

# Reading *Guide*

**Time to  
celebrate...**  
*Best books for  
the season*



*Over 200 books  
to choose from*

**New Fiction:** *Melissa Lucashenko, Trent Dalton, Charlotte Wood and more*

**Special Feature:** *First Nations stories, art, history and culture books*

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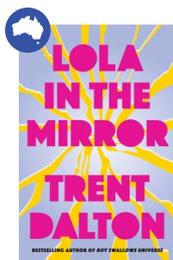
# Australian Fiction

## Welcome to the new edition of our Reading Guide!

We are excited to share with you a bumper season of new releases! New novels by some of our favourite Australian and international writers; thought-provoking non-fiction, inspiring biographies and memoirs; cooking, gardening and gorgeous illustrated editions; plus a wonderful selection of children's and YA writing—all handpicked for you by Australia's leading booksellers!

Over 200 books to choose from and plenty more to find in your local bookshop!

Happy reading and gift giving!



### Lola in the Mirror Trent Dalton

4th Estate  
TPB \$32.99

Trent Dalton's latest offering opens with a teen artist and her mother living in a van beside the Brisbane River.

They've been running from monsters for sixteen years, but the artist holds onto her dream of a successful life in the art world and of love with the mysterious boy in the brown suit. Beautiful, devastating, uplifting and affirming, Trent Dalton does it all so well. Gulp this down in one sitting and feel the power of community, friendship, love and art.

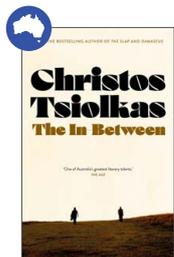


### The Conversion Amanda Lohrey

Text Publishing  
TPB \$32.99

Amanda Lohrey tells of a couple's conflicting interest in buying and converting an old church. Nick is determined

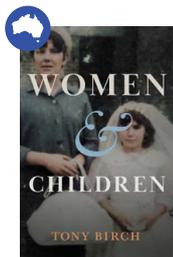
to test his ideas of space for healing but Zoe is not keen. When Nick dies, Zoe buys the church, pondering how to live in it while circling unresolved echoes from the past. Can the spaces we make restore us? How do we shape the homes we make and live in, and how do they shape us?



### The In-Between Christos Tsiolkas

Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$32.99

The celebrated author of *The Slap* and *Damascus* delivers a poignant contemporary love story. Tsiolkas captures the complexities of middle-aged men navigating the treacherous waters of romance after past scars. With heartfelt wisdom, it explores the fears and hopes that come with the possibility of love's redemption.



### Women and Children Tony Birch

UQP | HB \$34.99

Joe lives with his mum and sister in mid-60s suburbia and attends the local Catholic primary school. He

comes to learn his family's secrets when his aunt arrives distressed and needing help. Joe's family plead for assistance, but none is given. This touching novel is about the love and courage of sisters and loss of innocence.

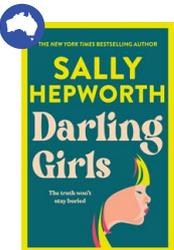


### The Idealist Nicholas Jose

Giramondo Publishing  
PB \$32.95

Set against the struggle for independence in East Timor, *The Idealist* follows the life and death of

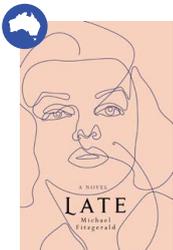
Jake, Australian defence analyst and man of conviction, whose sense of justice leads him into dangerous territory. An atmospheric political mystery, and the story of a life, a marriage and a friendship, with all their intimacies and contradictions.



### Darling Girls Sally Hepworth

Macmillan Australia  
TPB \$34.99

Jessica, Norah and Alicia have always been told how lucky they are, rescued from family tragedies and raised by a loving foster mother. But their childhood wasn't the fairytale everyone thinks it was, and when a body is discovered under their family home many years later, the question is: are the girls witnesses or prime suspects? From the dark side of foster care comes a page-turning thriller from *New York Times* bestseller Sally Hepworth.

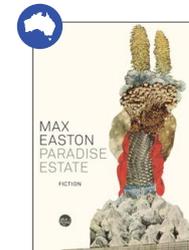


### Late Michael Fitzgerald

Transit Lounge | HB \$32.99

The story of Zelda Donk, an American actress renowned for being late, is prompted by the delivery of a typewriter and the appearance

of Daniel—a young man locked out while housesitting for Zelda's neighbour. These two form an unlikely friendship as they cross Sydney Harbour by ferry, go walking, eat together and talk about their lives. Fitzgerald teases out a narrative of past and present, and the dynamics of private and public lives.



### Paradise Estate Max Easton

Giramondo Publishing  
PB \$32.95

Newly single, Helen is faced with a hostile Sydney rental market, the tail-end of the pandemic and war boiling

over in Eastern Europe. She finds a four-bedroom house and begins to rebuild, filling the rooms with a disparate group of people, each with their own baggage, all looking for a way to belong. Over the course of a year they struggle to will something communal together in defiance of their generational ennui.

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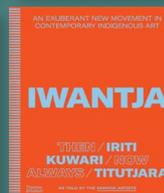
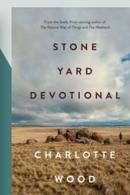
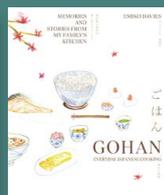
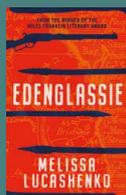
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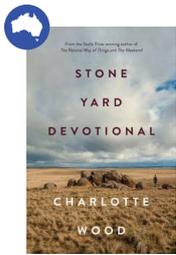
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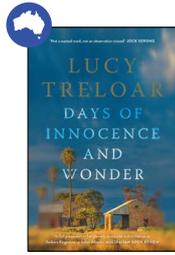




### Stone Yard Devotional

Charlotte Wood  
Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$32.99

A woman arrives at the place of her childhood and takes shelter at a religious community on the stark plains of the Monaro. She is escaping from her life in the city and seeking a simpler way of living, but the past is always there and the need to face it is ever-present. Charlotte Wood's tale of a woman's journey to discovering herself, her past, her way of living, is a meditative novel of understanding and forgiveness.



### Days of Innocence and Wonder

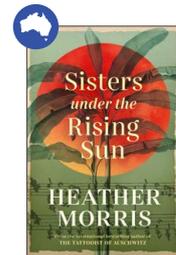
Lucy Treloar  
Picador Australia  
TPB \$34.99

Haunted by the abduction of her childhood friend, Till escapes from her memories to the town of Wirowie. Here she begins anew, concentrating on the future and slowly building a new life. But menace lurks in Wirowie too, and eventually darkness knocks at Till's door again. She must determine if she has the strength to understand and face her past, and to find a way to belong in the present.



### Edenglassie

Melissa Lucashenko  
UQP  
TPB \$32.99  
Edenglassie brings to life two extraordinary Indigenous stories set centuries apart. When Mularyin meets the beautiful Nita in Edenglassie, their saltwater people still outnumber the British. Dreaming of taking his bride home to Yugambah Country, his plans for independence collide with white justice as colonial unrest peaks. How far will the legacies of this time reach? Centuries later, fiery activist Winona meets Dr Johnny, and while sparks fly, they are not necessarily in the right direction. Goorie author and Miles Franklin Award winner Melissa Lucashenko explodes Queensland's colonial myths and reimagines an Australian future.



### Sisters Under the Rising Sun

Heather Morris  
Echo  
TPB \$32.99

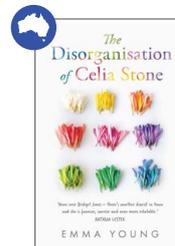
Once again, Heather Morris brilliantly weaves together the stories of real women into a narrative that is completely captivating and unputdownable. Set amidst the turmoil of World War II, this novel focuses on women held in Japanese POW camps and the formation of the 'vocal orchestra', demonstrating the profound ability music has in inspiring hope.



### Prima Facie

Suzie Miller  
Macmillan Australia  
TPB \$34.99

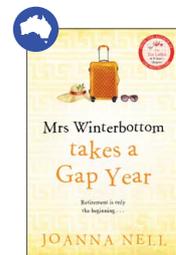
The novel adaptation of Suzie Miller's smash-hit play about Tessa, a young and ambitious barrister pursuing a career in law. From a working-class background Tessa has reached the top of a profession steeped in privilege, but her world is upended when she is sexually assaulted and faces a system she knows is not competent to listen to or protect her. An enthralling look at systemic failings from within the halls of justice.



### The Disorganisation of Celia Stone

Emma Young  
Fremantle Press  
TPB \$32.99

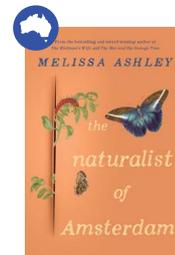
Celia Stone has her personal and professional life perfectly planned out and in her 30s she is exactly where she wants to be. Her writing career is on track, she's meeting her fitness goals and her husband is 'the one'—that is until he decides it's time to start a family and this doesn't quite work in line with Celia's timelines.



### Mrs Winterbottom Takes a Gap Year

Joanna Nell  
Hachette Australia  
TPB \$32.99

Heather and Alan Winterbottom are about to retire after 40 years of working together as GPs. Heather dreams of an exciting Greek Island adventure, while Alan contrarily dreams of cultivating his vegetable garden at home. Join them on their journey of idyllic Greek islands, Dorset garden beds, rediscovery, laughter and unexpected twists.



### The Naturalist of Amsterdam

Melissa Ashley  
Affirm Press  
HB \$39.99

A beautifully written historical novel which draws the reader on a dangerous expedition from the streets of 18th century Amsterdam to the South American jungle. Dorothea Graff joins her mother, naturalist Maria Sibylla Merian, in documenting the plant and insect life of Suriname, discovering the strength it takes to break free of family tradition and the courage needed to walk one's own path.



### The Queen's Apprenticeship

Tracy Ryan  
Transit Lounge  
PB \$32.99

In the tradition of Maggie O'Farrell, *The Queen's Apprenticeship* is the story of Marguerite de Navarre, a King's sister and one of the most powerful, privileged and widely admired women in Renaissance France and Jehane, a cast-out, itinerant child dressed as a man and going by the name of Josse, who longs to be a printer like her late father. When they cross paths, both their lives change forever.

## 2023 Award Winners



Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens  
Shankari Chandran  
Ultimo Press  
PB \$24.99/special HB \$45.00

Winner of the 2023 Miles Franklin Literary Award



The Jaguar  
Sarah Holland-Batt  
University of Queensland Press  
PB \$24.99

Winner of the 2023 Stella Prize



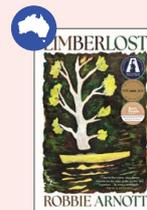
Time Shelter  
Georgi Gospodinov,  
trans. by Angela Rodel  
Weidenfeld & Nicolson  
PB \$22.99

Winner of the 2023 International Booker Prize



Demon Copperhead  
Barbara Kingsolver  
Faber Fiction  
PB \$24.99

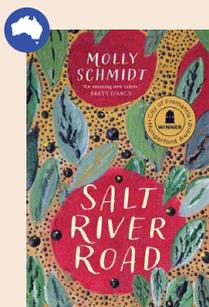
Winner of the 2023 Women's Prize for Fiction and the 2023 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction



Limberlost  
Robbie Arnott  
Text Publishing  
TPB \$32.99

Winner of the 2023 BookPeople Adult Fiction Book of the Year

# Debuts, Poetry and Short Stories



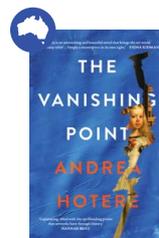
**Salt River Road**  
Molly Schmidt  
Fremantle Press  
TPB \$32.99

When Rose's mother dies her father is consumed by grief, leaving Rose and her siblings to fend for themselves. Drifting from her family and in search of escape, she meets Noongar Elders Patsy and Herbert who welcome her into their lives. This captivating debut set against the backdrop of a small town life in the '70s introduces an exciting new voice in Australian fiction.



**Gunflower**  
Laura Jean McKay  
Scribe  
PB \$29.99

The stories in *Gunflower* explode and bloom in mesmerising ways, showing the world both as it is and as it could be. McKay blurs the line between humans and animals and takes us to places where dreams subsume reality, humans embrace their animal selves and animals talk like humans. It is a remarkable collection which builds tension through surrealism and its character's acceptance of the chaos swirling about them. A speculative tour de force.



**The Vanishing Point**  
Andrea Hotere  
Ultimo Press  
TPB \$34.99

The Infanta Margarita stares out from the famous 1656 painting, *Las Meninas*, by Diego Velázquez. What is she trying to convey across the ages? Alex Johns, a young intern at the Courtauld, whose mother died mysteriously while researching the painting, is set on a quest to find the truth the artwork holds. She pieces together the mystery of the 17th century Spanish court of King Philip, but there are powerful players who will do anything to stop her bringing the truth to light.



**Strangely Enough**  
Edited by Gillian Hagenus  
MidnightSun Publishing  
PB \$24.99

A celebration of short fiction from some of Australia's most creatively ambitious minds. A group of caravanners encounter a place where time stops. A baby swims in a witch's cauldron. A statue of Jesus grows fat off fish and chips. Funny and haunting, these intensely strange tales offer the entirely unexpected and the deeply human.



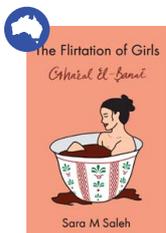
**Green Dot**  
Madeleine Gray  
Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$32.99

Hera Stephen is a disillusioned romantic clawing her way through her mid-twenties. When she meets Arthur, an older married colleague, so begins an affair that everyone, including Hera, knows is doomed. A darkly comedic and reflective debut novel that delivers a refreshing take on classic tropes and the allure of chasing something that ultimately promises nothing.



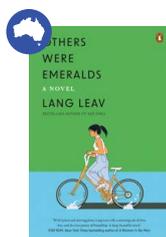
**So Close to Home**  
Mick Cummins  
Affirm Press  
TPB \$34.99

In this powerful debut and winner of the VPLA for an Unpublished Manuscript, 18-year-old Aaron is charismatic, resourceful and addicted to heroin. Desperate to fund his addiction, Aaron climbs into the car of *The Man*, a distinguished older gentleman willing to pay for a particular type of relationship. Plagued by a past he'd rather forget, Aaron struggles with finding the lifeline to begin again.



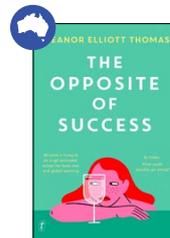
**The Flirtation of Girls**  
Sara M Saleh  
UQP  
PB \$24.99

This poetry collection from Sara M Saleh, poet and human rights activist, is an exploration of female friendships, love and self-discovery set against the experience of being an Arab-Australian Muslim distanced from her homeland. A deeply personal and politically charged work that demands to be read.



**Others Were Emeralds**  
Lang Leav  
Viking Australia  
TPB \$32.99

Internationally recognised poet Lang Leav's new novel is a stirring coming-of-age about guilt, loss, love and memory. Teenage Ai's ordinary life is far removed from the horrors once suffered by her parents fleeing war-torn Cambodia. When an act of senseless violence occurs, a trail of unresolved trauma is left behind that adult Ai is compelled to look back on and examine.



**The Opposite of Success**  
Eleanor Elliott Thomas  
Text Publishing  
TPB \$32.99

Lorrie Hope has a great partner, two beautiful kids, a steady job... and absolutely no idea what she wants from her life. Over a single day we follow Lorrie's trials and tribulations promotions, friends, ex partners it goes from bad, to well, frankly unhinged. This is a deeply funny debut about the vicissitudes of life, motherhood, friendship, work and the meaning of failure itself.

## Bestsellers and Special Editions



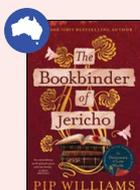
**Tom Lake, Special HB Edition**  
Ann Patchett  
Bloomsbury Publishing  
HB \$32.99



**Circe, 5th Anniv./ Song of Achilles 10th Anniv. Special Editions**  
Madeline Miller  
Bloomsbury Publishing  
HB \$39.99 each



**Lessons in Chemistry, Special HB Edition**  
Bonnie Garmus  
Doubleday  
HB \$32.99



**The Bookbinder of Jericho**  
Pip Williams  
Affirm Press  
TPB \$32.99



**Yellowface**  
Rebecca F Kuang  
The Borough Press  
TPB \$32.99



**Wifedom**  
Anna Funder  
Hamish Hamilton  
TPB \$36.99



**Go As a River, Special HB Edition**  
Shelley Read  
Doubleday  
HB \$32.99



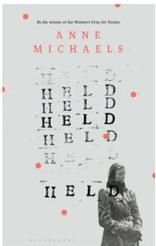
## So Late in the Day

Claire Keegan

Faber Fiction  
 HB \$19.99

Claire Keegan proves once again that she is a master of the short form with this striking new short story.

Alone in the evening, with only the television for company, Cathal's mind agitates over the significance of this seemingly ordinary day and a woman named Sabine with whom he could have spent his life. What could he have done differently? A powerful examination of misogyny, relationships, and the moments that make or break them.



## Held

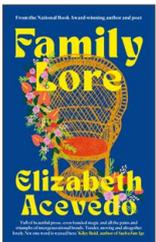
Anne Michaels

Bloomsbury Publishing  
 TPB \$29.99

December release,  
 pre-orders welcome

Spanning this century and last, the brilliant mind of Anne Michaels explores

unfolding interconnected moments across generations. A range of characters are humanely portrayed including a wounded soldier in a WWI battlefield, an ailing Marie Curie, a field medic and a war journalist. They reflect and find meaning in love, loss, commitment, connection, chance and memory.



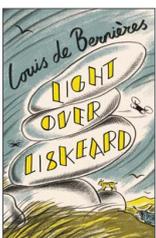
## Family Lore

Elizabeth Acevedo

Canongate  
 PB \$32.99

Flor can predict, to the day, when someone will die. One day she decides she wants a living wake, a party to bring her family and community

together to celebrate her life. Told with an unmatched and luminous voice, Elizabeth Acevedo asks: what does it take to live a good life, for yourself and those you love?



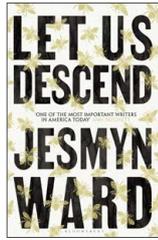
## Light Over Liskeard

Louis de Bernières

Harvill Secker  
 TPB \$34.99

Q is a quantum cryptographer in high demand in a future world reliant on cyber communication. Q knows

there is potential crisis coming for our civilisation, so he plans for survival in a ruined farmhouse in Cornwall. On his quest to build a self-sufficient life, he relearns old ways of living and reconnects with what it means to be human, finding himself flourishing among a cast of eccentrics who inhabit the moors.



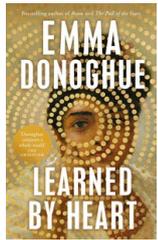
## Let Us Descend

Jesmyn Ward

Bloomsbury Publishing  
 TPB \$32.99

Our narrator, Annis, takes us on a harrowing journey through the American South in this remarkable reimagining of American slavery. Turning

inwards, Annis takes comfort from the stories of her ancestors—a world of myth, history and spirits. From the rice fields of the Carolinas, the slave markets of New Orleans to the cane plantations of Louisiana, Ward delivers a magnificent story of rebirth and reclamation.



## Learned by Heart

Emma Donoghue

Picador  
 TPB \$34.99

Set at a boarding school in York in the early 1800s, *Learned by Heart* is the story of two young girls

on the margins of life—an orphan heiress, sent from India to England at six, and a gifted troublemaker. Anne Lister would go on to be an accomplished diarist, famous the world over. But when she meets Eliza Raine, they develop a lifelong bond. Another captivating novel by the acclaimed historical fiction author, Emma Donoghue.



## The Mystery Guest

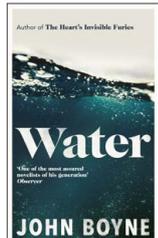
Nita Prose

HarperCollins  
 TPB \$32.99

December release,  
 pre-orders welcome

Molly the maid returns to solve another Regency Grand Hotel mystery.

Rumours and suspicion float around the hotel after a renowned and famous writer drops dead in the tearoom. Molly knew the dead guest once, and in order to solve the mystery she must delve into her own past and draw on some uncomfortable memories. For the many fans of *The Maid*.



## Water

John Boyne

Doubleday  
 HB \$29.99

Upon arriving at the island, Vanessa Carvin changes her name to Willow Hale, intent on outrunning her past and the alleged crimes of her ex-

husband. But how innocent is she really? In this reflective new novel, international bestselling author of *The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas* and *The Heart's Invisible Furies*, examines complicity, and how our inaction can define us as much as our actions do.



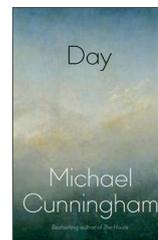
## And Then She Fell

Alicia Elliott

Atlantic Books  
 TPB \$32.99

A captivating exploration of complex issues of Indigenous identity, motherhood, mental health and family.

Elliott's poignant storytelling immerses readers in the emotional depth of its characters, asking big questions and leaving a lasting impact. With lyrical prose and keen social commentary, this genre-bending novel illustrates Alice's truly harrowing and thought-provoking journey in such a way that is impossible to put down.



## Day

Michael Cunningham

4th Estate  
 TPB \$32.99

December release,  
 pre-orders welcome

Set in Brooklyn between 2019 and 2021, troubled husband and wife, Dan

and Isabel, struggle to get along while trying to support their young children during the pandemic. Emerging from lockdown, the family attempts to reckon with a new, very different reality—with what they've learned, lost, and how they might go on.



## Baumgartner

Paul Auster

Faber Fiction  
 PB \$32.99

Paul Auster returns with a novel about aging Jewish scholar Seymour 'Sy' Baumgartner. Sy lost his wife nine years ago, and as his

memories start to fail he desperately seeks to revisit his past and savour the crucial elements of his life. Auster writes beautifully about loneliness and desire in this character study of a man who made concessions in life, but remains an optimist in spite of the ravages of time.



## The Continental Affair

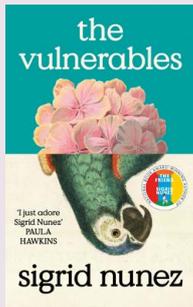
Christine Mangan

Bedford Square Publishers  
 PB \$34.99

From the author of *Tangerine*, *The Continental Affair* takes us away on a

1960s European escapade. The narrative's allure lies in its lush descriptions, evoking a glamorous era. Henri and Louise's chance encounters on a train from Belgrade to Istanbul brim with mystery, romance, and secrets. Mangan crafts a suspenseful, Christie-esque journey through a world where pasts collide, and destinies entwine.

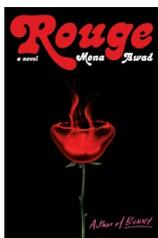
# International Fiction



## The Vulnerables

**Sigrid Nunez**  
Little Brown  
TPB \$32.99

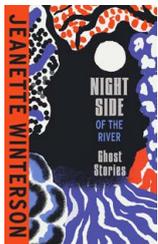
The acclaimed author of *The Friend* has written a witty commentary about the contemporary world during the pandemic and our experience of anxiety and loneliness. An older female writer—our solitary narrator—questions how we live and how we connect. By opening herself up to others, she reflects on the past, finds healing in unexpected sources, and discovers that being present can be an act of kindness.



## Rouge

**Mona Awad**  
Scribner  
TPB \$34.99

Following the death of her beautiful mother, Belle is seduced by the promise of eternal youth in this twisted fairy tale that lures us to the dark side of beauty, envy, and the love between mothers and daughters. Awad's darkly funny imaginings hold up a warped mirror to our desires for perfection, youth, and love.



## Night Side of the River

**Jeanette Winterson**  
Jonathan Cape  
TPB \$32.99

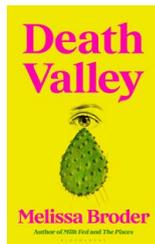
In Jeanette Winterson's hands, ghost stories are so much more than spooky. The ghosts that inhabit these tales communicate via modern technology, seek revenge, say goodbye, and tell the truth. These stories are beautifully imagined and told with wisdom, love and fear, interspersed with Winterson's own experiences of the unexplainable.



## Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop

**Hwang Bo-reum**  
Bloomsbury Publishing  
TPB \$32.99

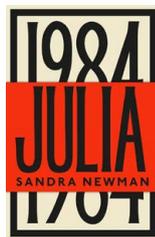
Burned out by her corporate career, Yeongju decides to abandon her old life to open a bookshop in a quaint neighbourhood of Seoul. There, her Hyunam-dong Bookshop becomes a haven for the lonely and disillusioned. This is the perfect read for anyone who loves spending time in bookshops, browsing, and reading little reviews just like this one. A book for booklovers.



## Death Valley

**Melissa Broder**  
Bloomsbury Circus  
TPB \$32.99

An author heads into the desert to finish her novel. She can't concentrate in LA as her husband has been sick for years and her father is in hospital after a terrible accident. She just needs some space to work and think. Out on a trail in the scorching heat she finds a towering cactus with a gash in its side that beckons her to enter. This is a surreal, darkly funny novel about grief that becomes a desert survival story.



## Julia

**Sandra Newman**  
Granta  
TPB \$32.99

**December release, pre-orders welcome**  
A dramatically different, feminist retelling of *1984* that stands as companion novel alongside Orwell's original. Under the rule of Big Brother, Julia is cheerfully cynical. She routinely breaks the rules but also collaborates with the regime. When she finds herself intrigued by her colleague Winston Smith, she soon realises she can no longer safely navigate her world.



## Come and Get It

**Kiley Reid**  
Bloomsbury Circus  
TPB \$32.99

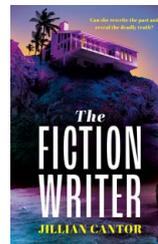
**Late January 24 release, pre-orders welcome**  
A campus novel of desire, consumption, and recklessness. When starry-eyed university student Minnie is offered an unusual opportunity by eclectic professor Agatha Paul, she jumps at the chance. What follows is a tense chain of vengeful dorm pranks and illicit intrigue, by the bestselling author of *Such a Fun Age*.



## Juja

**Nino Haratischvili,**  
*trans. by Ruth Martin*  
Scribe  
TPB \$32.99

Nino Haratischvili's debut novel, published here for the first time in English. Two women from opposite corners of the globe rediscover the suicide writings of a teenage girl in 1953. When published in the 1970s, her writing garnered a cult following and inspired copycat deaths, and our protagonists set out to dispel the mysteries and discover who the author really was.

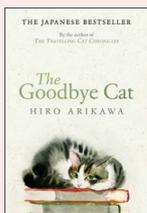


## The Fiction Writer

**Jillian Cantor**  
Simon & Schuster Australia  
TPB \$32.99

**December release, pre-orders welcome**  
Broke, newly single and struggling to write another book, Olivia Fitzgerald's writing career is plummeting, but a tantalizing offer to ghostwrite for enigmatic billionaire Ash Asherwood lures her into a web of family secrets and unexpected infatuation. This modern Gothic mystery masterfully entwines personal and professional intrigue, making for an enthralling read that keeps you guessing until the end.

## Bestselling Japanese Fiction



## The Goodbye Cat

**Hiro Arikawa**  
Doubleday  
PB \$32.99

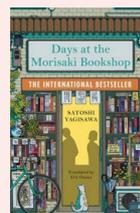
This beautifully packaged, uplifting new book from the author of *The Travelling Cat Chronicles* includes seven irresistible, heartening tales of warm, wise and sarcastic cats set in modern Japan through the changing seasons. Bursting with love and warmth, *The Goodbye Cat* exquisitely explores the cycle of life, from birth to death.



## The Premonition

**Banana Yoshimoto**  
Faber Fiction  
PB \$29.99

Now in English for the first time since its publication in 1988, *The Premonition* is the story of Yayoi, a young woman increasingly haunted by the sense that she's forgotten something important about her past. When she visits her mysterious aunt, everything Yayoi knows about her life threatens to change forever.



## Days at the Morisaki Bookshop

**Satoshi Yagisawa**  
Manilla  
PB \$24.99

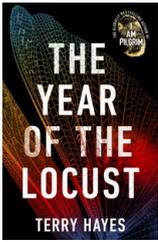
When Takako's boyfriend reveals he's marrying someone else, she reluctantly accepts her eccentric uncle's offer to live rent-free in a tiny room above the stacks of books lining the Morisaki bookshop. An international sensation about new beginnings, human connection, and the joy of encountering new worlds through reading.



## Before We Say Goodbye

**Toshikazu Kawaguchi**  
Picador  
PB \$19.99

Kawaguchi has enchanted us all with his million-copy bestselling *Before the Coffee Gets Cold*. In this hauntingly beautiful new novel, we are introduced to a new set of time-travelling visitors, but don't forget—they must return before the coffee gets cold. *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* is now available as a Special HB Edition \$34.99.

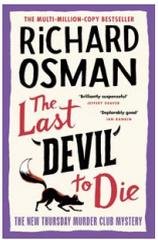


## The Year of the Locust

Terry Hayes  
Bantam Press  
TPB \$34.99

Terry Hayes delivers another gripping espionage tale following his bestselling

*I Am Pilgrim*. Hayes takes readers deep into the perilous world of CIA spy Kane and the treacherous borderlands of India and Pakistan in a heart-pounding journey through violence, vengeance, and true evil. Masterfully suspenseful, clever and brutal.

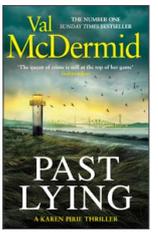


## The Last Devil to Die

Richard Osman  
Viking  
TPB \$34.99

The Thursday Murder Club are back with another devilish mystery! An old friend in

the antiques business has been killed, and a dangerous package he was protecting has gone missing. With the body count rising, the package still missing and trouble firmly on their tail, has our club's luck finally run out? The octogenarians grapple with the mystery, but also with the realities of aging in this hilarious instalment.



## Past Lying

Val McDermid  
Little Brown  
TPB \$32.99

The indomitable Karen Pirie returns in another masterfully created thriller from Val McDermid. Set in a world

of intrigue and suspense in Edinburgh, Karen delves into a recently deceased author's chilling manuscript that appears to be a blueprint for an actual crime. Edinburgh is in lockdown when this cold case goes hot, and a twisted game of betrayal and revenge plays out in this relentless addition to the series.

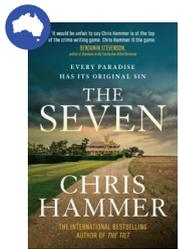


## The Raging Storm

Ann Cleeves  
Macmillan  
TPB \$34.99

Detective Matthew Venn returns in another captivating novel from Ann Cleeves' *Two Rivers* series. The isolated town

of Greystone harbours an insular religious community, wild seas, high hopes, and old grudges. This all conspires to create a thrilling murder mystery that strikes close to home for Venn and his colleagues, leading them into unexpected danger.



## The Seven

Chris Hammer  
Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$32.99

The Riverina town of Yuwonderie's seven founding families have lorded over their district for a century,

growing ever more rich and powerful. But when an accountant, one of their own, is found dead in an irrigation canal, homicide detective Ivan Lucic is sent to investigate. Could the victim be linked to another death 30 years ago and what secrets are The Seven desperate to keep hidden?

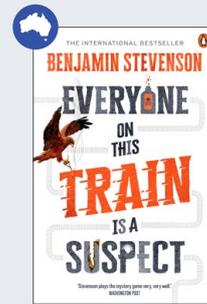


## The Wiregrass

Adrian Hyland  
Ultimo Press  
TPB \$34.99

December release, pre-orders welcome

Senior Constable Jesse Redpath has a new job in the town of Satellite. A local has died in what looks like an accident, but was the 'accident' planned? All the evidence points to Nash, a disgraced cop trying to escape his past. But Jesse's not so sure, as Nash has enemies and the close-knit community of Satellite may be covering some dark secrets. It seems no amount of rain will wash this town clean.

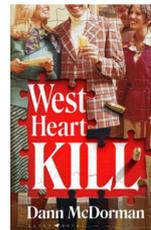


## Everyone on This Train Is a Suspect

Benjamin Stevenson  
Michael Joseph Australia  
TPB \$32.99

In the follow-up to *Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone*, the Australian Mystery

Writers Society is on board *The Ghan* delivering a writer's festival straight down the heart of Australia. Ernest Cunningham, fresh from the huge success of his first novel, is one of the guests. What could go wrong in a group of seemingly mild mystery writers, and how can you find a killer when all the suspects know how to get away with murder?



## West Heart Kill

Dann McDorman  
Raven Books  
TPB \$32.99

Set against the backdrop of a prestigious country club, *West Heart Kill* weaves a web of intriguing characters,

secrets, and a spine-chilling murder. The narrative pays homage to the classic murder mystery genre while crafting a puzzle that is refreshingly innovative. A compelling read for aficionados of the genre.



## The Search Party

Hannah Richell  
Simon & Schuster Australia  
TPB \$32.99

January release, pre-orders welcome

Five friends reunite for an idyllic glamping holiday on the rugged Cornwall coast, but tensions rise when a storm leaves them stranded and someone goes missing. Moving between a police investigation, a hospital room and the catastrophic weekend, this is a propulsive thriller about tenuous friendships and the lengths parents will go to protect their children.

## Fantasy & Sci-Fi



Sword Catcher  
Cassandra Clare  
Tor  
TPB \$34.99

In this spellbinding epic fantasy

series opener, outcasts Kel and Lin navigate a world of opulence, crime, magic, and political intrigue. Themes of forbidden love, betrayal, and uncovering truths are masterfully woven into the narrative by the bestselling author of *The Shadowhunter Chronicles* in a captivating new fantasy realm.



The Fragile Threads of Power  
V. E. Schwab  
Titan Books  
PB \$39.99

Launching a new trilogy in the *Shades of Magic* universe, this enchanting and thrilling epic fantasy introduces the next generation of magic, shadows and embers in the dark. A perfect book for fans of Samantha Shannon, Leigh Bardugo and R.F. Kuang.



Bridge  
Lauren Beukes  
Michael Joseph  
TPB \$32.99

After the shocking death of her scientist mother, Bridge stumbles

across the dreamworld, a mysterious artefact enabling parallel universe travel. Convinced her mother may still be alive, Bridge finds herself both hunter and hunted across time and space in this mind-bending speculative thriller.



Iron Flame  
Rebecca Yarros  
Little Brown  
TPB \$32.99

Welcome back to Basgiath War College for a

second year that promises to be as brutal, deadly, and with any luck, as sizzling and sexy as the first. Don't miss Rebecca Yarros's follow up to the runaway bestseller, *Fourth Wing*, perfect for fans of Leigh Bardugo, Sarah J Maas and dark academia.

# First Nations Stories, Art and Culture



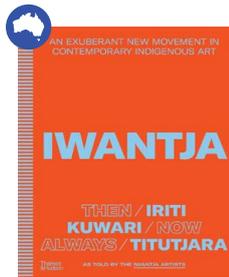
## Innovation

**Ian J McNiven & Lynette Russell**

Thames & Hudson Australia  
PB \$24.99

The latest edition in the *First Knowledges* series highlights the creativity and ability of First Nations Australians, the world's oldest innovators. Explore the practices of burial, hunting, weaponry and economics, and the resourceful ways First Nations people have dealt with everyday challenges.

**Also available:** A box set of the *First Knowledges* series, RRP \$125.00.



## Iwantja

**As told by Iwantja Artists**

Thames & Hudson Australia  
HB \$79.99

This exciting new book explores the stories and work from

the Iwantja Arts Centre, featuring artists including Alec Baker, Vincent Namatjira, Betty Muffler, Kaylene Whiskey and more. Celebrating an exuberant new movement in contemporary Indigenous art, this book heralds a new wave of Indigenous art publishing in Australia.



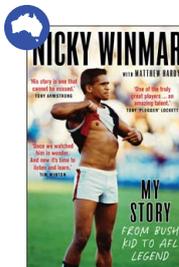
## Vincent Namatjira

**Vincent Namatjira**

Thames & Hudson Australia  
HB \$90.00

This monograph of Vincent Namatjira's work boasts essays from artists and gallerists and the artist's own

contextualisation of his work. An observer of the absurdities of life, Namatjira's work is a piercing and often humorous critique of power structures. He also embraces pop culture, and this playfulness is an important aspect of his worldview that art has the power to change lives. A must for art lovers.



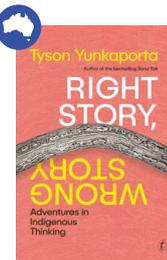
## Nicky Winmar

**Nicky Winmar**

Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$34.99

*Nicky Winmar* is the inspiring journey of an Indigenous AFL legend. His memoir is written 30 years after he created one of the most memorable

moments in sporting history. Starting from his iconic on-field stand against racism to his rise to stardom, Winmar's story is a testament to resilience and triumph.



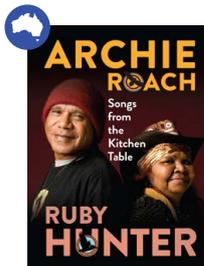
## Right Story, Wrong Story

**Tyson Yunkaporta**

Text Publishing  
TPB \$35.00

Tyson Yunkaporta continues his investigation into Indigenous methods of

inquiry with a focus on story. He ranges widely, from economists to ecologists, woodcarvers to mathematicians, to honour contributions to story regardless of how contradictory they might be. Our relationship to land is everything, and Yunkaporta invites us to consider how story can help us better align with land and creation.



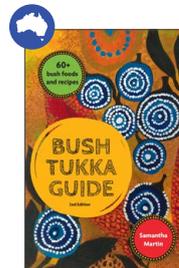
## Songs from the Kitchen Table

**Archie Roach and Ruby Hunter**

Simon & Schuster Australia  
HB \$59.99

*Songs from the Kitchen Table* is a tribute to the power of Archie's voice

and to his inspiring career with his life partner and musical collaborator, Ruby Hunter. This beautifully illustrated volume contains the lyrics to over 100 of their songs, accompanied by stories about their composition, rare photos and tributes from fans and fellow musicians.



## Bush Tukka Guide 2nd edition

**Samantha Martin**

Hardie Grant Explore  
PB \$26.99

Featuring over 20 new bush foods and a new design, this bestselling field guide is a richly illustrated manual

exploring Indigenous foods, from unique plants to native animals and their geographic origins. Samantha Martin investigates an exciting world of flavours new to many but long familiar to Australia's First Nations peoples.

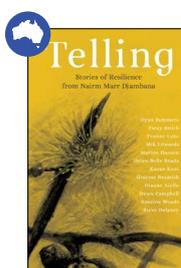


## Returning

**Kirli Saunders**

Magabala Books  
PB \$29.99

A poetic and visual feast accompanying Kirli Saunders' journey of rediscovering self, Country and Connection. Kirli's heartfelt experiences address large contemporary themes of decolonisation, self-determination, identity, First Nations matriarchy, queerness, justice, love, liberation, and truth-telling. Each poem is accompanied by evocative and poignant artwork created in response to its poem and vitalises its meaning.



## Telling: Stories of Resilience

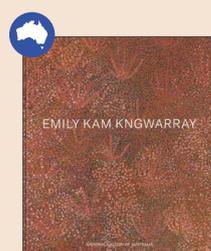
**Edited by Sina Summers, Nairn Marr Djambana**

Aboriginal Corporation  
Magabala Books  
TPB \$27.99

The 12 short stories in *Telling* are grounded in First

Nations storytelling traditions and reveal the diverse and complex nature of life in the wake of colonialisation. Each Elder's story reflects on intergenerational trauma, the Stolen Generation, reconnection and resistance, demonstrating their deeply felt Black pride and celebrating their stories of survival.

## Win a set of books from the National Gallery of Australia



## Emily Kam Kngwarray

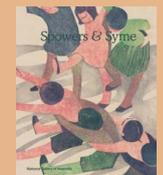
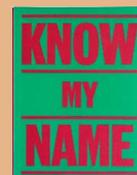
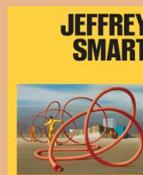
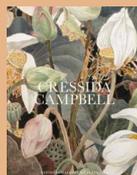
**Edited by Kelli Cole, Hetti Perkins and Jennifer Green**

NGA Publishing | HB \$89.95

December release, pre-orders welcome

Published to accompany the National Gallery of Australia's major exhibition, *Emily Kam Kngwarray* celebrates the

timeless art of the pre-eminent Australian artist and one of the world's most significant contemporary painters to emerge in the 20th century. This seminal publication contains more than 80 full colour reproductions and archival images to give a comprehensive survey of the artist's life and art.



Purchase a copy of *Emily Kam Kngwarray* for your chance to WIN a gift pack of illustrated books published by the National Gallery of Australia, valued at over \$360

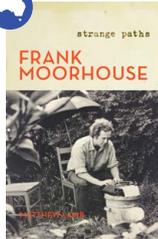
For details go to the competition page at [www.bookpeople.org.au/competitions](http://www.bookpeople.org.au/competitions)

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**Unfinished Woman**  
Robyn Davidson  
Bloomsbury Publishing  
TPB \$34.99

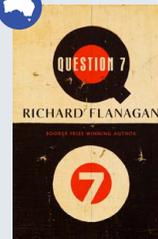
From traveling across 2700km of desert in Australia, recounted in her '80s bestseller *Tracks*, to the London literary scene, to migrating with Tibetan nomads and living in an Indian palace, Davidson's great curiosity about the world has always propelled her on to her next adventure. This compelling, unforgettable memoir is an investigation of time and memory, revealing that the past is always a new place to explore.



**Frank Moorhouse: Strange Paths**  
Matthew Lamb  
Knopf Australia  
HB \$45.00

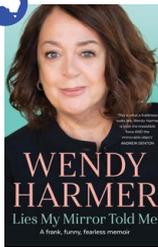
**December release, pre-orders welcome**

The first in a projected two volumes, this is a comprehensive study of one of Australia's finest writers. Matthew Lamb has immersed himself in the archives of Moorhouse's life and brings us both the cultural history of the times and a portrait of a public intellectual's largely unexamined private life.



**Question 7**  
Richard Flanagan  
Knopf Australia  
HB \$35.00

From nuclear physics and the atom bomb dropped on Hiroshima to the existential threat of a roaring river, Richard Flanagan weaves together a series of stories that mimic the interconnectedness of lives and histories. From H. G. Wells' affair with Rebecca West to his own father's experience as a slave labourer near Hiroshima, Flanagan explores the ways in which our lives are assembled from narratives past, present, and future.



**Lies My Mirror Told Me**  
Wendy Harmer  
Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$34.99

Wendy Harmer has been in the public eye for over four decades, from political journalism to standup comedy, to radio; *Lies My Mirror Told Me* leads us through her unlikely success story. Told with her trademark in-your-face frankness and undeniable wit, this is an Aussie memoir that is both moving, and hilarious.



**Finding My Bella Vita**  
Pia Miranda  
Hachette Australia  
TPB \$34.99

From *Looking for Alibrandi* fame, Pia Miranda reflects on her life as an Italian Australian in this charming

memoir. After failing to achieve her dream of becoming a ballet dancer, Pia became an actor and an instant household name. Then came the challenges of everyday life. Told with warmth and honesty, Pia reminds us of the importance of love and family.



**I'm Liz Hayes**  
Liz Hayes  
HarperCollins Australia  
HB \$49.99

Liz Hayes' long-awaited memoir takes us behind the cameras and back to how Beth Ryan, the dairy farmer's daughter, grew up to become seasoned journalist Liz Hayes. Synonymous with her iconic *60 Minutes* television introduction, *I'm Liz Hayes* is a warm and authentic memoir about what's possible and what it can cost you when you choose a life of adventure.



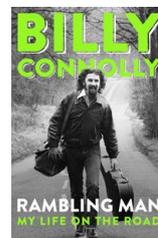
**Be Useful**  
Walter Isaacson  
Simon & Schuster Australia  
HB \$59.99

The richest man on earth launched 31 rockets into space and sold a million electric cars in 2022, achievements that not long ago would have seemed too far-fetched for science fiction. Elon Musk's life springs from a harrowing past of schoolyard bullying and fatherly abuse. His work ethic is as legendary as his unpredictability, and Walter Isaacson reveals the demons that drive this eccentric billionaire.



**Be Useful**  
Arnold Schwarzenegger  
Ebury Edge  
TPB \$36.99

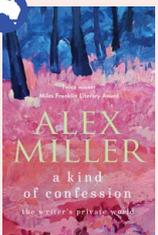
With clarity and passion, Arnold Schwarzenegger distils seven transformative lessons for a purpose-driven existence. A fusion of personal anecdotes, triumphs, and setbacks, the book's candid narrative resonates deeply. Like *Atomic Habits* and Wim Hof in its motivational approach, this guide is a compelling roadmap to self-realisation and resilience.



**Rambling Man**  
Billy Connolly  
John Murray  
HB \$49.99

Join Billy's escapades as he embarks on a lifelong pursuit of his wanderlust. From strumming his banjo atop famous monuments to dancing barefoot in the midst of nature's elements, Billy's anecdotes reflect his boundless spirit. With a perfect balance of humour and heart, *Rambling Man* celebrates the liberating essence of embracing the world with open arms.

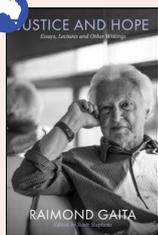
## Collected Writings



**A Kind of Confession**  
Alex Miller  
Allen & Unwin  
HB \$39.99

**December release, pre-orders welcome**

Selected and arranged by Stephanie Miller, this is a behind-the-scenes exploration of the twice Miles Franklin-winner's six decades of writing life. Miller's notebooks, letters, commentary and poetry reveal his struggles and determination to become a published writer, his methods of creative thought and the sources of his inspiration. A perfect gift for all Alex Miller fans and aspiring writers.



**Justice and Hope**  
Raimond Gaita and Scott Stephens  
Melbourne University Press  
HB \$65.00

This collection of writings from one of our finest intellectuals is a welcome antidote to the impermanence and superficiality of so much of modern communication. Engaging with the issues of our time, Gaita laments the decline of universities and the lack of justice for our Indigenous peoples. He reflects on the Covid-19 realisation of our innate need for physical contact with people and is clear-eyed, moralistic, and deeply human to the end.



**A Memoir of My Former Self**  
Hilary Mantel  
John Murray  
TPB \$34.99

The final book from the bestselling author of the Wolf Hall Trilogy. As well as her celebrated career as a novelist, Hilary Mantel long contributed to newspapers and journals. *A Memoir of My Former Self* brings together the finest of this writing over four decades. Compelling, often very funny, always luminous, this collection is an essential reading from one of the greatest writers.



## My Name is Barbra Barbra Streisand

Century  
HB \$75.00

For the first time, Barbra Streisand tells her own story about her life and extraordinary career, from growing up in Brooklyn to her first star-making appearances in New York nightclubs to her breakout performance in *Funny Girl*. This is a memoir like Barbra herself: frank, funny, opinionated, and charming.



## Making It So Patrick Stewart

Gallery Books Australia  
HB \$55.00

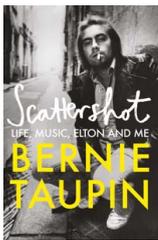
With enthralling storytelling in his definitively unique voice, Sir Patrick Stewart's memoir mirrors his enduring charm and wit. A glimpse behind the scenes of his incredible life; spanning his humble origins in Yorkshire, his passion for theatre and stage performance, to global stardom as the much-beloved *Star Trek* and *X-Men* roles of Captain Picard and Professor X.



## Shakespeare Dame Judi Dench

Michael Joseph  
TPB \$36.99

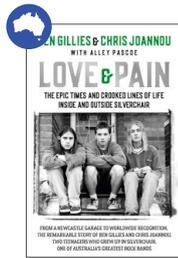
This is a heartwarming and personal collection of conversations with the beloved actor Dame Judi Dench. Find joy, humour, secrets and entertainment on every page as Dench recounts her career, both on stage and set, of what it has been like to bring William Shakespeare's work alive and to the world.



## Scattershot Bernie Taupin

Octopus  
TPB \$34.99

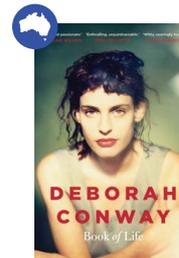
Bernie Taupin, as Elton John's lyricist, conceived the ideas that spawned countless hits and sold millions upon millions of records. A famously private person, Taupin has kept his own story close to his chest until now. Written with honesty and candour, *Scattershot* takes us backstage with one of modern music's most iconic songwriters.



## Love & Pain Ben Gillies and Chris Joannau

Hachette Australia  
HB \$44.99

From a Newcastle garage to worldwide recognition, this is the remarkable story of two teenagers who grew up in one of Australia's greatest rock bands, Silverchair. Featuring wild and unforgettable stories, *Love & Pain* captures the exhilarating highs and heartwrenching lows of coming of age in the rock 'n' roll spotlight.

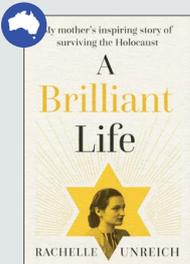


## Book of Life Deborah Conway

Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$34.99

Conway pulls back the curtain on the fevered world of 1980s post-punk and the spectacular rise and fall and rise of one of the more obstreperous women in Australia's music industry. An extraordinary life from the vantage point of a music insider (and outsider) with the desire and drive to tell the truth about it all.

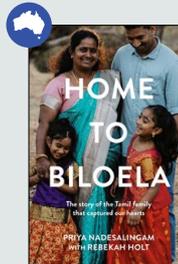
## Life Stories



## A Brilliant Life Rachelle Unreich

Hachette Australia  
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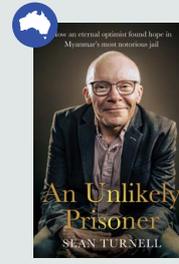
Over 70 years has passed since Mira Unreich was freed from a concentration camp in Germany. In the decades that followed, she never explained the mystery underpinning her survival. When Mira's journalist daughter realised that time was running out for Mira, she resolved to investigate and better understand her mother's life. It would prove to be the most important interview of her life.



## Home to Biloea Priya Nadesalingam with Rebekah Holt

Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$34.99

In 2022 Priya, Nades, and their two daughters were finally able to return home to Biloea, after more than four years living in detention, and multiple attempts of deportation. Meet the Tamil refugee family behind the headlines and read this moving story of survival, hope, and the community that brought them home. Required reading for all Australians.



## An Unlikely Prisoner Sean Turnell

Viking Australia  
TPB \$35.00

An Australian professor of economics, Sean Turnell spent 650 days inside Myanmar's terrifying Insein Prison on the trumped-up charge of being a spy. In *An Unlikely Prisoner*, the professor, known for his deep optimism and infectious warmth, recounts how he not only survived his lengthy incarceration, but left with his sense of humour intact, his spirit unbroken and love in his heart.



## The Man Who Wasn't There Dan Box

Ultimo Press  
TPB \$36.99

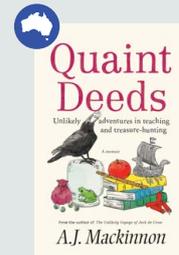
Zak Grieve grew up in an outback town, at the crossroads between right and wrong, white and black, punishment and forgiveness. Imprisoned for murder despite even the judge saying he wasn't there, he spent years writing to tell his story. A gripping investigation into injustice in the deep north of Australia, from Walkley award winner Dan Box.



## A Woman I Know Mary Haverstick

Scribe  
TPB \$36.99

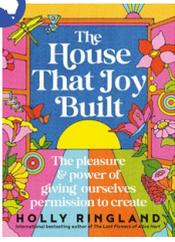
Filmmaker Mary Haverstick's research into an intriguing female aviator from the 60s piqued her curiosity instantly. This potential film project delves deep into the unexpected world of Cold War espionage, CIA operatives, double agents, and the dark corners of John F. Kennedy's assassination. *A Woman I Know* is a gripping real-life thriller rich with historical detail and inexplicable machinations.



## Quaint Deeds A.J. Mackinnon

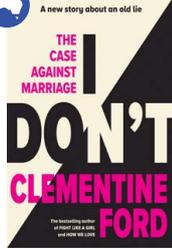
Black Inc.  
TPB \$34.99

Best known as the author of *The Unlikely Voyage of Jack de Crow*, A.J. 'Sandy' Mackinnon has for almost 40 years taught at schools in Australia and the UK. In *Quaint Deeds* he brings his trademark wit and warmth to the classroom, recalling the ups, downs and unexpected detours of a teaching life. Along the way, he shares the lessons his students have taught him, often in the most unlikely moments.



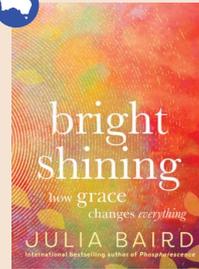
**The House That Joy Built**  
**Holly Ringland**  
 4th Estate  
 HB \$29.99

This uplifting, powerful and inspiring book aims to help you break through your fears to find joy through creativity. Whether you are stuck in a rut, don't know how to begin or are trying to find an outlet, Ringland explores the factors that can block creativity and helps us find how we can give ourselves permission to tap into our imagination.



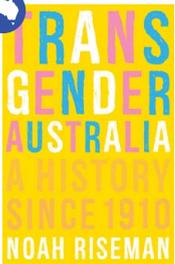
**I Don't**  
**Clementine Ford**  
 Allen & Unwin  
 TPB \$34.99

Clementine Ford uses wit and persuasive insight to explain how the marriage industry keeps women in the service of men. She breaks down how motherhood is also used to make marriage a necessity rather than a choice. Most importantly, Ford presents the case for true freedom for women and recognition of their worth.



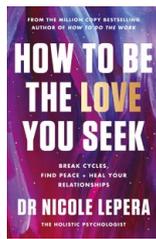
**Bright Shining**  
**Julia Baird**  
 4th Estate  
 HB \$34.99

Grace is a mysterious concept, elusive to definition and hard to acquire. Julia Baird investigates what grace looks like in our world and provides many ordinary and extraordinary experiences of people showing grace. Following her bestselling book *Phosphorescence*, Julia Baird will make your heart spill over with joy and love of humanity.



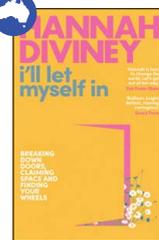
**Transgender Australia**  
**Noah Riseman**  
 Melbourne University Press  
 PB \$40.00

The first book to chart the history of trans and gender diverse Australians, drawing on over a hundred oral history interviews, previously unexamined documents and media reports. Riseman highlights the authentic lives of trans people and the ways that transgender participation has enriched society in all its cultural diversity.



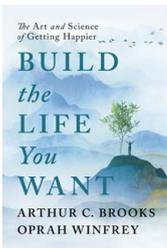
**How to Be the Love You Seek**  
**Dr Nicole LePera**  
 Orion  
 TPB \$34.99

**December release, pre-orders welcome**  
 Through stories, exercises, journal prompts, and other practical tools, Dr LePera empowers us to strengthen our foundation of self-love. LePera harnesses the latest scientific research to teach us how to recognise our dysfunctional patterns, identify their roots in our earliest relationships, break painful cycles, build security and share compassion with ourselves and others.



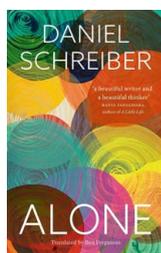
**I'll Let Myself In**  
**Hannah Diviney**  
 Allen & Unwin  
 TPB 32.99

Growing up with Cerebral Palsy, Hannah Diviney knew that her experience of the world was fundamentally different from those around her. This is a deeply personal and yet utterly relatable battle-cry for representation from the star of SBS TV series *Latecomers*, and face of the global campaign for a disabled Disney princess.



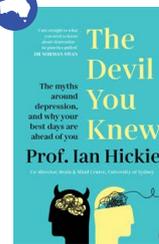
**Build the Life You Want**  
**Oprah Winfrey and Prof Arthur C Brooks**  
 Rider  
 TPB \$36.99

What is the secret to a better life and how do I get it now? Oprah and Professor Arthur C Brooks explore what you can do to change your perspective. With simple exercises and words and tales to inspire, *Build the Life You Want* will take you by the hand and help you start to feel the joy embedded in life.



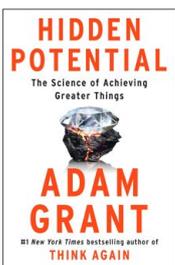
**Alone: Reflections on Solitary Living**  
**Daniel Schreiber, trans. by Ben Fergusson**  
 Reaktion Books  
 HB \$34.99

With poignant introspection and astute sociological analysis, Schreiber examines society's paradoxical perception of living alone amid rampant individualism. This book delves deep into the human psyche, questioning the essence of happiness and the enigmatic role of relationships.



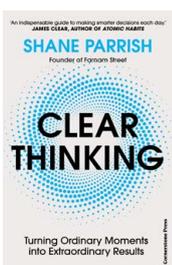
**The Devil You Knew**  
**Prof Ian Hickie**  
 Penguin  
 TPB \$34.99

An insightful and detailed exploration of depression and what we can do to help overcome it. Including firsthand stories by people touched in some manner by depression, Hickie delves into the fears, myths, influences and latest treatments of the disease, leaving you with a feeling of hope and optimism for the future.



**Hidden Potential**  
**Adam Grant**  
 WH Allen  
 TPB \$36.99

Organisational psychologist Adam Grant examines what we get wrong about human potential and breaks down our obsession with natural talent and prodigies. He also deconstructs our belief in hard work and explores the character skills and motivational structures that can help us realise our potential. We can all improve and seek to build systems that create opportunities for more of us to do so.



**Clear Thinking**  
**Shane Parrish**  
 Cornerstone Press  
 TPB \$35.00

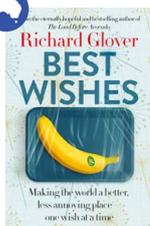
Decision making for most of us is governed by behavioural defaults, so we autopilot through stimulus and response. But if we could recognise these moments and apply our cognitive abilities to pressure situations, we would inevitably improve our outcomes. Whether it is at work, in sport, as a parent or as a lover, clear thinking is a benefit. Shane Parrish helps us do this with strategies and mental models that get us thinking and leading a more intentional life.



**Self Made**  
**Olivia Carr**  
 Wiley Australia  
 PB \$29.95

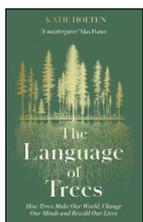
A powerful guide for budding entrepreneurs. Carr's personal journey from debt to multi-million-dollar success serves as an inspiring blueprint. Packed with practical advice and exercises, it helps you embrace entrepreneurship traits, tackle finances, and scale sustainably. A must-read for those aiming to create their own legacy.

# Non-fiction



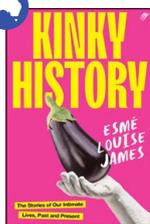
**Best Wishes**  
*Richard Glover*  
HarperCollins  
TPB \$34.99

Richard Glover is back and venting about what annoys him the most in this world, in the shape of 365 wishes—one for every day of the year. Hilarious yet sincere, this book unites us in our worldly frustrations and desire for change. We can all do better, and it starts by reading this book and reclaiming our sense of humour!



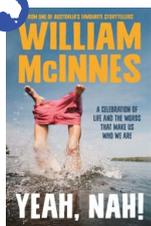
**The Language of Trees**  
*Katie Holten*  
Elliott & Thompson  
HB \$35.00

Artist Katie Holten has collected writings on trees from the past and the present and translated them pictorially using her 'Tree Alphabet'. The result is a stunning rewinding of the page with thoughts from writers, ecologists and activists on the importance of trees to humanity and the beautiful mysteries of these organisms.



**Kinky History**  
*Esmé Louise James*  
Pantera Press  
TPB \$34.99

This irreverent and thought-provoking book delves into scandalous tales from the past, connecting them with modern perspectives. With wit, Esmé Louise James and her mother Dr. Susan James challenge taboos, reshaping our understanding of sex, gender, and societal norms. A daring, enlightening read that propels us towards a liberated, sex-positive future.



**Yeah, Nah!**  
*William McInnes*  
Hachette Australia  
TPB \$34.99

William McInnes reflects on Australia's way of life providing us with his own take on our colourful and colloquial way with words. Whether we are bunging it on or behaving like a drongo, Australians have a turn of phrase for every situation. This amusing collection will have you thinking about what you say and how you say it.



**Stoic at Work**  
*Annie Lawson and Oslo Davis (illus)*  
Murdoch Books  
PB \$24.99

Work might look quite different today than it did for Roman emperor Marcus Aurelius, but *Stoic at Work* goes to show that aggravating colleagues and pointless meetings transcend time. Taking 49 rules from ancient philosophy, Annie Lawson teaches how the wisdom of the Stoics can make work great, or at least a little more bearable.



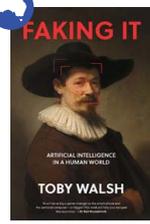
**Sound Bites**  
*Ed Le Brocq*  
ABC Books  
TPB \$34.99

Ed Le Brocq brings history to life with short, engaging stops on the timeline of Western classical music. This tour highlights how we can see the fingerprints of history in our modern music. Stories of the people, the instruments and the structure of music will have you hearing old music with new ears.



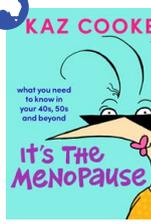
**Listen**  
*Michel Faber*  
Canongate  
TPB \$36.99

The award-winning author of *The Crimson Petal and the White*, reflects on his lifelong obsession with music. Michel Faber explores how we listen to music and why. He considers biology, age, illness, the notion of 'cool', commerce, the dichotomy between 'good' and 'bad' taste and, through extensive interviews with musicians, unlocks some surprising answers.



**Faking It**  
*Prof Toby Walsh*  
La Trobe University Press  
TPB \$34.99

AI is learning at a rapid rate to imitate human intelligence, giving us a deceit to be worried about. Whether AI really can think, be creative or moral, are questions we are now asking, and regardless of the answer it seems machine learning will change the way we live. Professor of Artificial Intelligence, Toby Walsh, gives us an intelligent understanding of the facts about AI and its attendant hype.



**It's the Menopause**  
*Kaz Cooke*  
Viking Australia  
TPB \$45.00

Bestselling author of *Up the Duff* and *Kidwragling*, Kaz Cooke has written a witty and informative roadmap to help women navigate through the ups and downs of menopause in your 40s, 50s and beyond. Cooke draws on expert medical advice and the experienced voices of thousands of women to cover all stages of menopause's mental and physical challenges.

## Sporting Heroes



**Ashes 2023: A Cricket Classic**  
*Gideon Haigh*  
Scribe  
PB \$35.00

Gideon Haigh paints a vivid portrait of an unforgettable cricket series between England and Australia. With a foot in both camps, Haigh's blend of match reporting and exclusive content delivers a priceless commemoration of the clash's drama, skills, and cultural collision. A treasured keepsake of a remarkable series that rekindled the cricketing spirit.



**Lance Franklin: My Football Journey**  
*Lance Franklin*  
Hardie Grant Books  
HB \$55.00

A stunning celebration of one of Australia's most revered AFL players. Lance 'Buddy' Franklin has held AFL fans in awe from his early career, to his 1000th goal and the 2022 Grand Final with the Sydney Swans. A must have, must give, must read for footy fans everywhere.



**Showing Up**  
*Nedd Brockmann*  
Simon & Schuster Australia  
TPB \$34.99

Nedd isn't afraid to dream big. Already having run 50 marathons in 50 days, 23-year-old Nedd had an idea: a 4000-kilometre run across Australia, averaging 100 kilometres per day, aiming to complete it in the fastest known time of 43 days. The motivation was to test his limits and raise a million dollars for homelessness in the process.



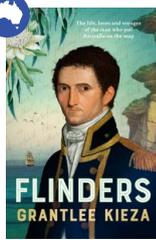
## Bennelong & Phillip

*Kate Fullagar*

Scribner Australia  
HB \$55.00

The first joint biography of Bennelong and Governor Arthur Phillip, two pivotal figures in Australian history—the colonised and coloniser.

To present this history afresh, Kate Fullagar relates events in reverse, moving beyond the limitations of typical Western ways of writing about the past and placing the period in the context of the Aboriginal world and the demands of empire.



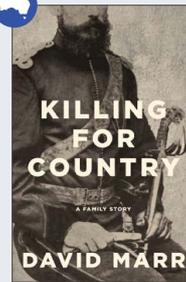
## Flinders

*Grantlee Kieza*

HarperCollins Australia  
HB \$45.00

We all know the name, but Grantlee Kieza has written a biography that reveals much about the man who quite literally put Australia

on the map. A seafarer from the age of 16, Matthew Flinders was a soldier, an explorer, a cartographer, a prisoner, a beloved husband; all this within just 40 years of life. A wonderful portrait of an extraordinary intrepid explorer.



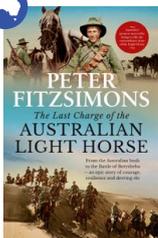
## Killing for Country

*David Marr*

Black Inc.  
TPB \$39.99

Blending family history and research into Australia's past, prominent journalist David Marr was

shocked to discover forebears of his who served with the brutal Native Police, in what is considered the bloodiest years in colonial Australia. This book is written as a soul-searching look at the power, politics and violence which ensued as squatters and allies fought for possession of the country.



## The Last Charge of the Australian Light Horse

*Peter FitzSimons*

Hachette Australia  
HB \$49.99

*The Last Charge of the Australian Light Horse*

follows the extraordinary adventures of men from all walks of life transported halfway across the world to fight in the First World War. Revealing the feats of the Australians who built the Light Horse legend, this is a brilliantly told tale of courage, resilience and derring-do.



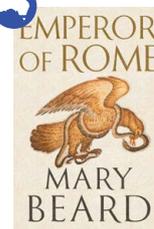
## Saving Lieutenant Kennedy

*Brett Mason*

NewSouth Publishing  
PB \$34.99

This is a story of bravery and survival which helped John F Kennedy become

the President of the United States. Australian 'coast watcher' Lt Reg Evans and Solomon Islander scouts heroically rescued JFK and his crew in August 1943 after their US torpedo boat was rammed by a Japanese destroyer. It was the birth of the Australia-US alliance.



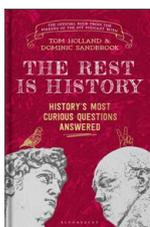
## Emperor of Rome

*Mary Beard*

Profile Trade  
HB \$65.00

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be Emperor of Rome? Bestselling classicist Mary Beard leaves

no stone unturned in illuminating the lives of Rome's emperors, effortlessly combining the epic with the quotidian. With its nuanced portrayal of sex, class, and politics, this is Roman history as you've never seen it before.



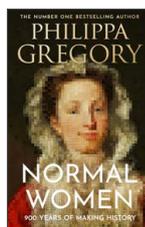
## The Rest is History

*Tom Holland and Dominic Sandbrook*

Bloomsbury Publishing  
TPB \$34.99

From the very popular podcast, *The Rest is History*, comes their first official book.

Answering the most interesting and curious questions, covering everything from Alexander the Great to Watergate, historians Tom Holland and Dominic Sandbrook take you on an entertaining tour through the past. This is a funny and fascinating journey through history—perfect for enquiring minds!



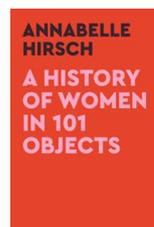
## Normal Women

*Philippa Gregory*

William Collins  
TPB \$37.99

*Normal Women* is a history of the agency, grit and effectiveness of women in society from 1066 to

modern times. The 'normal women' in this book flew Spitfires, built ships, went to war, tilled fields, wrote and loved. It highlights the drive, skill and huge contributions made by once-invisible women.



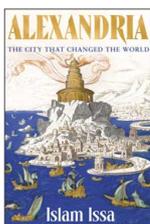
## A History of Women in 101 Objects

*Annabelle Hirsch trans. by Eleanor Updegraff*

Canongate  
HB \$49.99

Annabelle Hirsch brilliantly uses objects to reframe

history from a feminist perspective. There are famous statues, work tools, objects associated with women's bodies, objects of resistance and seemingly insignificant personal items. They tell a story of one woman or many, with each meticulously researched and succinct narrative threading the objects together through time.



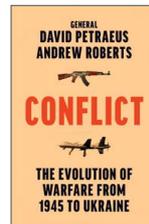
## Alexandria

*Islam Issa*

Sceptre | HB \$49.99

In this sweeping biography of one of the greatest cities in world history, Islam Issa takes us on a journey across millennia. Situated on the cusp of Africa, Europe and Asia, and first developed in the time of Alexander the Great, all great ancient civilisations fought for

Alexandria. Together, Greeks and Egyptians, Romans and Jews created a global knowledge capital which shaped modern philosophy, science, religion and more.



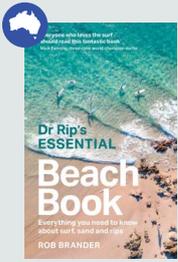
## Conflict

*David Petraeus and Andrew Roberts*

William Collins | TPB \$37.99

A battlefield commander who led the US coalition in Iraq and Afghanistan and a bestselling historian combine in this incisive analysis of modern warfare. Examining the Arab-Israeli conflicts, wars in Korea, Vietnam, the former Yugoslavia and more, Petraeus and Roberts

show the critical mistakes that have been repeated over time, culminating in an assessment of Putin's disastrous WWII-style invasion of Ukraine.



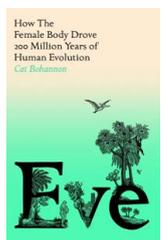
## Dr Rip's Essential Beach Book

**Rob Brander**

NewSouth Publishing  
PB \$34.99

Dive into the fascinating realm of ocean dynamics with questions like 'How do waves break and what makes good surf?' This book, guided by the expertise of Rob 'Dr. Rip' Brander, Australia's renowned surf scientist, unravels the mysteries of beaches, waves, and hazards like rip currents.

**Gift with Purchase offer:** Purchase a copy of *Dr Rip's Essential Beach Book* from participating stores ([www.bookpeople/readingguides/stockists](http://www.bookpeople/readingguides/stockists)) and receive a mini-tube of sunscreen. \*While stocks last.

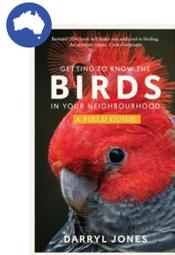


## Eve

**Cat Bohannon**

Hutchinson Heinemann  
TPB \$36.99

Eve answers questions scientists should have been addressing for decades, looking at the past 200 million years to explain the specific science behind the development of the female sex. This book is an urgent corrective for a world that has focused primarily on the male body for far too long.

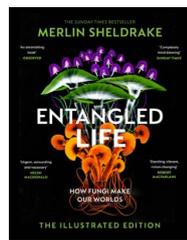


## Getting to Know the Birds in Your Neighbourhood

**Darryl Jones**

NewSouth Publishing  
PB \$34.99

This is a unique guide to the 130 birds you are likely to see in the towns and cities of Australia. Much more than just an identification tool though, it also helps you to understand the habits and behaviours of your suburb's feathered locals. Get to know your avian neighbours with this splendid beginner's field guide.

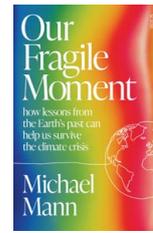


## Entangled Life

**Merlin Sheldrake**

Jonathan Cape  
HB \$65.00

The smash-hit bestseller is now illustrated with over 100 spectacular full-colour images, showcasing wondrous and wildly various fungi as never before. Merlin Sheldrake takes us on a mind-altering journey into their spectacular world and reveals how these extraordinary organisms transform our understanding of our planet and life itself.



## Our Fragile Moment

**Prof Michael Mann**

Scribe  
TPB \$35.00

This book feels like a pleasant stroll through the Natural Museum of Planet Earth with Professor of Atmospheric science Michael Mann as our charismatic tour guide. Extensively researched and effortlessly readable, *Our Fragile Moment* shows us how learning from the history of Earth's climate can mean a much brighter outlook for the future of humankind.



## The Best Australian Science Writing 2023

**Edited by Donna Lu**  
NewSouth Publishing  
PB \$32.99

Now in its thirteenth year, always fascinating, thought-provoking, poignant and dazzling—this much-loved anthology brings the best science stories and essays from Australian writers, poets and scientists. Should we alter animal DNA to save them from extinction? What secrets will old ice reveal about the Earth's past? How is the world's most expensive—and explosive—substance made?

## Travel



## Ultimate Adventures/ Ultimate Coastal Road Trips

**Andrew Bain / Lee Atkinson**

Hardie Grant Explore  
PB \$45.00 each

**December release, pre-orders welcome**

The next two in the bestselling Ultimate Australia series. *Adventures* is your ideal guide to accessible adventures across Australia. *Coastal Trips* is a comprehensive guide covering 40 seaside road trips around the country from the Great Ocean Road, to Flinders and Bruny islands.

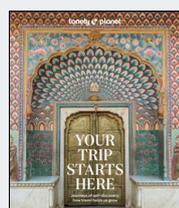


## Adventuress

**Carolina Amell**

Prestel  
HB \$105.00

The twenty women profiled in this collection are from a variety of backgrounds and cultures. One thing they all have in common is a deep desire for adventure. Told in their own words, their fascinating stories are illustrated with jaw-dropping photographs—from the ocean's deepest canyons to the earth's highest peaks.



## Your Trip Starts Here

**Lonely Planet**

Lonely Planet  
HB \$44.99

This stunning book focuses on 50 life-changing adventures our world has to offer, taking shape in the form of pilgrimage, hikes, and wildlife. With incredible photography, firsthand accounts and useful travel tips, each journey is designed to help you discover your true self, forge a connection with nature and immerse yourself in a different culture.



## Camping Around Australia, 5th ed.

**Hardie Grant Explore**

Hardie Grant Explore  
PB \$55.00

*Camping Around Australia* is Australia's most comprehensive camping guide packed with essential and up-to-date tips on camping gear, setting up campsites, cooking and responsible camping. It contains map references and handpicked campsites for every type of camper.

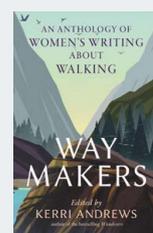


## Best In Travel 2024

**Lonely Planet**

Lonely Planet  
HB \$27.99

With a comprehensive and inspirational list of 50 incredible destinations to experience in 2024, Lonely Planet has your next holiday sorted! Featuring expertly curated itineraries and practical advice, this is the list of the top 10 countries, regions, cities, best value destinations and sustainable travel locations. It is a vibrant mix of emerging, underappreciated, and fresh takes on well-known destinations.



## Way Makers: An Anthology of Women's Writing about Walking

**Edited by Kerri Andrews**  
Reaktion Books  
HB \$37.99

A diverse collection of writing by women on walking from the 18th century to the present day. Across poetry, letters, diaries, novels, and more, this anthology traces a long tradition of women's walking literature to explore the physicality and the intellectuality of walking through physical walks and walks of the mind alike.



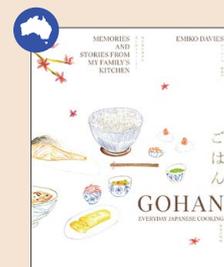
**Pasta Love**  
Jaclyn Crupi  
Affirm Press  
HB \$35.00

This is Jaclyn Crupi's love letter to pasta, its history, its place at the heart of Italian life, and its migration to Australia. She draws on a wealth of Italian knowledge from chefs and nonne to give you the skills to make pasta in all its variety of forms and the accompanying seasonal sauces. A must for lovers of Italian food.



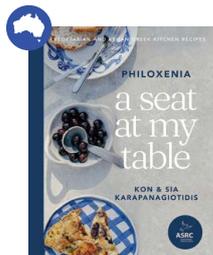
**Garlic, Olive Oil + Everything Else**  
Daen Lia  
Plum  
PB \$29.99

Taking inspiration from her Spanish and Italian heritage, Daen Lia, better known as The Olive Oil Girl online, celebrates bold flavours and fresh ingredients and brings a modern twist to Mediterranean classics. This fresh and beautifully presented collection is a tribute to the prime ingredients of olive oil, garlic, butter, and all things delicious.



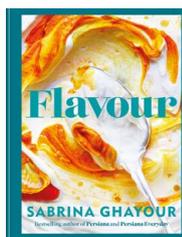
**Gohan: Everyday Japanese Cooking**  
Smith Street Books  
Emiko Davies  
HB \$49.99

An invitation to Emiko Davies' dining table, full of heart-warming tales from her childhood and simple, cosy recipes that show just how easy it is to integrate Japanese food into your home-cooked meal repertoire. With options for breakfast, lunch and dinner, right down to what to keep in your pantry, this divine cookbook is for families, foodies and lovers of Japan alike.



**Philoxenia: A Seat at My Table**  
Kon & Sia Karapanagiotidis  
Hardie Grant Books  
HB \$45.00

The inspiring Kon Karapanagiotidis has written a cookbook with his beautiful mother Sia. Food being the heart of their home, this is a big fat Greek celebration filled with beautifully photographed recipes that are sure to become vegan and vegetarian staples in your own kitchen. A portion of sales will also go to Kon's incredible initiative: the Asylum Seeker Resource Centre.



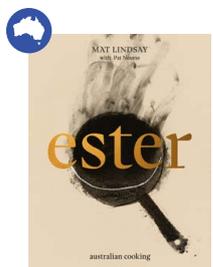
**Flavour**  
Sabrina Ghayour  
Octopus  
HB \$45.00

A new collection of simple, delicious, crowd-pleasing recipes from Sabrina Ghayour, the bestselling author of *Persiana* and *Persiana Everyday*. From aubergine tartines with labneh to lime, coconut and cardamom loaf cake, there are over 100 fabulously flavourful recipes with a Middle-Eastern twist. Your dinner guests are sure to be impressed!



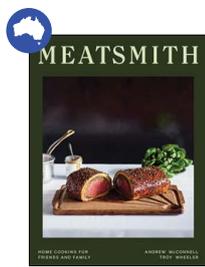
**Kindred**  
Eva and Maria Konecsny  
Plum  
PB \$49.99

A wonderful family history told alongside mouth-watering German recipes from the founders of the beloved Gewürzhaus spice stores. Learn how to use spices in simple ways to elevate your cooking. Find comfort in more than 80 recipes, such as salted orange marmalade, lavender-crumbed chicken schnitzel and spiked brown cherry cake.



**Ester**  
Mat Lindsay and Pat Nourse  
Murdoch Books  
HB \$55.00

The essential book on modern Australian food from leading cook, thinker, and Ester founder Mat Lindsay. *Ester* is an invitation to play with your food and enjoy the adventure. Whether it prompts you to rethink the possibilities of toast, roast your fruit, try the classic cauliflower, or embrace Sunday lunch, *Ester* presents many ideas to cook and live by.



**MeatSmith**  
Andrew McConnell and Troy Wheeler  
Hardie Grant Books  
HB \$60.00

Celebrated Australian restaurateur Andrew McConnell and world class butcher Troy Wheeler unite for *MeatSmith*, an elegant and essential guide to classic cooking. Featuring more than 80 recipes including master signature dishes and stellar side pairings, you will be inspired for cooking long lunches, impressive dinners and sensational shared celebrations.



**Rumi**  
Joseph Abboud  
Murdoch Books  
PB \$39.99

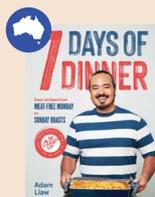
Chef Joseph Abboud and his iconic restaurant Rumi have joyfully dished out honest Middle Eastern fare to Melbourne diners at their Brunswick locale for over 15 years. In his cookbook, Abboud generously shares favourite recipes, some with twists, including his three-cheese sigaras, delicious lamb shoulder and sublime 'inauthentic' tabbouleh. Yum!

**New Cookbook Classics**



**Now & Then**  
Tessa Kiros  
Murdoch Books  
HB \$59.99

From the beloved author of *Falling Cloudberries* comes a new collection of recipes that are a flavour tour—from childhood in South Africa to home in Tuscany via travels to Mexico, New Orleans and visits to family in Thailand and Greece. This is Tessa's definitive reflection on a lifetime of cooking and travelling.



**7 Days of Dinner**  
Adam Liaw  
Hardie Grant Books  
HB \$49.99

Adam Liaw returns with *7 Days of Dinner*—a colourful guide to easy everyday cooking featuring over 80 all-new recipes from his hit SBS series, *The Cook Up*. This must-have cookbook offers delicious, satisfying meal ideas every single night.



**Even More Basics to Brilliance**  
Donna Hay  
4th Estate  
HB \$55.00

Following her 2016 hit *Basics to Brilliance*, Donna Hay presents a treasury of essential recipes, from ramen stock to mouth-watering tomato sauce and versatile yoghurt flatbreads. This must-have sequel holds the same essence as the first Basics volume.



**Fresh**  
Stephanie Alexander  
Macmillan Australia  
PB \$44.99

For the last 20 years, Stephanie Alexander, Australia's most respected cook and food writer, has been encouraging our children to develop a deep love of good food. In *Fresh*, she shares 120 quick and delicious recipes to inspire cooks of all ages.

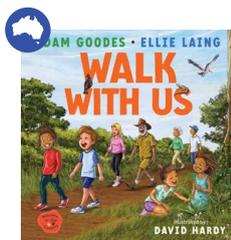
# Picture Books



**If I Was a Horse**  
 Sophie Blackall  
 Lothian Children's Books  
 HB \$24.99

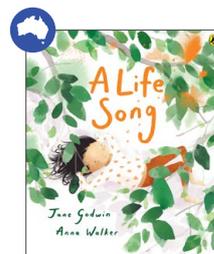
'If I was a horse, I would gallop all day...' Inspired by a

line her son once said as a child, the two-time Caldecott Medal winner and bestselling author of *Farmhouse* and *Hello Lighthouse*, has once again created a gloriously playful book that celebrates imagination and wonder. The perfect story for anyone who wanted to be something else, because when you are a kid... you can be whatever your heart desires.



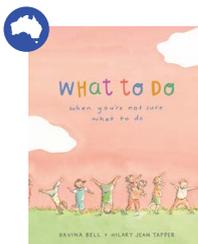
**Walk With Us: Welcome to Our Country**  
 Adam Goodes, Ellie Laing and David Hardy (illus)  
 Allen & Unwin Children's  
 HB \$24.99

The fourth in this wonderful series and maybe the most important—*Walk With Us* has been inspired by the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Join Harvey and his Mum as they take a walk through the local park with Uncle Boris, an Indigenous guide who takes the group on a tour through Country. An invitation to learn for both kids and adults.



**A Life Song**  
 Jane Godwin and Anna Walker (illus)  
 Puffin  
 HB \$24.99

*A Life Song* brings us the beautiful song of childhood and the changes of growing up. Created by the fantastic team of Jane Godwin and Anna Walker, who brought us *Don't Forget, All Through the Year*, *Tilly* and *Starting School* this is a warm, tender and lyrical story highlighting the unique song that is every child, one that we all should listen to and be captivated by.



**What to Do When You Don't Know What to Do**  
 Davina Bell and Hilary Tapper (illus)  
 Lothian Children's Books  
 HB \$24.99

From the duo who brought us *What to Say When You Don't Know What to Say* comes another stunning picture book to help littlies navigate tricky situations. From saying sorry to voicing your fears, Bell's text and Tapper's illustrations are pitch perfect for helping young children find their words.



**Crow Baby**  
 Helen Milroy  
 Fremantle Press  
 HB \$24.99

When a baby is born with a crow and human spirit, she is nurtured by both communities until she makes a selfless

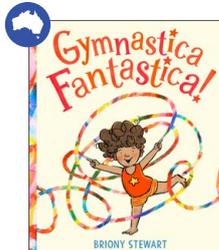
decision that changes her future. With superb, vibrant illustrations, this stunning picture book from Indigenous creator Helen Milroy is a wonderful introduction for young readers to First Nations storytelling.



**Nightsong**  
 Sally Soweol Han  
 UQP  
 HB \$24.99

Lewis leaves the sounds of the city evening and heads home with his mum.

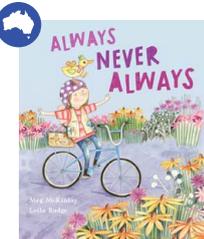
But when their bus breaks down next to a field, Lewis discovers the secrets behind the fascinating sounds of the night-time. Readers will love the fun text full of onomatopoeia and accompanied by striking, playful illustrations. From CBCA award-winning illustrator Sally Soweol Han.



**Gymnastica Fantastica!**  
 Briony Stewart  
 Lothian Children's Books  
 HB \$24.99

Gymnastica might be small but they are a non-stop bundle of

energy. Why sit still when you can bounce and roll and twirl and put on a show for anyone who will watch. Full of colour and movement this picture book is an absolute delight to read aloud and bound to get everyone up and moving around.



**Always Never Always**  
 Meg McKinlay and Leila Rudge (illus)  
 Walker Books Australia  
 HB \$25.99

The perfect picture book for little adventurers!

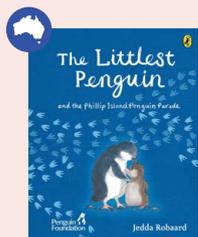
This charming tale provides rhyming words of wisdom that you must or mustn't do to ensure your escapades are happy ones. It's a delightful book to read aloud with the most endearing illustrations of a little girl, her duck and a successful outdoor experience.



**Madame Badobedah and the Old Bones**  
 Sophie Dahl and Lauren O'Hara (illus)  
 Walker Books  
 HB \$27.99

Mabel and her best friend Madame Badobedah live in the Mermaid Hotel. They spend their days larking on the beach and searching for treasure. On Saturdays after elevenses, they choose a drawer in Madame's magic dressing table and they are off on a fantastical mission to the Natural History Museum. A beautifully illustrated celebration of imagination and friendship.

## Junior Fiction



**The Littlest Penguin**  
 The Penguin Foundation and Jemma Robaard (illus)  
 Puffin  
 HB \$24.99

Huck, huck, whoop, kazoo!

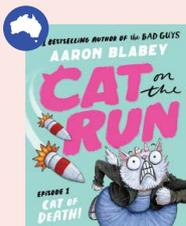
Join the Littlest Penguin and friends as they explore the world, from being hatchlings in the colony to heading out to sea for the very first time on a year-long adventure. This beautifully illustrated chapter book is perfect for young readers to read aloud. A fun and informative story.



**The Magic Gems: Lily Halfmoon 1**  
 Xavier Bonet  
 Allen & Unwin Children's  
 PB \$16.99

Lily is a young witch and is attending a secret school to learn all about

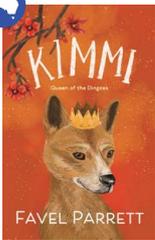
Gem Magic. But an evil creature is on the loose—can Lily figure out her powers in time to save the day? This is a fun adventure and a charming beginning to a new graphic novel series for young readers.



**Cat of Death! (Cat on the Run: Episode 1)**  
 Aaron Blabey  
 Scholastic Press  
 PB \$16.99

What happens when the World's #1 Cat Video Star

Princess Beautiful gets accused of a crime she didn't commit? She becomes a Cat on the Run, of course. But how do you avoid capture and prove your innocence?! The author of the *Bad Guys* series has done it again creating another character that kids (and grown ups!) are going to love.



## Kimmi

Favel Parrett

Lothian Children's Books  
HB \$19.99

The true story of Kimmi, Queen of the Dingoes, is an exceptionally tender tale of bravery, adventure and kinship, and is a modern

Australian classic in the making. Parrett encourages young readers to share her passion for the protection of dingoes with the inspiring true story of Kimmi, her family and her legacy. The perfect companion to *Wandi*, also by Favel Parrett.



## The Lonely Lighthouse of Elston-Fright

Reece Carter

Allen & Unwin Children's  
PB \$17.99

A spooky, mysterious and fun sequel to Reece

Carter's first novel, *A Girl Called Corpse*. The magical seaside town of Elston-Fright is in trouble and Simon has been kidnapped by ancient weather ghouls. Flip and his friends are in a race against time to rescue Simon and restore magic to the lighthouse.



## The Impossible Secret of Lillian Velvet: A Kingdoms and Empires Book

Jaclyn Moriarty

Allen & Unwin Children's  
PB \$22.99

This is a ripshorter of a read—both clever and entertaining! Lillian is given a jar full of gold coins on her 10th birthday. Suddenly she is travelling through time, meeting an eclectic cast of characters including Genies, Hurltings and Mettlestones, trying to understand what her connection is with them and if she can help their plights.



## Geomancer: In the Shadow of the Wolf Queen

Kiran Millwood Hargrave

Orion Children's Books  
PB \$17.99

This fantasy is a rollercoaster ride from

beginning to end, as Ysolda tries to rescue her missing sister. But something is shaking the world to the core, and many seek an ancient magic and vast power. Who can Ysolda trust? Hargrave's writing is superb, with rich prose and strong world building. A fantastic adventure with more to come!



## Who's Who and What's Where in the Treehouse

Andy Griffiths & Terry Denton (illus)

Pan Australia  
PB \$16.99

**Question:** What has

taken 12 years to build, has 169 storeys and millions of fans? **Answer:** Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton's Treehouse series of course! With *Who's Who and What's Where in the Treehouse*, learn all the secret facts, and savour it as the Treehouse series has finally come to a stupendous end.



## Kip of the Mountain

Emma Gourlay

HarperCollins  
HB \$19.99

With a preoccupied dad and school bullies to contend with, Kip's life

is complicated. Which is why, when her best friend, a special furry creature, is kidnapped, Kip must gather her closest allies and use her most cunning schemes to rescue him. A magical debut novel from Melbourne writer Emma Gourlay.



## Bedtime Stories with R.A. Spratt

R.A. Spratt

Puffin  
TPB \$22.99

R.A. Spratt is back with a huge collection of imaginatively short stories

taken from her immensely popular podcast of the same name. The stories chosen were the most popular stories from the podcast including a new never-before-published Friday Barnes mystery. These stories are ridiculously funny and highly imaginative.



## The First Summer of Callie McGee

A.L. Tait

Scholastic Australia  
PB \$15.99

It's the last summer before Callie starts high school and she's spending it at the annual 'family friends'

holiday. But things are shifting in her usual summer friendship group and Callie is trying to work out where she fits in. When a spate of burglaries take place Callie and new friend Owen decide to investigate...



## A Kind of Spark

Elle McNicoll

Knights Of  
PB \$18.99

11-year-old Addie knows there is more to the witches who were put on trial during a dark era in her

Scottish town's history. As Addie campaigns for a memorial to be created, this could also be her chance to challenge how people see her and her autism. This is a heartfelt and funny story about friendship, standing up for your beliefs and using your voice.

## CBCA 2023 Book of the Year Winners

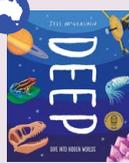


## Runt

Craig Silvey

Allen & Unwin Children  
HB \$24.99

**WINNER:** Book of the Year: Younger Readers



## Deep

Jess McGeachin

Welbeck Editions  
HB \$24.99

**WINNER:** Eve Pownall Award



## Tiny Wonders

Sally Soweol Han

UQP | HB \$24.99

**WINNER:** CBCA Award for New Illustrator



## Where the Lyrebird Lives

Vikki Conley and Max Hamilton (illus)

Windy Hollow Books  
HB \$26.99

**WINNER:** Book of the Year: Early Childhood



## Neverlanders

Tom Taylor and Jon Sommariva (illus)

Penguin Random House Australia  
PB \$22.99

**WINNER:** Book of the Year: Older Readers



## My Strange Shrinking Parents

Zeno Swords

Thames & Hudson Australia  
HB \$25.99

**WINNER:** Picture Book of the Year



## Heartstopper, Volume Five

**Alice Oseman**

Hachette Children's  
TPB \$24.99

The latest instalment in the hugely popular graphic novel series also in its second season on Netflix. It follows Nick and Charlie, two young British schoolboys, and their circle of beloved friends. This LGBTQ+ love story touches on all that it means to be young and finding who you are in a complex world.



## Thieves' Gambit

**Kayvion Lewis**

Simon & Schuster  
PB \$22.99

Being raised by a family of thieves means that, for Rosalyn, everything is up for grabs. But when the latest theft leads to the kidnapping of her mum, Rosalyn must gamble her life in a competition where she must face her most challenging task yet against the world's best thieves.

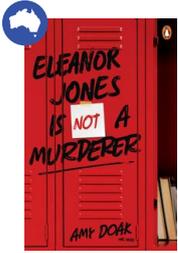


## Secret Sparrow

**Jackie French**

HarperCollins Australia  
PB \$17.99

Jackie French has done it again! Her impeccable research combined with her narrative magic always makes for an engaging piece of historical fiction. This cross-generational story puts the spotlight on some of the forgotten women of WWI. Moving, confronting, and ultimately hopeful—this is a delightful read with a heartwarming happy ending.



## Eleanor Jones is Not a Murderer

**Amy Doak**

Penguin  
PB \$19.99

At her new school Eleanor can't be bothered to start all over again and is reluctant to fit in. Until a new friend ends up in hospital fighting for his life after being stabbed. It turns out that Angus Marshall was also a bit of an outsider and it's up to Eleanor and her eclectic friends to help work out what happened to him before the killer strikes again.



## Let's Never Speak of This Again

**Megan Williams**

Text Publishing  
TPB \$24.99

*Let's Never Speak of This Again* is one of those rare books that feels real. Abby is flawed and relatable as she navigates the difficulties of growing up, narrating with a voice that is distinctly her own. The novel shares her journey toward healing as she forms new friendships and repairs old ones. Above all, it's a reminder to be brave, because change can come when you least expect it.



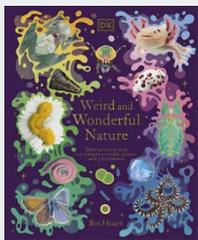
## Stuck Up & Stupid

**Angourie Rice and Kate Rice**

Walker Books Australia  
PB \$22.99

*Stuck Up & Stupid* is a delightful Aussie take on *Pride and Prejudice*. Lily, the self-assured daughter of Lydia Bennett, spends her gap year between her island home and Hollywood, accidentally crossing paths with a proud (and handsome) movie star. This is a playful look at the foibles of family for new and old fans of Jane Austen.

## Kids Non-fiction



## Weird and Wonderful Nature

**Ben Hoare**

DK | HB \$42.99

A book filled with facts about Earth's most extraordinary animals, plants and natural phenomena. Enquiring minds will pore over the detailed photographs and illustrations showing how sea cucumbers defend themselves, explaining why Mexican jumping beans jump, what really causes the northern lights and dozens of other weird and wonderful things that take place in nature.



## Ask Aunty: Seasons

**Aunty Munya Andrews and Charmaine Ledden-Lewis (illus)**

Hardie Grant Explore  
HB \$24.99

Do you know the seasons in Bardi Country? Join Aunty Munya as she describes the six First Nations seasons—in the Kimberley. Peppered throughout with Bardi words, and enriched by vibrant illustrations, this is a wonderful introduction to the wet season—Mankal—and fat stingray season—Jalalay—and everything in between!



## The Trees

**Victor Steffensen and Sandra Steffensen (illus)**

Hardie Grant Explore  
HB \$26.99

Join Uncle Kuu for a walk on Country to learn about the importance of caring for one of our most valuable resources. Find out how First Nations People look after trees and in return are rewarded with seeds, flowers, wood and more. An important lesson for all readers. Includes the lyrics to the song 'We Are The Trees' and a QR code to watch the song's YouTube video.

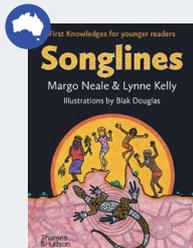


## How We Came to Be: Creatures of Camouflage

**Sami Bayly**

Lothian Children's Books  
HB \$19.99

Australian nature at its most clever. Sami Bayly brings us the best creative creatures of camouflage. Filled with wonderful illustrations of some amazing animals who can protect themselves with colour, sound and smell. You will be left amazed how these ingenious creatures survive and thrive.



## Songlines: First Knowledges for younger readers

**Margo Neale and Lynne Kelly**

Thames & Hudson Australia  
PB \$24.99

The First Knowledges series has now been adapted for younger readers. *Songlines*, the first book in this new series, shows us all how best to care for Country, share knowledge and work towards a better future together. The information and design are fun, inviting and contemporary, relating ancient Aboriginal concepts to our modern day lives.

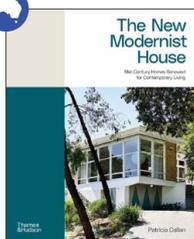


## Artichoke to Zucchini

**Alice Oehr**

Scribble  
HB \$24.99

This beautifully illustrated alphabet of delicious things from around the world is the perfect book for kids of all ages excited about food, culture and recipes. Loaded with fun facts and absolutely stunning illustrations, it's not only bound to get kids excited about being in the kitchen, but will no doubt encourage them to try new and exotic flavours too.



## The New Modernist House

**Patricia Callan**

Thames & Hudson  
Australia  
HB \$79.99

The New Modernist House presents

21 mid-century homes respectfully restored and renewed by today's creative innovators, maintaining the integrity of the original architecture whilst allowing for contemporary living. Along with an historical overview and practical considerations, these are stories of passionate homeowners, architects and collaborations.



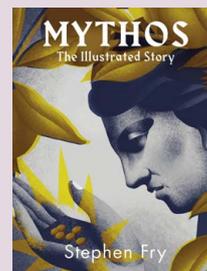
## House Cat

**Paul Barbera**

Thames & Hudson  
Australia  
HB \$49.99

Showcasing some spectacularly enviable spaces, *House Cat* features breathtaking

photography of gorgeous abodes and the furry friends that call these places home. Sunshine, books, art and cats truly are the cornerstones of cosy interior design, and Paul Barbera has crafted the perfect coffee table book for feline lovers everywhere.



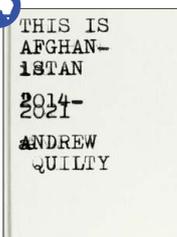
## Mythos: The Illustrated Story

**Stephen Fry and Jesús Sotés (illus)**

Michael Joseph  
HB \$80.00

Greek myths remain an indelible part of our modern world.

Stephen Fry's infectious passion brings Greek mythology to life for a contemporary audience in the same manner that made the original *Mythos* a bestseller. The glorious illustrations by Jesús Sotés alongside Fry's uniquely engaging storytelling make this new edition a beautiful book to treasure.



## This is Afghanistan

**Andrew Quilty**

The Miegunyah Press  
HB \$90.00

Walkley award-winning photojournalist Andrew Quilty has captured his nine years in Afghanistan in this exceptionally

produced, striking visual record. Documenting the war and its effects on the people of Afghanistan, Quilty's images and commentary provide a unique, powerful, and personal insight.



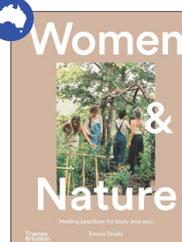
## Country Homes in Australia: Volume 2

**Country Style**

Are Media Books  
HB \$59.99

Here, 17 of the most beautiful rural homes

are open for your inspection. The stunning photography showcases these extraordinary country interiors, interspersed with the stories of the people who live there. Perfect for those looking for some country style to add to or completely transform their homes.



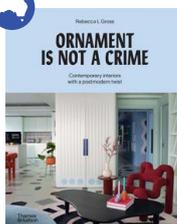
## Women & Nature

**Emma Drady**

Thames & Hudson  
Australia  
HB \$49.99

This is a masterclass for women who want to slow down and connect with nature. Drawing on

wisdom from around the globe, this book is full of practical advice and activities such as cold-water immersion, bee keeping, permaculture, art, and plant meditation designed to help you calm, connect, and celebrate.



## Ornament is Not a Crime

**Rebecca Gross**

Thames & Hudson Australia  
HB \$69.99

*Ornament is Not a Crime* showcases 21 modern houses from around

the world which use the bright colours and fresh approach of materials used in '80s postmodern interior and furniture design. After decades of minimalism, a new wave of architects and designers are experimenting with shape, scale and symbolic references.



## Architecture

**Dorling Kindersley**

DK  
HB \$75.00

A comprehensive guide to 6000 years of human history, *Architecture* charts the most

important developments in building materials, technology, and design, and the social changes that have shaped the architectural landscape. The perfect gift for anyone fascinated by the built world.



## Behind the Seams

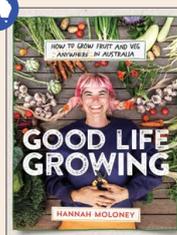
**Dolly Parton, Holly George-Warren and Rebecca Seaver**

Ebury Press  
HB \$85.00

This gorgeous book offers a dazzling journey

through Dolly Parton's fashion evolution. Bursting with 450 vibrant photos and personal anecdotes, the book unveils her trailblazing style from homemade feed sack dresses to iconic Playboy bunny suits.

## Plant and Garden



## Good Life Growing

**Hannah Moloney**

Affirm Press  
PB \$39.99

A bountiful guide packed with practical solutions for all conditions and every gardener by

*Gardening Australia* presenter Hannah Moloney. Whether you're getting started with a pot or developing a garden plot, you'll find everything you need to hone your skills, fire your imagination and have good, fresh food all year round.



## The Super Bloom Handbook

**Jac Semmler**

Thames & Hudson  
Australia  
HB \$34.99

Jac Semmler has made it easier than ever to add

pops of colour to your garden. Even if you don't have a green thumb, this gorgeously crafted handbook makes it easy to know what flowers to plant, when to plant them, and how to keep them alive and thriving all year round.



## Paul Bangay: A Life in Garden Design

**Paul Bangay**

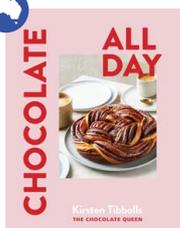
Thames & Hudson Australia  
HB \$79.99

A lavishly illustrated memoir of Paul Bangay's career as a garden designer.

From his childhood and his first attempts at growing vegetables, to his studies, inspirations and mentors, this is Paul's fascinating journey across 40 years to becoming one of the finest garden designers in the world, culminating in the establishment of his masterpiece, Stonefields.



# More Gift Ideas



## Chocolate All Day Kirsten Tibballs

Murdoch Books  
HB \$49.99

Dive into this decadent and mouth-watering book, full of recipes to fulfill your every chocolate craving.

Chocolate for breakfast, lunch and dinner, there is never a wrong time to indulge, and this book has you covered with an array of incredible treats to make. Suitable for all cooking levels and a must have for every chocoholic!

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Competition closes 31 December.



## Eventually Everything Connects Sarah Firth

JOAN  
HB \$34.99

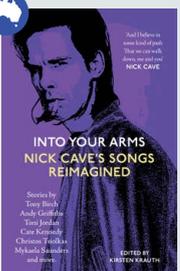
A collection of wild interconnected visual essays created over eight years. A delicious mix of daily life, science, philosophy, pop culture, daydreams and irreverent humour, *Eventually Everything Connects* is a work of graphic non-fiction that is comforting, confronting and mind-expanding in equal measure.



## Best Australian Political Cartoons 2023 Edited by Russ Radcliffe

Scribe | PB \$35.00

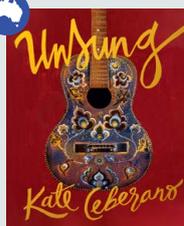
What better way to capture the whirlwind of 2023 than this annual collection of political cartoons edited by Russ Radcliffe? Insightful, satirical, funny and at times more than a little cheeky, this book recaps the year that was. A fantastic gift to give with a guarantee to laugh out loud!



## Into Your Arms: Nick Cave's Songs Reimagined Mark Smith, Kirsten Krauth and Neil A. White (eds)

Fremantle Press | TPB \$32.99

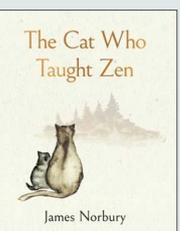
Following on from the success of the groundbreaking anthology *Minds Went Walking*, 21 more of Australia's favourite creators respond to Nick Cave's visionary genius. Each story is inspired by one of Cave's songs, bringing his songs new life with unsettling tales of death, faith, violence and love.



## Unsung Kate Ceberano

Simon & Schuster Australia | HB \$55.00

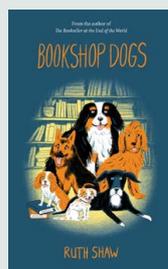
Beloved Australian performer Kate Ceberano started singing in her teens and went on to build a formidable career. This illustrated memoir is filled with stories from her life, the highs and lows of the music business, song lyrics, artworks and embroidery all handmade by Kate.



## The Cat Who Taught Zen James Norbury

Michael Joseph | HB \$35.00

From the bestselling author of *Big Panda* and *Tiny Dragon* comes a new adventure set in the same world. This is a Zen tale of a cat searching for infinite wisdom, embarking on a journey of discovery with a fun-loving kitten, sharing stories with those they meet along the way.



## Bookshop Dogs Ruth Shaw

Allen & Unwin New Zealand | HB \$34.99

A joyous celebration of literary, human and canine companionship, Shaw has drawn on her wealth of life experience to write this treasure of a semi-memoir. Her early career as a youth worker alongside Hunza the German Shepard is truly inspiring, and the sweet stories of dogs and their owners evoke the warm fuzzies in abundance.

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