Dell sets out to expose the hoax and protect her family, she begins to question whether proving the truth will really fix what's broken.



The Boy and the Dog Tree
Fiona Wood
UQP
PB \$17.99

Mitch and his sister are staying with their gran while their parents are overseas. Struggling to fit in at school, Mitch discovers an old oak tree and one night a strange, dog-like creature emerges from the trunk. His name is Argos and he is here to help Mitch find his way. A heart-lifting tale of friendship and courage.



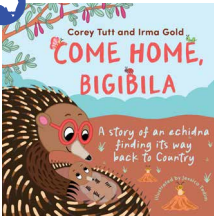
Swearwolves
Steve Worland
Penguin
PB \$14.99

All Luna wants is to secure the lead role in the school musical and become part of the cool group, but when shadowy creatures that lurk in the forest bite her, she's cursed to blurt out every swear word possible. Worland injects the perfect amount of humour (and cleverly redacted swearing) into this fun, fast-paced read.



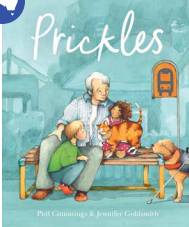
Campfire Kisses
Sheila Knaggs and Michelle Conn (illus)
Affirm Press
HB \$24.99

This nostalgic picture book calls on all the classic moments of a camping holiday in the Australian bush, from swimming, a game of cricket, marshmallows over the campfire and playing board games inside after getting caught in the rain. This rhyming story is an ode to family camping trips and will appeal to children and adults alike.



Come Home, Bigibila
Corey Tutt, Irma Gold and Jessica Tedim (illus)
Allen & Unwin Children
HB \$24.99

Bigibila has narrowly escaped the talons of Maliyan but is lost, far away from her Country. Exploring connection to family and place, with Gamilaraay words woven into the text, readers will enjoy learning more about Bigibila (echidnas). With comforting word repetition and a resonant style, *Come Home, Bigibila* is a gentle story for children of all ages.



Prickles
Phil Cummings and Jennifer Goldsmith (illus)
Scholastic Press
HB \$26.99

Beautifully illustrated, *Prickles* tells the story of the bond between a city alley cat and a working guide dog named Molly. When the world becomes blurred and darker through Prickles' eyes, Molly and her family offer sanctuary. A heart-warming story celebrating love and highlighting the importance of support and acceptance a community can provide.

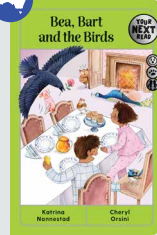
New Junior Fiction series



Your Next Read Silver: Will Fin Win?
Jane Godwin and Tom Jellet (illus)

Affirm Press | PB \$12.99 each

The first four books in the *Your Next Read* series for readers aged 5-8 are warm, engaging chapter books for emerging readers. Centred on school life, friendships and everyday worries, they're carefully paced, reassuring and fun—designed to build confidence, support independent reading and keep kids happily turning pages.



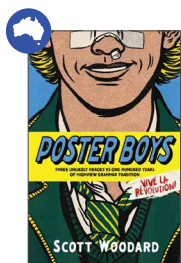
Your Next Read Silver: Bea, Bart and the Birds
Katrina Nannestad and Cheryl Orsini (illus)



Your Next Read Silver: The Lonely Lunch Club
Maddy Mara and Laura Stitzel (illus)



Your Next Read Silver: The Missing Pencil Case
Jasmin McGaughey and Jade Goodwin



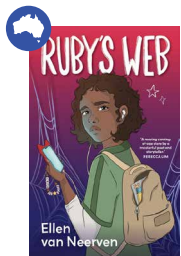
Poster Boys
Scott Woodard
Lothian Children's Books
PB \$19.99

A jock, a try-hard and a space cadet form an unlikely alliance at an elite boys' school—and decide to take on its most treasured traditions. Funny and sharp, it skewers private school culture while upending ideas of masculinity, and feels deeply relatable in its take on friendship, pressure and figuring out who you are when the rules stop making sense.



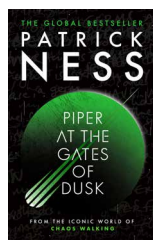
Once Upon Tomorrow
Karen Comer
Lothian Children's Books
PB \$19.99

Spanning a hundred years from the present to the future, three girls search for truth and connection amidst family dysfunction, climate change and the march of new technology. Told in verse, their interwoven experiences shape an extraordinary story about carving out your own history and the impact that has on others.



Ruby's Web
Ellen Van Neerven
Magabala Books
PB \$22.99

Starting Year 7 at a new school, Ruby is already feeling isolated when her cousin drifts away and online bullying begins to spill into real life. Set against the backdrop of the 2023 Voice referendum, Ruby faces increasing racism from her classmates and turns to writing to make sense of what is happening and decide when, and how, to speak up.



Piper at the Gates of Dusk
Patrick Ness
Walker Books
TPB \$29.99

The first in a new trilogy, set in the world of the phenomenal *Chaos* *Walking* series. Something has been spotted in the night sky. Something that's bringing back dreams of Noise, dreams of terror. Brothers Ben and Max have always had their differences, but now they will have to work together, because something is coming.



I Could Give You the Moon
Ann Liang
HQ Young Adult
PB \$19.99

Chanel Cao has built the perfect life online. Ares Yin would rather stay invisible. When they discover a hidden lakeside spot that shows them flashes of the future, everything shifts. With a missing brother, parents separating and secrets on both sides, this is romance with real stakes, sharp banter and a paranormal twist.



Don't Let Them Leave
Mike Lucas
Penguin
PB \$19.99

Mike Lucas has spun another masterfully suspenseful young adult novel. When Charlotte and her siblings are orphaned and sent to live with their grandmother on remote Black Island, Charlotte begins to question what she knows about ghosts and curses. Could they actually be real? If so, how can they be released?



Good Young Men
Gary Lonesborough
Allen & Unwin Children
PB \$22.99

Four friends who have drifted apart in high school are pulled back together after one is killed by a white policeman, igniting anger and grief in their coastal town. Told through three voices, this powerful YA novel follows the fallout of loss, broken friendships and first love, as each boy faces what it means to speak up and keep going.



Romeo v Juliet
R.A. Spratt
Puffin
PB \$16.99

Sixteen-year-old Selby would rather paint sets than step on stage, so becoming Juliet after the lead has an accident is not her idea of a good time. As she reads the play, she is swept into 16th-century Verona. A fast-paced, funny time-travel story where modern teens crash into Shakespeare's most famous tragedy.



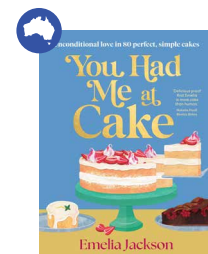
These Shattered Spires
Cassidy Ellis Salter
Bloomsbury YA
PB \$19.99

Welcome to Fourspires Castle, home to cruel arcanists, familiars and a deadly battle to crown a new ruler. Determined to be rid of their masters, four rival familiars forge an unlikely alliance to escape, but with a ticking clock and a raging battle, the deadliest enemies of all might be each other.



The Baker's Percentage
Mara Ripani
Smith Street Books
HB \$49.99

This unique guide offers a simple method to breadmaking that gives you the freedom to create any loaf—white, whole wheat, or sourdough. Mara Ripani covers all aspects from starters and leaven, to shaping and baking. Instead of traditional recipes, you'll find the essential building blocks to craft bread your way—supported by stories from Rapini's cooking school.



You Had Me at Cake
Emelia Jackson
Murdoch Books
HB \$39.99

You Had Me at Cake illustrates the limitless possibilities measuring, creaming, folding and scraping can create, with 80 stunning cake recipes found within the covers. From one-bowl wonders to six-layer cakes, you will create crowd-pleasing recipes that will become the taste of comfort and home. All recipes are flexible and adaptable, suiting bakers of any skill level.



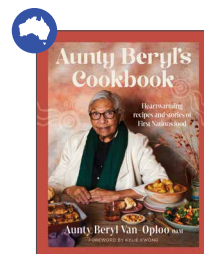
The Art of Korean Cooking
Onjium
Thames and Hudson
HB \$79.99

This stunning cookbook features 80 traditional Korean recipes developed by Onjium, a Seoul based cultural research institute and Michelin starred restaurant. Seasonal dishes range from bibimbap and seafood hot pot to azalea rice cakes and chestnut porridge. It features essays on Korea's culinary history and subsections on essential Korean drinks, condiments, teas, pickles and marmalades.



She Who Tastes, Knows
Durkhanai Ayubi
Murdoch Books
TPB \$34.99

Across time and borders, food keeps us tethered to our roots. Parwana restaurateur, Durkhanai Ayubi, certainly knows this to be true. A personal account of migrant experiences, and a unifying testament to the power of cultural connection, *She Who Tastes, Knows* re-affirms what food has always understood: that to share is to nourish.



Auntie Beryl's Cookbook
Auntie Beryl Van-Oploo
Murdoch Books
HB \$49.99

Respected Elder, Auntie Beryl shares her life's work with this beautiful cookbook featuring recipes and stories, that are made for passing down to future generations. This warm and accessible cookbook celebrates culture, community and home cooking and includes familiar weeknight favourites, pantry staples, and a directory of local business to help you introduce bush foods into your home cooking.



A Day in Penang/ A Day in Seoul
Aim Aris and Ahmad Salim/ Julian Kim
Smith Street Books
HB \$39.99 each

Two new titles in the bestselling *A Day In* series, now featuring the very best of Malaysian and South Korean cuisine. Their vibrant, playful design from award-winning book designer Murray Batten mimics the style of a guidebook. With beautiful photography and easy-to-follow recipes, this is the ultimate series for food and travel enthusiasts alike.



Beit Trad
Sarah Trad
Thames & Hudson Australia
HB \$69.99

Beit Trad explores the guesthouse in the Lebanese mountains of the same name. Following stories of how the guesthouse came to be, from Sarah Trad's childhood summers in Kfour to the food, gatherings and ritualistic visits that transformed the space into embodying the essence of Levantine hospitality. Part stories, part recipe book, opening the covers of *Beit Trad* feels like you're being given a warm Lebanese welcome, 'Ahla w sahla'.



The Cook's Companion 30th Anniversary Edition
Stephanie Alexander
Penguin
HB \$130.00

Celebrate 30 years of this iconic cookbook, with over 90 new or newly revised recipes, a fully updated introduction, ingredients, equipment and a new 'how to use this book' section. The perfect book for any foodie (aspiring or certified) and those wanting to learn how to cook—as 500,000 readers can attest!



You're Welcome!
Raymond Tan with Audrey Payne
Murdoch Books
HB \$49.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

Melbourne baker Raymond Tan (of Dua and Raya) brings a cheeky, joyful approach to celebrating life's moments, big and small. Between his Malaysian heritage and many years in Australia, these sweet and savoury recipes have a broad appeal and range from easy to exceptional. Colourful, fun and delicious, this is one for the foodies.

Children's Non-fiction



In the Kelp Forest
Patsy Cameron, Reena Balding and Belinda Casey (illus)

Magabala Books
HB \$27.99

Beneath the waves, Myerlee the giant kelp, sways with the sea, sheltering creatures and sustaining life on land and in the ocean. Lyrical text is paired with rich, flowing illustrations that follow the kelp through calm seas and storms, revealing living kelp forests and First Nations knowledge of the ocean.



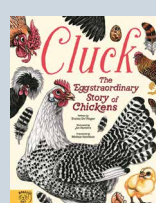
Hide and Beak
Georgia Angus
Hardie Grant Explore
PB \$24.99

For the young twitcher or potential twitcher this is a great look at Australian birds. Clear information about each bird; their habitats, the calls they make and what sets them apart, is accompanied by gorgeous illustrations. With checklists for what to take when birdwatching and even a city bird bingo game, it's a must for every family.



Once Upon an Island
Alice Albinia and Helen Cann (illus)
Magic Cat Publishing
HB \$37.99

Explore 20 remarkable islands with award-winning historian Alice Albinia and discover how their landscapes, cultures and histories have shaped the wider world. Perfect for young explorers, this beautifully illustrated book features first person stories, read aloud maps and expert guidance.



Cluck!
Evelien De Vlioger and Jan Hamstra (illus)
Magic Cat Publishing
HB \$34.99

A quirky, beautifully illustrated guide to the 'eggstraordinary' world of chickens—from their dinosaur origins to their anatomy, history and behaviour. Packed with colourful linocut illustrations, it explores chicken breeds, how they think and feel, the eggs they lay and the language of 'speaking chicken'.



Home Food
Elizabeth Hewson
Murdoch Books
PB \$45.00

Home Food offers comfort food, that you can depend on time-and-time again. Getting maximum flavours from minimal ingredients, Elizabeth Hewson has provided a structure and guide, with the option to bend recipes as needed. With recipe titles like 'A soup for exhausted people' and sections such as 'Throw-together meals', you're in a judgement free space to create delicious food.

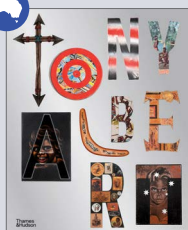
WIN A FABULOUS PRIZE!

Purchase a copy of *Home Food* from your local bookshop for your chance to win a set of 6 cookery books and a beautiful *Shallow Casserole Dutch Oven* valued at over \$750! Your Mother's Day gift sorted out! Thanks to publisher Murdoch Books.



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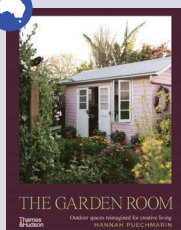




Tony Albert
Edited by Liz Nowell
 Thames & Hudson
 Australia
 HB \$100.00

Tony Albert offers a vivid portrait of an artist transforming how

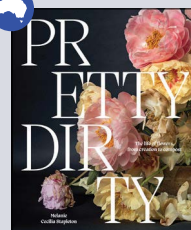
Australia sees Aboriginal identity. With wit and sharp visual insight, Albert turns objects of prejudice into powerful expressions of resistance, resilience and pride. This landmark monograph traces his groundbreaking practice and his role in reshaping conversations about truth telling and the nation's future.



The Garden Room
 Hannah Puechmarin
 Thames & Hudson
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 HB \$59.99

The Garden Room celebrates Australian garden dwellings where

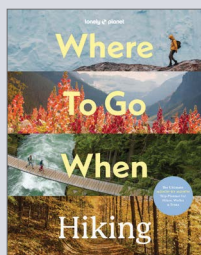
the old is reimagined: a shed becomes a florist's workshop, shearing quarters a scent studio, and a guesthouse rests on a rose farm. Each space reflects renewal, crafted with salvaged materials and always oriented toward the garden. Offering quiet refuge, these rooms provide a gentle escape from daily life.



Pretty Dirty
 Melanie Stapleton
 Hardie Grant Books
 HB \$60.00

Pretty Dirty is an ode to the life cycle of flowers; from how they're grown, to arranging them

in fresh and unique ways, to the inevitable decomposing and disposal. Richly illustrated and featuring tips, tricks and interviews with flower folk from around the world, this innovative book finds the beauty in flowers from creation to compost.

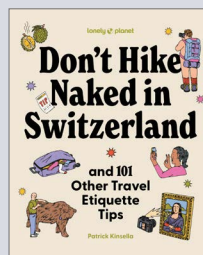


Where to Go When Hiking
 Lonely Planet
 Lonely Planet | HB \$44.99

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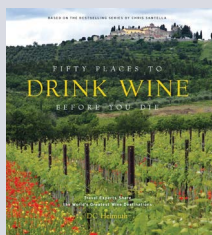
An inspiring, practical planner for walkers who dream in miles and months. Lonely Planet curates 96 standout hikes worldwide, organised by when to go. Including route maps, breathtaking nature photography and expert insights on hikes from

gentle escapes to epic treks. Blending clear guidance with wanderlust, perfect for anyone keen to explore the world on foot.



Don't Hike Naked in Switzerland
 Patrick Kinsella and Kaitlin Brito (illus)
 Lonely Planet | HB \$24.99

Patrick Kinsella serves up a witty, genuinely useful guide to travelling with grace. A hands-on insight into cultural dos and don'ts including greetings, table manners, gestures and more, illustrated with humour and warmth. Perfect for curious travellers who want to blend in, avoid awkward moments and show real respect wherever they roam.



Fifty Places to Drink Wine Before You Die
 DC Helmuth
 Abrams Books | HB \$49.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

Discover 50 of the world's most remarkable vineyards and wineries! Expert recommendations highlight iconic wine regions as well as surprising destinations, and includes local spotlights

on Barossa Valley, Margaret River and Tasmania. Featuring striking photography and travel tips, this guide invites wine lovers to explore unforgettable places to enjoy the perfect glass.

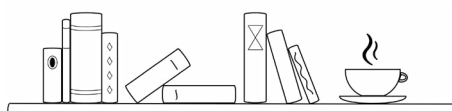


7 Days a Parisian
 Jiawa Liu
 Murdoch Books | HB \$45.00

Discover Paris with creative director Jiawa Liu as your guide. After a decade in the city, she shares seven curated day long itineraries that blend iconic sights with hidden local gems. Mix and match to build your ideal trip—whether it's your first visit or a return. You'll also find practical tips on packing, budgeting, etiquette and navigating the city.



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