

# Reading *Guide*



Get swept into  
a new season  
of best writing

*'Unmissable' -  
Australian crime and debut fiction*

— Louise Milligan's *Pheasants Nest*

**Must Read:** *New novels by Shankari Chandran, Bri Lee and Gail Jones*

**New Poetry:** *Nam Le's first collection in 10 years*

**WIN:** *A framed print from Black Duck by Bruce Pascoe*

# Australian Fiction

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

Handpicked by some of the best independent booksellers in the country, this new edition brings you a selection of the most exciting new releases for the season—from Australian and international fiction, to biographies, history, nature and science, along with a wonderful collection of children's and young adult writing.

With so many books to choose from, you are sure to find the right book for you and the best gifts for family and friends.

Happy reading!



### Safe Haven Shankari Chandran

Ultimo Press  
TPB \$34.99

May release,  
pre-orders welcome

Fina, a refugee and tireless advocate for others, is removed from her home

in country Australia and threatened with deportation. Lucky Dharman, investigating a death, arrives at the brutal detention centre where Fina is held, soon realises his investigation and Fina's fate are inextricably linked. The 2023 Miles Franklin winner returns with another brilliant story of the immigrant experience.



### To Sing of War Catherine McKinnon

4th Estate  
TPB \$32.99

May release,  
pre-orders welcome

From the author of *Storyland*, comes a beautiful, rich and thrilling novel of

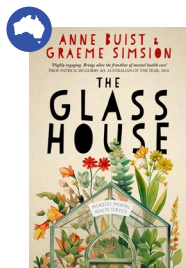
love, war and friendship. Set in the last months of WWII, the story moves from New Guinea to Los Alamos, the US and Japan. When a weapon of mass destruction changes the nature of war; how does fear shape our behaviour, what is unforgiveable in love and war?



### No Church in the Wild Murray Middleton

Picador Australia  
TPB \$34.99

Vogel Award-winner Murray Middleton throws together a fresh-faced cop and an idealistic teacher who undertake the gruelling pressure test of the Kokoda Trail alongside some troublesome youth in the hope of stemming the racial and class violence plaguing their community.



### The Glass House Anne Buist and Graeme Simsion

Hachette  
TPB \$32.99

A charming, witty, fly-on-the-wall peek at a psychiatric ward and lives of patients within. Drawing on Buist's

own experiences and told in Simsion's inimitable style, the two explore beyond the medical diagnoses and stigma around mental health to get to the hearts of the patients, doctors and families all brought together by a strained medical system.



### Appreciation Liam Pieper

Hamish Hamilton  
TPB \$34.99

When artist Ollie Darling puts his foot in his mouth on national television, his reputation and the value of his art go up in flames.

Years of mythmaking rapidly unravel, and the people who have poured money into Darling's success are not happy. Restoring his public image requires the unthinkable—Ollie must write a memoir and confront the consequences of what he has done.

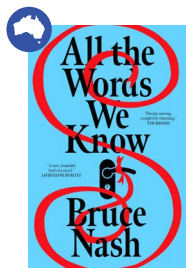


### Thunderhead Miranda Darling

Scribe Publications  
HB \$29.99

Unfolding over a seemingly typical day, Winona Dalloway is a young mother running her household. Her waking day starts prior to the 'tiny

tornado of little hands and feet', an indication of that which sustains her. As the day proceeds to its end, Winona's chaotic inner mindscape is revealed to be darkly funny and intense in its lacerating sharpness.

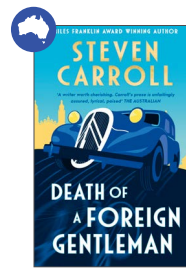


### All the Words We Know Bruce Nash

Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$32.99

A quirky, moving and wickedly funny novel about Rose, an eighty-year-old dementia patient, who's

struggling to make sense of the world and trying to find out what really happened to her friend who died after supposedly falling from a window. A cosy mystery about loneliness and language told with wit and heart, perfect for fans of *The One-Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Jumped out the Window*.



### Death of a Foreign Gentleman Steven Carroll

4th Estate  
TPB \$32.99

Set in Cambridge 1947, Detective Sergeant Stephen Minter, an Austrian-born cockney Jew,

is tasked with finding out if Martin Friedrich, a German philosopher, was killed by accident or murdered. Friedrich was a womaniser, ex-Nazi and hated by most who knew him. This literary whodunit by award-winning author, Steven Carroll, is the first in a series.

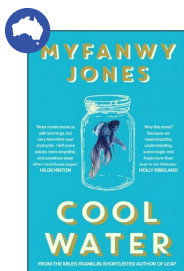
## Win a Pack of Great Australian Stories and an exclusive *Boy Swallows Universe* print.

With thanks to the publisher HarperCollins Australia, we're giving away a beautiful print based on the original cover of *Boy Swallows Universe*, Trent Dalton's bestselling novel, and a pack of 17 Great Australian Stories, valued at over \$600.

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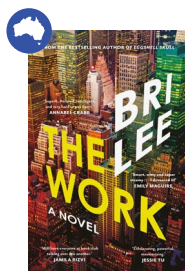


### Cool Water Myfanwy Jones

Hachette  
TPB \$32.99

A Queensland family gathers at the dam they built in the 1950s to celebrate a daughter's wedding. As the water

begins to recede, strange objects begin to emerge, summoning disquieting memories along with them. An unforgettable novel about angry fathers and secretive sons that asks what it means to be a good man.



### The Work Bri Lee

Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$32.99

When Lally—a wealthy, ambitious art curator—meets Pat—an antiques appraiser struggling to pay his rent—sparks fly

immediately. Their international affair ebbs and flows like the market, while their aspirations and insecurities drive them both towards career-ending mistakes. A stunning debut novel about art, power, love and money from the acclaimed and bestselling author of *Eggshell Skull*.



### One Another Gail Jones

Text Publishing  
TPB \$34.99

An examination of the intersections of art and life in Gail Jones's distinctively immersive and rich prose. At Cambridge, in 1992,

Australian student Helen is completing her thesis on Joseph Conrad. But she is distracted by a charming and dangerous lover, and the loss of her thesis on a train. The drama of the lost manuscript sets in motion a series of events with possibly fatal consequences.

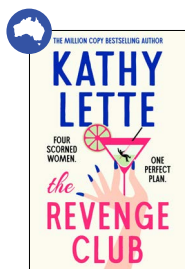


### The Rewilding Donna M. Cameron

Transit Lounge  
TPB \$32.99

When Jagger discovers the ugly truth about his father's extremely wealthy company, he blows the whistle and goes on the run. When he

crosses paths with Nia, an extreme ecological activist, together they head north on a journey that just might kill them both. Part romance, part mystery, part environmental wake-up-call, all page turner.



### The Revenge Club Kathy Lette

Aria  
TPB \$32.99

Don't get mad, get even, is the modus operandi of the Revenge Club, a group of four women who are tired of being personally

overlooked and professionally pushed aside by less-qualified men. Matilda, Penny, Jo and Cressy plot, plan and execute retribution for years of criticism, contempt, stonewalling and being made to feel invisible.



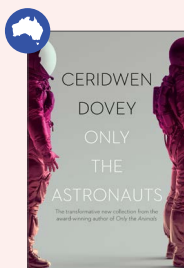
### Compassion Julie Janson

Magabala Books  
TPB \$34.99

Based on the real-life story of one of Julie Janson's ancestors who went on trial for stealing livestock, this is a gripping fictive account

of Aboriginal life in the 1800s. *Compassion* continues the themes explored in *Benevolence*, an emotional and intense literary exploration of the complex and dangerous lives of Aboriginal women in colonial New South Wales.

## Poetry, Novellas and Short Stories



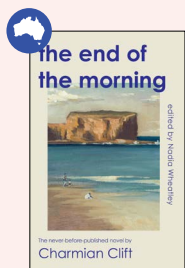
### Only the Astronauts Ceridwen Dovey

Hamish Hamilton  
TPB \$34.99

May release,  
pre-orders welcome

From the award-winning author of *Only the Animals*,

Ceridwen Dovey delivers another spectacular collection of stories. Join the motley crew of human-made object-astronauts, in this surreal and imaginative narrative, as they traverse the cosmos and observe humans both intimately and from a great distance, bearing witness to a civilisation unable to live up to its own ideals. Imaginative, delightful and truly moving.



### The End of the Morning Charmian Clift and edited by Nadia Wheatley

NewSouth Publishing  
PB \$34.99

Based on Charmian Clift's own life growing up in the working-class community

of a NSW coastal town during the Great Depression, we are introduced to Cressida Morley, Clift's young alter ego, the eccentric Morley family and their hopes for the future. Published for the first time, alongside a selection of Clift's essays, this is a testament to the brilliant mind of one of Australia's most renowned essayists.



### 36 Ways of Writing a Vietnamese Poem Nam Le

Scribner Australia  
HB \$26.99

Fifteen years after his award-winning collection of stories *The Boat*, Nam Le returns to his greatest

themes of identity and representation. Described as the book Le felt he needed to write, this breakthrough book-length poem is an urgent, unsettling reckoning with the violence of identity, embedded with racism, oppression and historical trauma. Le makes use of multiple tones, moods, masks and camouflages to create this masterpiece of personal and political histories.

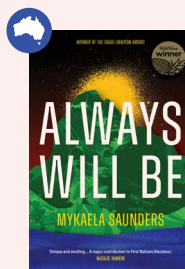


### The White Cockatoo Flowers: Stories Ouyang Yu

Transit Lounge  
HB \$32.99

A landmark collection of short stories from the legendary Chinese-Australian writer revelling in

the candour of lived experience from Shanghai to Montreal to Australia. Yu deftly peels back the layers on what it means to move from one culture to another, and what it means to be a writer, a husband, a parent and a stranger on foreign and familiar ground.

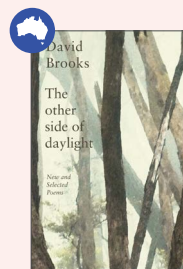


### Always Will Be Mykaela Saunders

UQP  
TPB \$32.99

Winner of the 2022 David Unaipon Award, Mykaela Saunders presents a compelling collection of speculative

fiction envisioning futures where Indigenous sovereignty reigns in the Tweed region. With diverse characters and imaginative storytelling, *Always Will Be* transcends cynicism, offering a celebration of Goori culture and resilience amidst changing landscapes.



### The Other Side of Daylight David Brooks

UQP  
PB \$26.99

*The Other Side of Daylight* combines brilliant new works with some of the best works from David Brooks' long and

honoured poetry career. Pondering on themes of justice and the relationship between humans and animals, this collection is clever, lyrical, and a sure favourite for poetry lovers.

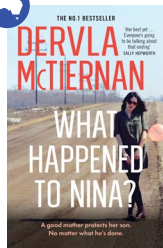
# New Australian Crime



**Pheasants Nest**  
*Louise Milligan*  
Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$32.99

After humiliating a dangerous man on a girls' night out, journalist Kate Delaney finds herself beaten, bound and gagged in

the back of a car. While her best friend and boyfriend race to put together the clues to aid the search for her, Kate knows all too well how these stories end and every minute that passes diminishes her chances of survival. An unputdownable thriller debut.



**What Happened to Nina?**  
*Dervla McTiernan*  
HarperCollins  
TPB \$34.99

In this gripping suspense novel by the bestselling author of *The Ruin*, two families clash

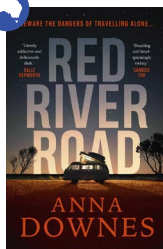
when Nina vanishes during a weekend trip with her partner, Simon. As Simon's story raises doubts, Nina's family battles against his influential relatives, resorting to unconventional tactics to uncover the truth amidst media frenzy and conspiracy theories.



**The Mystery Writer**  
*Sulari Gentill*  
Ultimo Press  
TPB \$34.99

Theo arrives on her brother's doorstep in the USA to run away from her university law course and focus on writing her

mystery novel. When the first friend she makes turns up dead and a strange man starts to follow her, things soon get complicated. With conspiracy theories, secret motives and publishing industry drama, this is a page-turner you won't be able to put down.

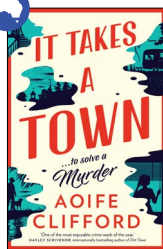


**Red River Road**  
*Anna Downes*  
Affirm Press  
TPB \$34.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

Katy is on a mission to find her free-spirited sister, Phoebe, who disappeared

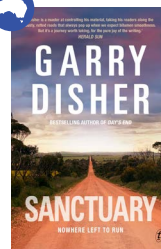
while travelling in WA a year ago. In this nerve-shredding outback thriller, our obsessions with freedom and beauty collide with our fear of what lies in the wilderness, and the truth behind Phoebe's disappearance proves stranger and darker than Katy could ever have guessed.



**It Takes a Town**  
*Aoife Clifford*  
Ultimo Press  
TPB \$34.99

In this country town, everyone dies famous. When child star Vanessa Walton is found dead, it appears to be an accident, until anonymous

letters suggest otherwise. Local teenager Jasmine Landridge also claims her death was murder, until Jasmine herself mysteriously disappears. Secrets are exposed, friendships become untangled, and a community comes together to solve this cozy crime.

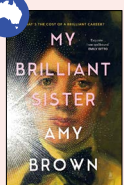


**Sanctuary**  
*Garry Disher*  
Text Publishing  
TPB \$34.99

In rural South Australia, Grace has been living a life full of not-so-petty theft. But her watchful eyes have grown weary, and she's ready

to get out of the game. She finds her escape in a job and a life in rural antiques shop, but someone is still out there looking for her, and Grace is not as hidden as she thinks. A thrilling new standalone from one of Australia's most esteemed crime authors.

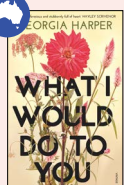
## Australian Debuts



**My Brilliant Sister**  
*Amy Brown*  
Scribner Australia  
TPB \$32.99

While Stella Miles

Franklin took on the world, her beloved sister Linda led a short, domestic life as a wife and mother. Amy Brown thrillingly reimagines those two lives—and her own—to explore and explode the contradictions embedded in brilliant careers and a woman's place in the world.



**What I Would Do to You**  
*Georgia Harper*  
Vintage Australia  
TPB \$34.99

The death penalty is back in a near-future Australia, but with a catch. If the family of the victim want the penalty enforced, they must execute the perpetrator alone in a room by themselves. Harper thoughtfully explores the fraught leadup to this day for the stricken family of a murdered ten-year-old.



**Tilda is Visible**  
*Jane Tara*  
Affirm Press  
TPB \$34.99

When Tilda Finch is diagnosed with

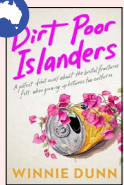
invisibility, she's not overly surprised. She has a good life but has never truly recovered from her past. Facing complete disappearance, she must face her trauma and rewrite the way she perceives the world and herself in this refreshingly unique and heartwarming look at ageing and acceptance.



**All the Beautiful Things You Love**  
*Jonathan Seidler*  
Macmillan Australia  
TPB \$34.99

Enzo walks out on

Elly after ten years together, leaving Elly heartbroken in a flat full of memories. She decides to sell everything that reminds her of what she had. Seidler's novel explores the mementoes we keep and how they change when love ends and starts again.



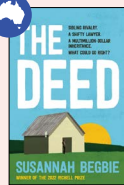
**Dirt Poor Islanders**  
*Winnie Dunn*  
Hachette  
TPB \$32.99

Winnie Dunn, half-white, half-Tongan, has written a beautiful and searching memoir exploring the strain of growing up between two cultures. Conflict with family and islander traditions come to a head in the blazing heat of Western Sydney.



**The Players**  
*Deborah Pike*  
Fremantle Press  
TPB \$34.99

In 1990s Perth, a group of students are rehearsing a play, but the gravity of passion, rivalry, and shared connection see them bound together over years and continents. In their search for meaning, they also discover love—and its consequences. A midsummer's daydream in Perth.



**The Deed**  
*Susannah Begbie*  
Hachette  
TPB \$34.99

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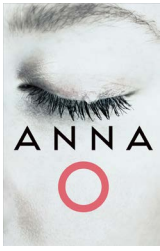
Tom Edwards is dying and he knows it. In one last challenge to his dysfunctional children, he tasks them with building his coffin or losing their inheritance. As each sibling's own story is revealed, Begbie illustrates how dangerous assumptions can be in complex family dynamics.



**The Story Thief**  
*Kyra Geddes*  
Affirm Press  
TPB \$34.99

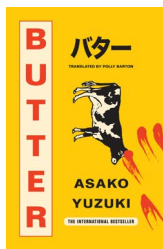
Building on Henry Lawson's famous

short story, Kyra Geddes weaves literature, history, fact and fiction in this stirring family saga. We follow Lillian's journey to unravel the truth—was *The Drover's Wife* based on her own family history and did Lawson take the credit for the story? A fresh, feminist perspective on the Australian classic.



**Anna O**  
**Matthew Blake**  
 HarperCollins  
 TPB \$32.99

Anna O, comatose for four years and suspected of a double murder, presents a formidable challenge to Dr. Benedict Prince, a renowned forensic psychologist. As he delves into her unconscious mind, a complex and dark mystery unfolds, offering a gripping narrative with a twist ranking among the best. For readers of Gillian Flynn, A. J. Finn, and Alex Michaelides.



**Butter**  
**Asako Yuzuki**  
 4th Estate  
 TPB \$32.99

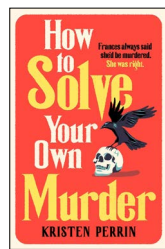
When journalist Rika is granted access to the imprisoned chef serial killer Manako Kajii, their conversations about home cooking soon awaken more than her journalistic curiosity. Inspired by a real Japanese criminal, this is a vivid, unsettling exploration of misogyny, obsession, romance and the transgressive pleasures of food in Japan.



**The Underhistory**  
**Kaaron Warren**  
 Viper  
 TPB \$32.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

Pera Sinclair was nine the day the pilot intentionally crashed his plane into her family's grand home. She was the only survivor. Over the decades, Pera rebuilt the huge and rambling building, opening the house for haunted house tours. When dangerous men arrive on the last tour of the season, the men will learn that Pera is far from helpless... An original and chilling tale of loss and self-preservation.



**How to Solve Your Own Murder**  
**Kristen Perrin**

Quercus  
 TPB \$32.99

As a teenager Frances was told by a fortune teller that one day she'd be murdered, so she spends a lifetime compiling dirt on every person she meets just in case they turn out to be her killer. Upon her eventual death, her great-niece Annie must find the killer using Frances's eccentric library of detective work.

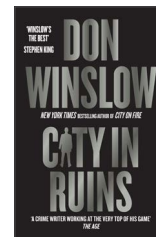


**The Last Murder at the End of the World**  
**Stuart Turton**  
 Raven Books  
 TPB \$32.99

In a world devastated by an enigmatic mist, a tranquil island shelters 122 inhabitants and three

scholars, until one of the scholars is gruesomely murdered, triggering the deactivation of their only defence against the encroaching fog. A must-read for fans of Turton's *The Seven Deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle*.

**Gift with purchase offer:** Purchase a copy of the book from participating bookshops ([bookpeople.org.au/readingguides/stockists](http://bookpeople.org.au/readingguides/stockists)) and receive a free holographic bookmark. \*While stocks last.



**City in Ruins**  
**Don Winslow**  
 HarperCollins  
 TPB \$34.99

Danny Ryan's journey through the highs and lows of organised crime comes to an epic end in this fitting finale to the brilliant career of one of the world's great contemporary crime writers.

## Historical Fiction and Fantasy



**The North Wind**  
**Alexandra Warwick**  
 Simon & Schuster Australia  
 TPB \$32.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

Wren discovers there is more than what meets the eye when it comes to the God of Winter, and strives to discover his alluring secrets while attempting to destroy his grip on the never-ending cold that plagues their land. Inspired by Beauty and the Beast and the myth of Hades and Persephone, *The North Wind* is perfect for fans of slow-burn romance and worlds rich with fairytales and enchantment.



**Psykhe**  
**Kate Forsyth**  
 Vintage  
 TPB \$34.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome.**

After the beautiful Psykhe provokes Venus, her family loses everything and Psykhe must find a way to make amends. She is tasked with travelling to the Underworld and facing Proserpina to save her forbidden love. Inspired by Beauty and the Beast and the myth of Hades and Persephone, this lush and enchanting enemies-to-lovers fantasy romance is perfect for fans of Sarah J. Maas.



**The Warm Hands of Ghosts**  
**Katherine Arden**  
 Century  
 TPB \$34.99

A novel about the trauma of war and the power of love and endurance. Set in Flanders as shells fall during World War One, Laura, a Canadian nurse, is desperately searching for her brother who is presumed dead, but she does not quite believe. A gripping book showing the determination of a sister and the dark places that she will go for love.



**Saltblood**  
**Francesca De Tores**  
 Bloomsbury  
 TPB \$32.99

Born as Mary but raised as Mark to ensure her family's inheritance, Mary Read's life is one of performance and survival. Spanning mansions, brothels, battlefields, and oceans, De Tores breathes life into the golden age of piracy through the wild adventures of legendary pirate Mary Read.



**Medea**  
**Rosie Hewlett**  
 Bantam  
 TPB \$34.99

An epic tale of love, murder, and magic following one of the most maligned women in Greek myth. Persecuted as a witch, Medea sees her opportunity for a new life in the dashing young hero Jason. When faced with the ultimate betrayal, she is driven to an act of desperation so brutal it rips apart the lives of everyone involved.



**The Familiar**  
**Leigh Bardugo**  
 Viking  
 TPB \$34.99

**When scullery maid and magic user**

Luzia Cotado is plunged into a competition in search of a holy saint in the royal court of Inquisition-era Madrid, she may only get out alive with the help of a mysterious immortal familiar, a man who may sacrifice her as soon as save her. From the bestselling author of *Shadow and Bone*.

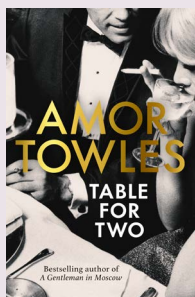


**When the Moon Hatched**  
**Sarah A. Parker**  
 Voyager  
 TPB \$34.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

A fast-paced fantasy romance for fans of witty banter and strong, sassy protagonists. Beneath the cover is an immersive, vibrant world with mysterious creatures, a unique magic system, and a love that blazes through the ages.

# International Fiction



## Table for Two Amor Towles

Hutchinson Heinemann  
TPB \$34.99

*Table for Two* brings together six glamorous short stories based in New York and a peek into what happened to Eve Ross of *Rules of Civility* fame. Towles

considers the fateful consequences that can spring from brief encounters and the delicate mechanics of compromise that operate at the heart of modern marriages. The novella, *Eve in Hollywood*, serves as a follow up to Towles's novel *Rules of Civility*. Towles fans are in for a treat.

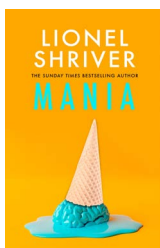


## Funny Story Emily Henry

Viking  
TPB \$34.99

When Daphne moves to her fiancé's hometown, it's fair to say she's shocked when he cheats on her with his childhood best friend, Petra.

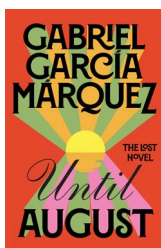
Feeling sorry for Petra's ex-boyfriend, Daphne invites him to live with her as a (temporary) roommate. While he convinces her to give the town a second chance, she just might fall for the place—and him.



## Mania Lionel Shriver

Borough Press  
TPB \$32.99

What if calling someone stupid was illegal? In the near future, the Mental Parity Movement has taken hold, the worst thing you can call someone is 'stupid' and as such, everyone is considered to be equally clever. The relationship between best friends Pearson and Emory fractures as they find themselves on opposing sides of this new culture war.

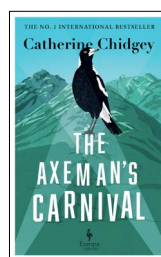


## Until August Gabriel García Márquez

Viking  
HB \$35.00

Ana Magdalena Bach is happily married with no reason to escape the world she's made with her husband and children.

Yet every August, she travels to the island where her mother was buried and takes a new lover for one night. Constantly surprising and wonderfully sensual, this is Márquez's posthumously published meditation on freedom, regret and the mysteries of love.



## The Axeman's Carnival Catherine Chidgey

Europa Editions  
Demy PB \$32.99

Set in New Zealand's South Island, Marnee and her husband Rob are struggling sheep farmers. Tama is just

a helpless magpie chick when he is rescued by Marnee. As Tama develops the ability to speak, and his fame grows, Marnee finds herself confiding in him about her violent marriage... In turns heartbreaking and hilarious, this is a hauntingly beautiful tale.



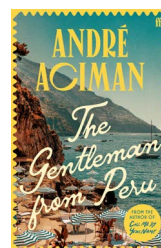
## Enlightenment Sarah Perry

Jonathan Cape  
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

From the author of the bestselling *The Essex Serpent*, Thomas Hart and

Grace Macauley are fellow worshippers at a Baptist chapel in a small Essex town. Though separated in age, the pair are kindred spirits—torn between their commitment to religion and their desire for more. But with the arrival of love, their friendship is threatened, and their worlds may never look the same.

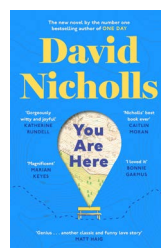


## The Gentleman from Peru André Aciman

Faber  
HB \$26.99

Set on the Amalfi Coast, a group of college friends invite a mysterious, white-bearded stranger to lunch

at their luxurious hotel. What follows is a tale of wisdom, miraculous abilities, and profound love, from the author of *Call Me by Your Name*, a poignant narrative about longing, regret, and the transformative power of love.



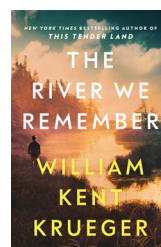
## You Are Here David Nicholls

Sceptre  
TPB \$32.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

David Nicholls leads us on a walk across the north of England, seen through the

eyes of Marnie and Matthew. Strangers both, they have each succumbed to singledom but their friend Cleo is having none of that and conspires to get them out of their comfort zones. Perhaps two weeks of all-weather cross-country walking is exactly the fix they need.



## The River We Remember William Kent Krueger

Atria Books  
TPB \$32.99

In 1958, a small Minnesota town is rocked by the murder of a wealthy landowner. Sheriff Brody

Dern, a decorated war hero, is tasked to investigate. As suspicions of a fellow veteran mount, the town teeters on the edge of violence and Dern must struggle to find the truth of Quinn's murder while calming his past demons.

## Debut and Translated Fiction



## The Fellowship of Puzzle Makers Samuel Burr

Orion  
TPB \$32.99

Abandoned at birth on the steps of the Fellowship of Puzzle Makers, Clayton Stumper was raised by the sharpest minds in the British Isles. When an esteemed crossword compiler dies and leaves him with her final puzzle, Clay uncovers something even the Fellowship have never been able to solve.



## The Divorcées Rowan Beird

Manilla  
TPB \$32.99

In this gripping debut, set in

1950s America, Lois Saunders escapes her suffocating marriage at the Golden Yarrow, a 'divorce ranch,' only to have her life transformed by the arrival of Greer Lange in glamorous yet tumultuous Reno, Nevada. For fans of *Beautiful Ruins* and *Lessons in Chemistry*.



## The Ministry of Time Kaliane Bradley

Sceptre  
TPB \$32.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

In the near future, a civil servant is offered a lucrative job in a mysterious government ministry of time travel. Partnered as a guide to the handsome Commander Gore of the doomed 1847 Arctic expedition, the two are forced to confront their past choices and imagined futures.

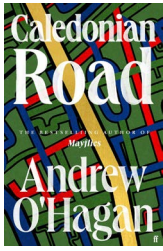


## Vladivostok Circus Elisa Shua Dusapin

and Aneesa Abbas Higgins (trans)

Scribe  
PB \$27.99

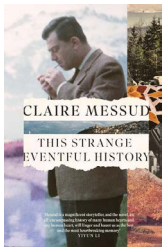
Nathalie arrives at the circus in Vladivostok to design costumes for the world's best performing trio of the showstopping Russian Bar act. With her usual steady prose, Dusapin writes about the delicate balance of trust and harmony required between interconnecting relationships.



### Caledonian Road

Andrew O'Hagan  
Faber  
TPB \$34.99

Campbell Flynn has it all. He's a well-regarded art historian with the status of celebrity intellectual. When he strikes up a working relationship with a former student, his liberalism and assumptions come to seem performative and shallow as his world view is challenged. A brilliant contemporary satire skewering the inequities and pretensions of Brexit times.

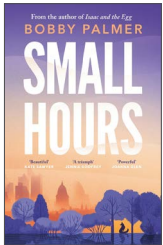


### This Strange Eventful History

Claire Messud  
Fleet  
TPB \$34.99

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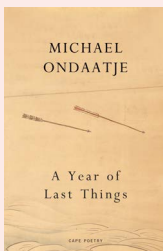
A masterful story of a family on the wrong side of history. Charting the Cassars family from their separation in the chaos of WWII, and their lives across the globe—from Salonica, the US, Australia and France—through to social and political upheavals, this is an expansive, sweeping novel of one family's search for an elusive wholeness.



### Small Hours

Bobby Palmer  
Headline Review  
TPB \$32.99

In a wild landscape, Jack returns home to confront his father, Gerry, who communicates with animals. Their journey, triggered by a fox's presence and Jack's mother's absence, explores ambition, loss, and human connection. Brace yourself for a narrative that will not only tug at your heartstrings but also resonate long after the final page is turned.



### A Year of Last Things

Michael Ondaatje  
Jonathan Cape | HB \$34.99

Bestselling author of *The English Patient*, Michael Ondaatje returns to poetry, where he began his career over fifty years ago. Here,

Ondaatje moves back and forth in time, from a childhood in Sri Lanka to Moliere's chair during his last stage performance, merging memory with the present, looking back on a life of displacement and discovery, love and loss.



### Clear

Carys Davis  
Granta  
HB \$26.99

An exquisitely written, tender novel set on a remote island off the coast of Scotland during the Highland Clearances of 1840s. When John, an impoverished Scottish minister, accepts the job of evicting the lone remaining occupant of the island, despite the misgivings of his wife Mary, this sets in motion a chain of events that neither he nor Mary could have predicted.



### Earth

John Boyne  
Doubleday  
HB \$29.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

Talented footballer Evan Keogh is charged with sexual assault alongside another player, a series of text messages pointing towards their guilt. During the trial he reflects on the events that brought him to this point, his lost artistic ambitions, his sexuality in a homophobic sport, and his knowledge of the crime that threatens more than just his freedom or career.



### Blue Sisters

Coco Mellors  
4th Estate  
TPB \$34.99

June release, pre-orders welcome

The Blue sisters have always been exceptional—and exceptionally different. The one thing Avery, Bonnie and Lucky have in common is the hole left by the unexpected death of Nicky, their beloved fourth sister. A moving novel about the ways sisters shape each other, and how grief changes us, from the bestselling author of *Cleopatra* and *Frankenstein*.



### Long Island

Colm Tóibín  
Picador Australia  
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

It is 1976, and Ellis Lacey, now in her forties with teenage children, lives in Long Island with her extended Italian American family. When a stranger arrives with shattering news, Ellis has choices to make, and what she chooses to do makes this one of Tóibín's most riveting and emotional novels to date. This gorgeous, enthralling sequel to *Brooklyn* is about longing and the rekindling of bonds with places and people left behind.



### James

Percival Everett  
Mantle  
TPB \$34.99

Many know the story of Huckleberry Finn, but in this enthralling, ferociously funny and clever novel Everett shifts the narrative to focus

on Jim, allowing him to reclaim his voice. While many narrative set pieces of Twain's novel remain in place, Jim's agency, intelligence and compassion are shown in a radically new light.



### Lies and Weddings

Kevin Kwan  
Hutchinson Heinemann  
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

Taking us from the beaches of Hawaii to the skies of Marrakech, from glitzy Beverly Hills to the inner sanctums of England's oldest family estates, this fabulous novel from the author of *Crazy Rich Asians* is a juicy, hilarious and sophisticated tale of love, money, murder and sex.

## Poetry from Literary Masters



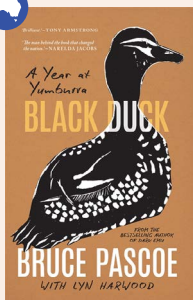
### The Summer We Crossed Europe in the Rain

Kazuo Ishiguro and Bianca Bagnarelli (illus)  
Faber | Demy HB \$39.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

From the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Never Let Me Go* comes a gorgeously illustrated volume of lyrics written for the Grammy-nominated jazz singer Stacey Kent. An exquisite coming together of the literary and musical worlds, with lyrics infused with yearning, melancholy, love, and the romance of travel and liminal spaces.





## Black Duck: A Year at Yumburra

**Bruce Pascoe with Lyn Harwood**

Thames & Hudson  
TPB \$34.99

In this deeply personal memoir, Bruce Pascoe and Lyn Harwood invite us to Black Duck, their farm at Yumburra, and

to imagine a different future for Australia—one where we can honour our relationship with nature and improve agriculture and forestry. Where we can develop a uniquely Australian cuisine that will reduce carbon emissions, preserve scarce water resources, and rebuild our soil.

Purchase a copy of the book for your chance to win 1 of 5 framed Lyn Harwood's *Black Duck* prints. To enter the competition, go to [bookpeople.org.au/competitions](http://bookpeople.org.au/competitions).



Terms & conditions apply. Competition closes 30 June.



## Sister Viv

**Grantlee Kieza**

ABC Books  
TPB \$35.99

Grantlee Kieza has yet again brought us another amazing tale of Australian history, this time of Australian Army nurse Vivian Bullwinkel. At

just twenty-six, she was the sole survivor of a Japanese execution and then spent the next three and a half years in captivity. Viv went on to become a leader in the Australian nursing field and recipient of numerous awards. A remarkable woman we all should know about.



## Growing Up Torres Strait Islander in Australia

**Edited by Samantha Faulkner**

Black Inc  
PB \$32.99

A showcase of the distinct identity of Torres Strait

Islanders through their diverse voices and journeys. Emerging and established writers from both today and the recent past such as Eddie Mabo, Thomas Mayo, Lenora Thaker, Ellie Gaffney, Jillian Boyd-Bowie, Aaron Fa'aoso and Jimi Bani, share their love of culture, food, family, language, and Country.



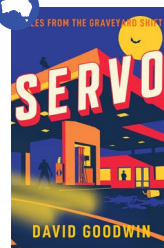
## Datsun Angel

**Anna Broinowski**

Hachette Australia  
TPB \$34.99

Based on Anna Broinowski's battered teen travel diary, *Datsun Angel* is a savage, darkly funny memoir of sex, drugs and violence-fuelled

adventure through the brutal 1980s Australian outback. After facing the toxic misogyny of Sydney Uni O-Week, Anna agrees to hitchhike north with her gentle-giant friend Peisley, a journey that that will lead them into the flyblown guts of the Australian soul.



## Servo

**David Goodwin**

Hachette Australia  
TPB \$34.99

David Goodwin's weekend service station graveyard shift was a whirlwind of drive-offs, spiked slushies, and madness. From dodging

shoplifting bees to facing balaclava-clad goons hurling cordial-filled water bombs, his experiences were bizarre. Yet amidst the chaos, he found camaraderie. *Servo* offers a riveting glimpse into the absurdity and strangeness of the night shift world.



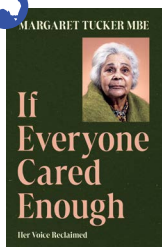
## Power of Balance

**Kerryn Phelps**

Hardie Grant  
HB \$49.99

Dr Kerryn Phelps AM has been a changemaker in Australian life, as Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney and a leader of the LGBT+

community in Australia. Phelps explores her struggles around the Medevac issue, COVID-19 policy, Marriage Equality and her ascension to Federal Parliament to represent the people of Wentworth. A provocative memoir of a fascinating woman and an Australian leader.



## If Everyone Cared Enough

**Margaret Tucker**

National Library of Australia  
TPB \$2.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

In 1977, the first edition of activist Aunty Marge's

original manuscript was altered to avoid unsettling white readers. In this restored, updated edition, Tucker recounts her incredible life, from happy early memories, to the cruelty of being stolen from her family and sent to domestic training homes, to being awarded an MBE for her significant activism in 1968.



## Because I Love Him

**Ashlee Donohue**

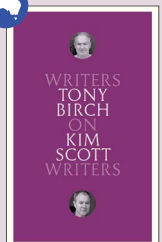
Magabala Books  
TPB \$27.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

Ashlee Donohue chronicles the profound impact of life on the margins on herself,

her family and her urban Aboriginal community. A proud Dughutti woman, Ashlee is determined to keep her family together, despite the unforgivable acts and inevitable fallout, to gift her children what she never had—the presence of their father.

## Creative Lives



## On Kim Scott

**Tony Birch**

Black Inc  
HB \$22.99

Tony Birch reflects on Kim Scott's award-winning method of utilising fiction as a pathway to truth and interrogation of the

complex and messy frontier history of colonial encounters, in this new addition to Black Inc's 'Writers on Writers' series, in which leading authors reflect on an Australian writer who has inspired and influenced them.



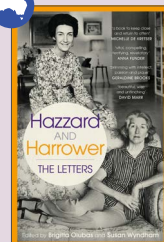
## Artful Lives

**Penny Olsen**

Melbourne Books  
PB \$39.99

From socialites to bohemians, Melbourne sisters Valerie and Yvonne Cohen were artists who lived frugally, enjoyed

mischief and flaunted their unconventional lifestyle. Their circle included Lina Bryans, Clifton Pugh and Arthur Boyd. Spanning most of the last century, their fascinating story is told by their cousin, Penny Olsen.



## Hazzard and Harrower: The Letters

**Edited by Brigitta Olubas and Susan Wyndham**

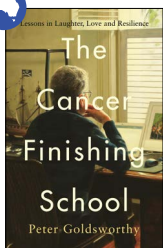
NewSouth Publishing  
TPB \$39.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

The friendship between two of Australia's

greatest writers was conducted primarily by letter, eventuating in four decades of letters, cards and telegrams from Harrower's home in Sydney and Hazzard's abodes in New York and Italy. The correspondence, released after Harrower's death in 2020, bears witness to a complex friendship, including their infamous falling out.



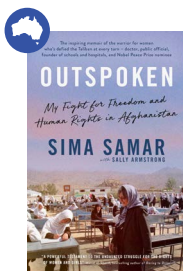


## The Cancer Finishing School

Peter Goldsworthy

Viking  
TPB \$36.99

Novelist, poet and Doctor 'Pete' Goldsworthy's new memoir offers wisdom, humour and wonder in the face of incurable illness. Darkly humorous and deeply moving, Goldsworthy turns his cancer into a meditation on life, love and acceptance, resulting in a fascinating mixture of his own experiences and stories of odd and interesting cases of coping with the inevitable.

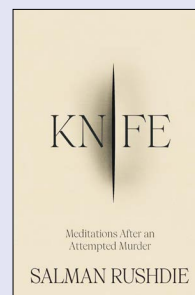


## Outspoken

Dr Sima Samar and Sally Armstrong

HarperCollins  
TPB \$34.99

An inspiring memoir of Dr Sima Samar—a warrior for women's rights in Afghanistan, who defied the Taliban in every turn—as a doctor, public official, founder of schools and hospitals. A Hazara woman, and under grave personal danger, she's been fighting for equality and justice for most of her life. *Outspoken* is the story of a remarkable life dedicated to the dream of justice and full human rights for all the citizens of her country.



## Knife

Salman Rushdie

Jonathan Cape  
TPB \$36.99

Recounting his shocking public stabbing while on stage in New York, Salman Rushdie confronts the horrendously violent outcome of the fatwa placed on him over thirty years ago. Seriously injured in the attack, Rushdie lost the use of one hand and vision in one eye. His response is a deeply personal reflection on life and loss, and an encapsulation of the power of literature and art in confronting the worst of human nature.



## How To Knit a Human

Anna Jacobson

NewSouth Publishing  
PB \$34.99

This is Anna Jacobson's memoir-quest to regain her life after experiencing psychosis and electroconvulsive therapy at age 23. As memory barriers begin to crumble, Anna weaves her experiences around the gaps of memories that are still not accessible alongside the cathartic act of knitting. This book is a reclamation of story and self.



## Broken Girl

Caroline Laner Breure with Bradley Trevor Greive

Hachette Australia  
HB \$34.99

While enjoying a holiday in Spain with her boyfriend, Caroline's skull was horrifically crushed in an accident. Following a year-long coma, Caroline returned home to Sydney to discover everyone and everything she loved had vanished. This is the true story of how she reclaimed her life, told alongside the author of the bestselling *Penguin Bloom*, Bradley Trevor Greive.

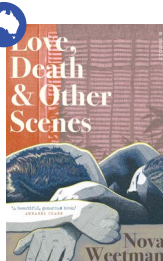


## Hope

Rosie Batty

HarperCollins  
TPB \$35.99

Following on from *A Mother's Story*, which detailed the lead up to her son's murder, *Hope* shares what happened to Rosie Batty the day after the worst day of her life and how she has reclaimed hope when all seemed lost. She shares her struggles as well as the stories of those who have inspired her to keep going.

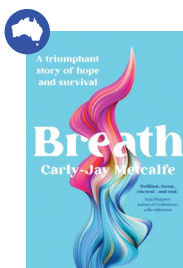


## Love, Death & Other Scenes

Nova Weetman

UQP  
TPB \$34.99

Beloved Australian author Nova Weetman's unforgettable memoir asks how we can continue to live and love through unimaginable loss. A moving, honest account of losing a partner of twenty-five years during Covid, parenting teenagers through grief, and buying property for the first time at the age of fifty, all told in a warm and wise, and often joyful tone.

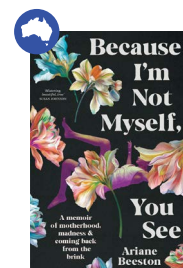


## Breath

Carly-Jay Metcalfe

UQP  
TPB \$32.99

Carly-Jay's story is as inspiring as it is confronting. Writing about her own life experiences through the various medical conditions and illnesses she had to endure is told in a raw and personal way. Bringing us on her journey of cystic fibrosis, double lung transplant and fighting a rare cancer—all told with honesty and warmth to her experiences—to find joy amongst the wreckage.



## Because I'm Not Myself, You See

Ariane Beeston

Black Inc  
TPB \$36.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**  
For anyone who is a mother or has a mother, this is an important, unflinching, and raw memoir. Postnatal depression affects one in seven Australian families. Beeston's honesty and bravery to tell her story provide us all with insights and perspectives on motherhood and mental illness that we need to understand more about as a society.

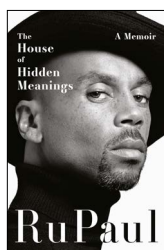


## Rebel Rising

Rebel Wilson

HarperCollins Australia  
HB \$49.99

After her meteoric rise to comedy fame, Rebel Wilson writes for the first time about her most personal and important moments in her life—from fertility issues, weight gain and loss, sexuality, overcoming shyness, rejection and meeting Brad Pitt. A refreshingly candid, hilarious, and inspiring book about her unconventional journey to fame and fortune.

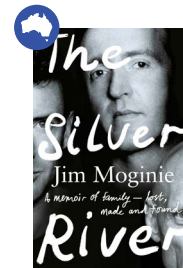


## The House of Hidden Meanings

RuPaul

HarperCollins  
TPB \$34.99

RuPaul's memoir peels back the layers of glamour, exposing the raw reality of his transformative journey from a tumultuous upbringing to worldwide acclaim. With unreserved candour, he recounts his odyssey toward self-empowerment and self-acceptance, delivering a profound message of resilience and genuineness.

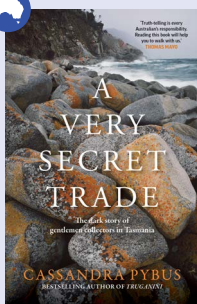


## The Silver River

Jim Moginie

HarperCollins  
TPB \$34.99

Jim Moginie's memoir charts both the rise of the band Midnight Oil and his own deeply personal journey. Midnight Oil became Moginie's de facto family, taking their music and activism to their fans. The nagging sense that something was missing took Moginie across the world in search of lost relatives, bringing his personal and professional lives together in a heartfelt Australian story.



## A Very Secret Trade

Cassandra Pybus

Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$34.99

May release,  
pre-orders welcome

Cassandra Pybus exposes the disturbing secret trade in the remains

of Tasmania's original inhabitants during colonial times. The 19th century fascination with collecting exotic specimens, including skeletons of the thylacine and the platypus, included the horrific accrual of human remains. Devastating and unflinching, Pybus reveals the once-hidden truth about these 'gentleman' collectors and the ramifications for the First People of Tasmania.



## Who Owns the Moon

A. C. Grayling

Oneworld  
TPB \$34.99

As a new space race begins, the natural resources of the moon are being coveted by the world's most powerful

companies and corporations. Grayling explores this dynamic through *terra nullius*, a concept too often used to exploit communal resources for the benefit of few. An intelligent and compelling argument for a new global consensus that protects the rights of all.



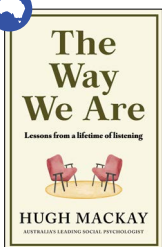
## We Can Do Better

Maja Göpel and David Shaw (trans)

Scribe  
PB \$32.99

Political economist and sustainability expert Dr Maja Göpel follows up *Rethinking our World* with

an exploration of the structural changes needed to make a better world. There have always been great transformations in human history, many of which we have caused ourselves, thus making it possible for us to shape them for the better.



## The Way We Are

Hugh Mackay

Allen & Unwin

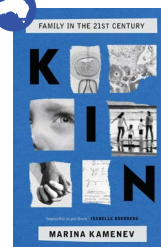
TPB \$34.99

May release,

pre-orders welcome

One of Australia's leading social psychologists brings a compelling portrait of

Australia today. Drawing on thousands of interviews, Hugh Mackay shows the varying ways we as a society have changed over the years and the major trends that are shaking the foundations of the Australian way of life. Suffused with affection for our country, this is an important and ultimately an uplifting book.



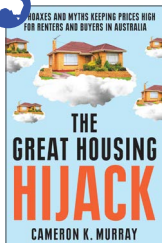
## Kin: Family in the 21st Century

Marina Kamenev

NewSouth Publishing  
PB \$36.99

The shape of family has changed in the 21st century. While the nuclear family still exists, other forms of

kinship surround us today. *Kin* is an in-depth investigation of what influences us to have children and the new ways parenthood has been made possible. It examines couples without children, single parents by choice and rainbow families, and investigates the impacts of adoption, sperm donation, IVF and surrogacy, and the potential for a future of designer babies.



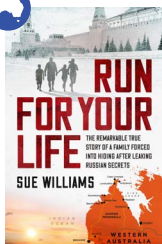
## The Great Housing Hijack

Cameron K. Murray

Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$34.99

*The Great Housing Hijack* begins with a clever reimagining of procuring a tenant for a house. From

there, Cameron K. Murray carefully exposes how the main stakeholders in the Australian property industry manipulate the market and policies to maintain a profitable status quo. Murray challenges the big housing con and provides ideas for change.



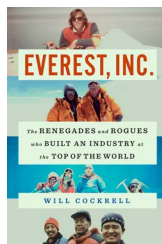
## Run For Your Life

Sue Williams

Simon & Schuster Australia  
TPB \$34.99

The eye-opening true story about a family compelled to disappear for leaking Russian secrets. Nick Stride moved to Russia

in 1998 to work at the British Embassy in Moscow. When he leaks secrets from Vladimir Putin's one-time deputy, he and his family find themselves on the run. After many years, Nick and his family have emerged from isolation ready to share their story.



## Everest, Inc.

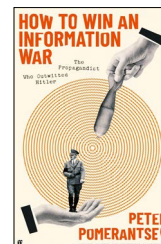
Will Cockrell

Gallery Books  
TPB \$34.99

May release,  
pre-orders welcome

An adventure history that tells the remarkable story of the Himalayan guiding

industry. Filled with quotes from hundreds of Sherpa, western guides and their clients, *Everest, Inc.* focuses on the people who have made the mountain what it is today and tells a tale of entrepreneurs, journeymen and women, and the Nepalis who will take the industry into the future.



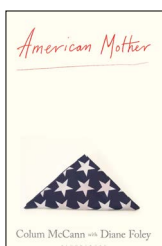
## How to Win an Information War

Peter Pomerantsev

Faber  
TPB \$34.99

The incredible true story of the largely forgotten WWII British propagandist of

Australian heritage, Thomas Sefton Delmer, who created 'Der Chef'—a fictional German whose radio broadcasts skilfully questioned the Nazi doctrine. As Peter Pomerantsev uncovers Delmer's story, he is called into a wartime propaganda effort of his own: the global response to Putin's invasion of Ukraine and the quest to turn the tide of information wars.

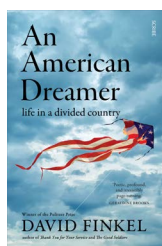


## American Mother

Colum McCann and Diane Foley

Bloomsbury | TPB \$34.99

Written in collaboration with Colum McCann, Diane Foley shares her story of her son Jim's life, his kidnapping and unbearable death while working as a video journalist in Syria. Following the unimaginable shadows of grief and loss, her remarkable generosity of faith and vision for justice helps continue to tell Diane and Jim's story.



## An American Dreamer

David Finkel

Scribe | TPB \$36.99

David Finkel spent fourteen years immersed in Iraq war veteran Brent Cummings' world. The result is an extraordinary chronicle of the United States, where Cummings left one war and found himself returning to another that seemed to be tearing apart the country he spent his life defending. A brilliant study of struggle in a time of crisis by a Pulitzer Prize winner.

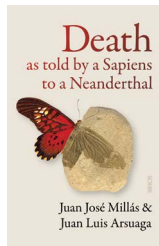


## Mushroom Magic

*Dr Sapphire McMullan-Fisher*

Smith Street Books  
HB \$29.99

This wonderfully illustrated guide looks at 50 interesting mushrooms from around the world, providing facts on their appearance, edibility and uses. With many fungi species remaining unidentified even today, this basic collection dips through a kaleidoscope of shapes, colours and size from the 'hidden kingdom'. A great insight for beginners into these unique multi-taskers.



## Death As Told by a Sapiens to a Neanderthal

*Juan José Millás and Juan Luis Arsuaga*  
Scribe  
PB \$32.99

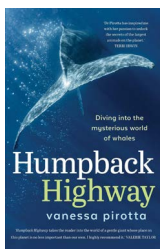
This follow-up to *Life as Told by a Sapiens to a Neanderthal* is a brilliant intertwining of science and literature. Millás and Arsuaga once again dazzle the reader by addressing topics such as death and eternity, longevity, disease, ageing, natural selection, programmed death, and survival. A sharply reflective book about how evolution has treated us as species and as individuals.



## Deep Water

*James Bradley*  
Hamish Hamilton  
TPB \$36.99

The ocean has shaped and sustained life on Earth from the beginning of time. Its vast waters are alive with meaning and connect every living thing on Earth. Weaving together science, history and personal experience, *Deep Water* offers vital new ways of understanding not just humanity's relationship with the planet, but our past – and perhaps most importantly, our future.



## Humpback Highway

*Vanessa Pirotta*  
NewSouth Publishing  
PB \$32.99

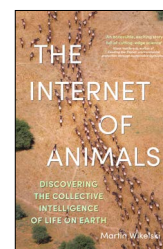
Whether you're a whale lover or you're simply curious about the underwater world, Vanessa Pirotta's underwater investigation will inspire and give you a new respect for these majestic, marine giants. Pirotta dives beneath the surface to reveal the mysterious world of humpback whales—from their life cycle and human interference, to why whale snot and poo are more important to us than we think.



## The Forest Wars

*David Lindenmayer*  
Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$34.99

Forests purify our drinking water, preserve biodiversity and are our best hope to reduce carbon emissions. This book exposes what is happening in our native forests, revealing an unholy alliance between state forestry, the timber industry and unions that is making bushfires worse, killing wildlife and costing taxpayers millions, all for the sake of woodchips for export.



## The Internet of Animals

*Martin Wikelski*  
Scribe  
TPB \$36.99

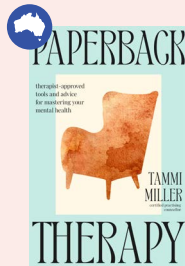
If we tracked secret animal movements worldwide what would they tell us about how our planet is changing? As part of a groundbreaking new project called ICARUS, scientists have begun equipping animals with tracking devices. The data they collect creates a living map of animal behaviour and the impact of mobility on our changing planet.



## Creative First Aid

*Caitlin Marshall and Lizzie Rose*  
Murdoch Books  
Flexibound \$39.99

Embracing creativity without being critical of oneself and feeling the moment brings a sense of relaxation and a mental reboot. Marshall and Rose have made a unique guide with exercises that can be used to refresh our way of thinking in maintaining our mental health. They explain the science behind some of what we're thinking and why. Entwined with stories from others, this book helps show that we aren't alone.



## Paperback Therapy

*Tammi Miller*  
Simon & Schuster Australia  
TPB \$34.99

Certified practising counsellor Tammi Miller takes you on a journey of self-discovery and healing. Intended not as a substitute for therapy, but to give a different perspective on what skills are needed to help meet your mental health goals, you'll learn over 25 therapist-approved tools for everything from how to boost self-esteem and overcoming unhealthy habits, to managing anxiety.

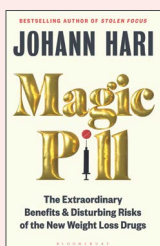


## I Want to Die but I Still Want to Eat

*Baek Sehee and Anton Hur (trans)*  
Bloomsbury  
TPB \$32.99

June release, pre-orders welcome

After reaching a global community of readers with her bestselling therapy memoir, Baek Sehee reaches out again to hold the hands of those who appreciated depression and anxiety being discussed with such intimacy. Healing is a difficult process, and Baek's conversations with her therapist become more complex with every new session.

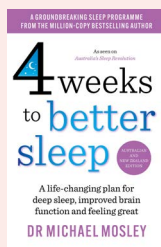


## Magic Pill

*Johann Hari*  
Bloomsbury  
TPB \$34.99

June release, pre-orders welcome

Johann Hari walks us through his personal experience with heralded 'miracle' weight-loss drug Ozempic. Interviewing experts from around the world, Hari weighs the clear benefit with the high potential risks. He explores the scientific and cultural impacts of the polarising rapid weight loss solution as well as the physical and emotional toll it takes.



## 4 Weeks to Better Sleep

*Dr Michael Mosley*  
Simon & Schuster Australia  
TPB \$34.99

Sleep is essential for our health, but 60% of Australians struggle to get enough. Dr Michael Mosley is the go-to for research-based health information, and is the ideal guide to getting your sleep and health back on track. Mosely gives us a radical four-week plan filled with surprising recommendations and tips for teenagers, shift workers, and anyone in need of some shut-eye. The gold-standard in health advice.

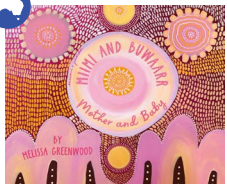


## The Gut Repair Plan

*Sarah Di Lorenzo*  
Simon & Schuster Australia  
TPB \$39.99

Sarah Di Lorenzo covers how the digestive system works, good and bad gut bacteria, prebiotic and probiotic food superheroes and what the worst offenders for your gut are. Di Lorenzo provides you with up-to-date information about gut health, the science behind it, and all the tools you need to improve it.

# Picture Books



**Miimi and Buwaarr, Mother and Baby**  
**Melissa Greenwood**

ABC Books  
HB \$24.99

Surrounded by the pinks and golds that evoke the warmth of a sunset, this is a mother's words of love for her baby in beautiful, simple text that also explains the Gumbaynggirr words used to describe deep ties to family and land. Another delight from Gumbaynggirr and Bundjalung artist Melissa Greenwood.



**Mums and Mogs**  
**Mick Elliott**

Walker Books Australia  
HB \$24.99

After the huge success of *Dads and Dogs*, Mick Elliott

is back with *Mums and Mogs*, the beautiful story of our precious mums and the cats of all types that work and play alongside them. From a dining mum with a hungry mog to a meeting mum with a messy mog, you will find your mum and your mog somewhere on the pages of this book.

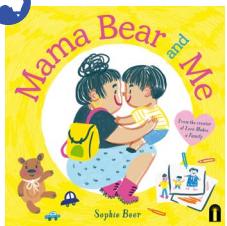


**The Garden of Broken Things**  
**Freya Blackwood**

HarperCollins  
HB \$26.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

One day, curious Sadie follows a cat into the tangled vines behind the lonely house at Number 9, Ardent Street. Deep in the undergrowth, past all the twisted, rusted things, Sadie finds the cat sitting on the lap of a woman, bent with time and weariness. Sadie has found the Garden of Broken Things...

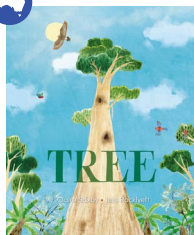


**Mama Bear and Me**  
**Sophie Beer**

Hardie Grant Children's Publishing  
HB \$24.99

From the bestselling author of *Love*

*Makes a Family* comes this lyrical and loving tribute to real-life mama bears showing how all-consuming their love can be. Whether they're snoozy and sleepy, rumbly happy, growly roary or fuzzily nuzzly, a bear hug from mama bear is the warmest place to be.

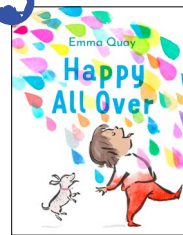


**Tree**  
**Claire Saxby and Jess Racklyeft (illus)**

Allen & Unwin Children's Books  
HB \$24.99

Prize winners Claire Saxby and Jess Racklyeft

pair up again for another beautiful picture book about nature, the world around us and the mountain ash tree. Perfect to share with children and sure to inspire many conversations. The words are a dream, the illustrations are gorgeous, this is a book that comes highly recommended.

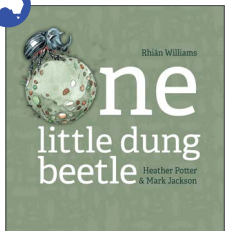


**Happy All Over**  
**Emma Quay**

ABC Books  
HB \$24.99

*Happy on the inside, inside-out, happy all over—splash it all about.* Creator of *Rudie Nudie*,

award-winning author-illustrator Emma Quay has produced a delightful story celebrating the small joys found in the everyday. Using rhyme and colour, *Happy All Over* shows children how they can find fun and happiness in their daily lives.

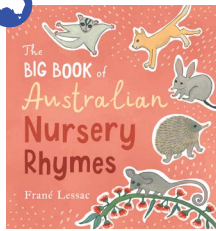


**One Little Dung Beetle**  
**Rhian Williams**

Wild Dog Books  
HB \$24.99

Come along with Rhian Williams to use an array of beetles to

count our way through one dung beetle to ten feather horned beetles. This is the perfect book for any little budding entomologist, filled with bugs and little tips on where to find them, some even in your own backyard.



**The Big Book of Australian Nursery Rhymes**  
**Frané Lessac**

Walker Books Australia  
HB \$26.99

This book is such a treat! All the nursery rhymes you know and love, but with an Australian twist. Here, Old McDonald goes 'out bush' and Peter Piper becomes 'Pygmy Possum', the classic rhythms are retained but the rhymes wonderfully reinvented. With vibrant and playful illustrations this is sure to be a favourite with even the littlest readers.

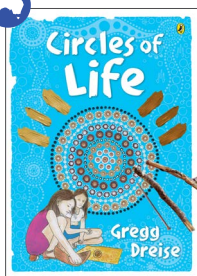


**Footprint**  
**Phil Cummings and Sally Soweol Han (illus)**

Allen & Unwin Children's Books  
HB \$24.99

Vibrant illustrations and bounding rhymes take

readers on a journey to explore nature and the legacy of our impact on it. Explore forests and mountains, cities and fields, and animals in their natural habitats as you ponder the footprint humans have left on the earth. A calming book perfect for building discussions around mindfulness and the natural world.

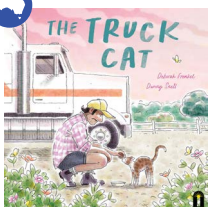


**Circles of Life**  
**Gregg Dreise**

Puffin  
HB \$24.99

Gregg Dreise, Kamilaroi creator, explores his cultural tradition for painting Gabayindah Guroos or Thank You Circles. Using ochre

from Mother Earth, two young girls are guided by Uncle to paint different layers of Thank You Circles celebrating different elements of the world. *Circles of Life* explores the tradition, beauty and importance of Thank You Circles.



**The Truck Cat**  
**Deborah Frenkel and Danny Snell (illus)**

Hardie Grant Children's Publishing  
HB \$24.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

Tinka the cat lives with Yacoub the truck driver, until the day Tinka follows a butterfly and gets lost. Yacoub is also a bit lost, but one day follows the delicious scents of his childhood and finds more than he could have imagined. With warm text and illustrations, this is a truly beautiful story about home, compassion, and the pure joy of a cat's presence.

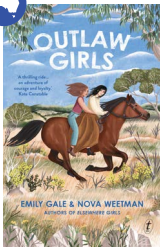


**Country**  
**Aunty Fay Muir, Sue Lawson and Cheryl Davison (illus)**

Wild Dog Books  
HB \$24.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

Join Aunty Fay Muir and Sue Lawson as they walk us on Country and show us why Country is central to so much of First Nations Culture. It is past, present, future, storytelling and song. Country is all of us. Country is you. Illustrated by Cheryl Davison, this gorgeous picture book is a delightful exploration of everything Country is.



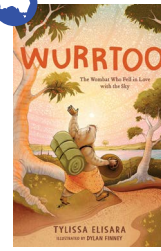
**Outlaw Girls**  
*Emily Gale and Nova Weetman*  
Text Publishing  
PB \$16.99

By the creative duo who brought us *Elsewhere Girls*, *Outlaw Girls* is a rollicking tale of Ruby and Kate who have found themselves on the wrong side of the law. When a time travel portal opens up, their lives intersect and Ruby joins Kate Kelly in her quest to help the Kelly Gang remain on the run. Packed full of history, horses and adventure.



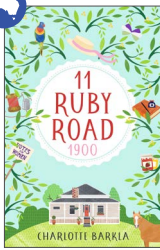
**Tweet**  
*Morris Gleitzman*  
Penguin  
PB \$17.99

The people of the world are puzzled. Their feathered friends are trying to tell them something, and they're not sure what it is. Then a boy and his pet budgie discover the secret. Join Jay and Clyde, and their friends Maxine and Dora, on an exciting, funny, risky journey to save their families. And every other family too. The latest adventure story by the amazing Morris Gleitzman.



**Wurrtoo**  
*Tylissa Elisara and Dylan Finney (illus)*  
Lothian Children's Books  
HB \$19.99

Wurrtoo is a courageous hairy-nosed wombat who lives on Kangaroo Island with a quest to marry his love, the sky. On his journey, Wurrtoo inadvertently saves a koala, Kuula, from a bushfire and acquires a new friend. Wurrtoo and Kuula face their fears, learn the significance of friendship and discover the power of wombat wishes.



**11 Ruby Road: 1900**  
*Charlotte Barkla*  
Walker Books Australia  
PB \$16.99

This is the start of an exciting new historical series for younger readers set at 11 Ruby Road, a house that stood for over 100 years.

The first instalment follows Dorothy and her family as they move to the city at the dawn of a new century and find that city life is very different to the rural world they're used to.



**The Apprentice Witnesser**  
*Bren MacDibble*  
Allen & Unwin  
Children's Books  
PB \$17.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

A tale of searching for strength and family in a low-tech post-climate change world from award-winning author Bren MacDibble. Bastienne Scull, a young orphan, is apprentice to the local Witnesser of Miracles, who investigates miraculous events and spins them into stories. One day a mystery leads them to a discovery that will change their lives.



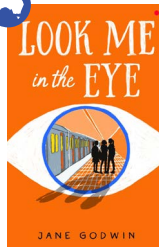
**Ferris**  
*Kate DiCamillo*  
Walker Books Australia  
HB \$19.99

It's the summer before fifth grade, and for Ferris Wilke, it is a summer of sheer pandemonium. Her little sister, Pinky, has vowed to become an outlaw. Uncle Ted has left Aunt and Charisse, Ferris's grandmother, has started seeing a ghost in the doorway to her room ... The twice Newbery Medallist delivers a delightful, hilarious coming-of-age tale rich in family and community.



**Fledgewitch**  
*Lian Tanner and Martina Heiduczek (illus)*  
Allen & Unwin  
Children's Books  
PB \$17.99

There are three Laws of Quill: there shall be no Witches, no Dragons and NO SECRETS. So how does ten-year-old Brim, a witch, and twelve-year-old Queen Rose of Hallow, a Dragon, become trapped in Quill, a place full of secrets? *Fledgewitch* is an enchanting tale of bravery and betrayal and a narrator obsessed with green Jelly Babies.



**Look Me in the Eye**  
*Jane Godwin*  
Lothian Children's Books  
PB \$16.99

Best friends Bella and Connie live on the outskirts of the city in an area which is changing as the suburbs creep closer. With Connie's unfriendly cousin Mish, the three are eager to explore their newfound independence after the pandemic lockdowns have lifted. With a rise in surveillance though, when does watching become 'watching over'?



**The Night War**  
*Kimberly Brubaker Bradley*  
Text Publishing  
PB \$19.99

Fleeing from Nazi-occupied France, twelve-year-old Jewish girl Miri finds refuge in a Catholic convent. At first wary of the nuns, Miri soon learns that there is much more than meets the eye to these knowledgeable women and the dangers they face in this captivating and often funny story that explores history, moral dilemmas and friendships.

## Junior Fiction



**A Small Collection of Happineses**  
*Zana Fraillon and Stephen Michael King (illus)*  
Lothian Children's Books  
PB \$14.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

When Hattie causes a great Summer Storm, her neighbour Ada blows in. Hattie's not sure about this elderly lady and Ada is not so sure about the child downstairs, but the two embark on a slow path to friendship, with panther hunting and a little activism on the side. A gorgeous celebration of love and wonder.



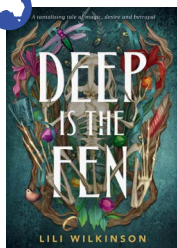
**Frog Squad: Dessert Disaster**  
*Kate and Jol Temple and Shiloh Gordon (illus)*  
HarperCollins  
PB \$16.99

Those young and young at heart will enjoy the hilarious antics and adventures Frog Squad gets up to. With wonderful facts sprinkled throughout to educate kids about frogs and the environment, this is a great story for bedtime reading while entertaining with vibrant illustrations.



**Shower Land 1: Break the Curse**  
*Nat Amoire and James Hart (illus)*  
Puffin  
PB \$14.99

Dragons, pitchforks, and a charging army were not what Felix expected when he turned on the shower and wished he could get away from his annoying brother and his dad's yelling. Finding himself in a whole new world, he probably should have wished for some pants while he was at it.



## Deep is the Fen

Lili Wilkinson

Allen & Unwin  
Children's Books  
PB \$24.99

What if that old folk tale turned out to be true? What if the society of Toadmen wasn't just an

innocuous social group but something more insidious? And to stop your best friend from joining them, what lengths would you go to? Wilkinson deftly crafts a lush, page-turning, twisty tale of intrigue; with romance, magic, witches, and many, many toads.



## The Reappearance of Rachel Price

Holly Jackson

Electric Monkey  
PB \$19.99

Sixteen-year-old Bel's mother, Rachel, went missing when she was two. Now as a documentary into Rachel's

disappearance is being made, she mysteriously reappears. Where has Rachel been and why is Bel's father now acting strange? Gripping and suspenseful all the way to its twisty, explosive, emotional end, from the bestselling author of *A Good Girl's Guide to Murder*.



## Into the Mouth of the Wolf

Erin Gough

Hardie Grant Children's Books  
PB \$22.99

May release, pre-orders welcome  
Iris and her mother are on the run; from the

earthquakes that are ravaging the world, and from the people who are following them. Then Iris' mother disappears, leaving her with a cryptic note, and a mystery to solve. With a slow-burn romance, this is a gripping, twisty thriller and murder mystery, set in a not-too-distant cli-fi future.



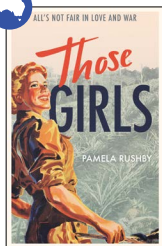
## Wrong Answers Only

Tobias Madden

Penguin  
PB \$19.99

Marco's life has taken an unexpected direction—instead of studying at uni, his family has sent him to

live on a cruise ship after a 'blip' that was definitely NOT a panic attack. Is his best friend correct? Is it time for Marco to get a few things wrong?



## Those Girls

Pamela Rushby

Walker Books Australia  
PB \$19.99

1942. The world is at war. Sixteen-year-old Hilly is desperate to do something useful to help the war effort. So when she sees a

poster recruiting for the Australian Women's Land Army, she jumps at the chance to make a difference. In her journey, Hilly encounters backbreaking work, adversity and romance, to ultimately find that she's capable of more than she thought possible...



## The Unexpected Mess of It All

Gabrielle Tozer

HarperCollins  
PB \$19.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

All Jamila wants to do is forget her life—everything from her caravan home, her online friends living hundreds of miles away, the bullying at school, especially her ex-friend Billy Radcliffe. But on a weekend away with her family, it soon becomes clear that some things can't, and shouldn't be forgotten in this coming-of-age story by the author of *The Intern*.



## A Way Home

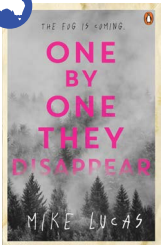
Emily Brewin

MidnightSun Publishing  
PB \$19.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

Grace's mum was taken to the mental health unit. Louie has his own problems.

Homeless, together they forge a strong friendship and navigate the trials of living on Melbourne's streets with help from strangers, music, and each other. This moving YA novel asks: could a better life be within reach?



## One By One They Disappear

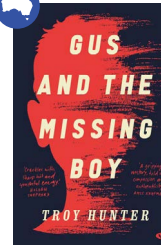
Mike Lucas

Penguin  
PB \$19.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

The fog is coming. And when it does, everything

disappears . . . One girl. Two identities. Three friends. One disappears. One forgets. One remembers. There is truth in every tale . . . Find it! The latest novel by the acclaimed author of *What We All Saw* is a frighteningly creepy supernatural YA thriller that chills to the bone with imagined and real horrors.



## Gus and the Missing Boy

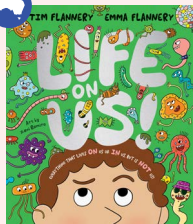
Troy Hunter

Wakefield Press  
PB \$24.99

True crime obsessive Gus becomes a detective overnight when he finds an online picture of a missing

child with an uncannily familiar face. Together with his best friends, he sets out to investigate a cold case that could reveal the secrets of his past in this cracking tale of identity and family.

## Kids Non-fiction



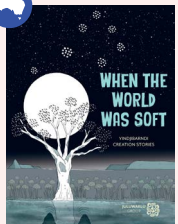
## Life On Us

Tim and Emma Flannery and Xavi Ramiro (illus)

Hardie Grant Children's Publishing  
HB \$29.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

The amazing duo of Tim and Emma Flannery have brought us another fascinating look at the human body, this time we are looking at what is living on and in our bodies. Get ready to learn about the trouble making germs and parasites that are right now climbing on and inside you.



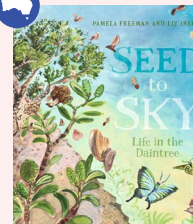
## When the World Was Soft

Juluwarlu Group  
Aboriginal Corporation

Allen & Unwin Children's Books  
Flexibound \$34.99

A ground-breaking graphic

novel sharing the stories of Yindjibarndi Creation-times. Yindjibarndi believe all creation is written in our landscape and was sung long ago. The song and stories are passed from generation to generation. Featuring striking artwork by members of the Juluwarlu Art Group, *When the World Was Soft* is a powerful gift of culture for young and old.



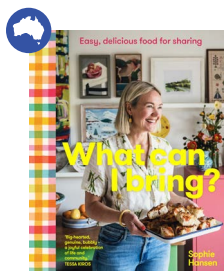
## Seed to Sky

Pamela Freeman and Liz Anelli (illus)

Walker Books Australia  
HB \$26.99

Yet again this magnificent duo have brought us a stunning

picture book with exquisite illustrations and relatable text about Australia's unique Daintree Rainforest. The story of the ecosystem flows beautifully and is enhanced with some of the wonderfully special features of the oldest rainforest on earth.



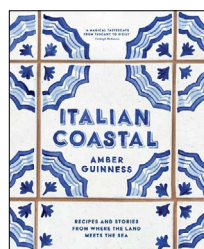
**What Can I Bring?**

**Sophie Hansen**

**Murdoch Books**  
HB \$49.99

You need never fear a potluck again with this stunning new cookbook from Sophie

Hansen. With easy, community-focused recipes, and drawing inspiration from some of her favourite country cooks, family and friends, this cookbook will answer the age-old question you pose yourself before any gathering: What can I bring?



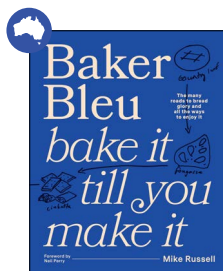
**Italian Coastal**

**Amber Guinness**

**Thames & Hudson**  
HB \$59.99

Travel down the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea—the stretch of Mediterranean from the Tuscan coast

down to the Amalfi coast and on to northern Sicily—to learn the history, stories and flavours of this iconic region, in recipes that pack maximum flavour with minimum effort. Sumptuously produced, this beautiful cook and coffee table book, is a great companion to Guinness's *A House Party in Tuscany*.



**Baker Bleu**

**Mike Russell**

**Murdoch Books**  
HB \$49.99

From leading Melbourne baker, Mike Russell, *Baker Bleu* features 70-plus delicious, inventive recipes for anyone

who wants to emulate the best bread you can find in his cult bakeries. From country loaf to everything bagels and challah, and ways to use that same dough, plus how to make the flakiest of pastry and greatest of pies, and tips to re-purpose yesterday's bread, this is a treasure trove for bread lovers.



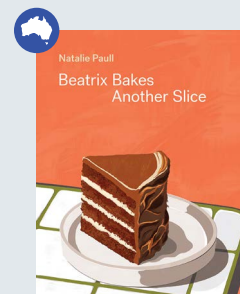
**The Mediterranean Cook**

**Meni Valle**

**Smith Street Books**  
HB \$55.00

A scrumptious collection of Mediterranean-themed dishes celebrating the fresh and flavour-packed cuisine of the region.

Beautifully photographed with over 75 vegetarian dishes and tips sprinkled throughout on how to make the most of fresh local produce all year round. From roasted eggplants and tangy artichokes to perfectly flaky pastry boats, each dish is an invitation to savour the sensational flavours of the Mediterranean.



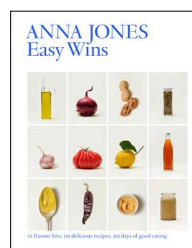
**Beatrix Bakes: Another Slice**

**Natalie Paull**

**Hardie Grant Books**  
HB \$50.00

Following on from her bestselling *Beatrix Bakes*, Natalie Paull returns with *Beatrix Bakes: Another*

*Slice*, a vibrant collection of beloved recipes, including previously unseen favourites, like lemon cream tart and chocolate sour cream layer cake. From cookies to cakes, tarts to pies, this book is a delightful addition to any dessert-lover's collection, complete with helpful tips and a warm tone.



**Easy Wins**

**Anna Jones**

**4th Estate**  
HB \$55.00

With twelve hero ingredients including lemon, mustard, miso and tahini, Anna Jones brings us 132 flavour-filled simple

recipes. From Double Lemon Pilaf with Buttery Almonds, to Traybake Lemon Dhal, Miso Rarebit, and Cherry and Chocolate Peanut Butter Sundae, these are recipes that you'll want to cook again and again.



**Wholesome**

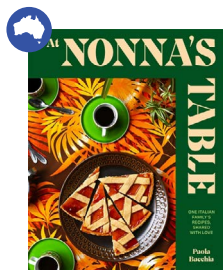
**Sarah Pound**

**Plum**  
PB \$44.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

No fuss, healthy and easy to follow recipes for

the tight-for-time cook. From salads, stir-fries and soups to hearty staple family friendly meals that anyone can whip up. There are no tricky techniques here—this is solid home cooking that is fresh, fast and full of flavour.



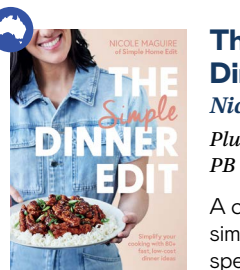
**At Nonna's Table**

**Paola Bacchia**

**Smith Street Books**  
HB \$45.00

Step into the warm and welcoming kitchen of Nonna Livia with Paola Bacchia's cookbook, *At Nonna's Table*.

These mouth-watering recipes are paired with feast-for-the-eyes photography in a cookbook to dazzle the senses. These home-style Italian recipes are the perfect way to bring some new flavours to the dinner table and to explore the rich history of Italian cuisine.



**The Simple Dinner Edit**

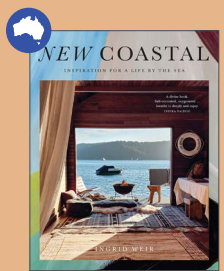
**Nicole Maguire**

**Plum**  
PB \$39.99

A cookbook filled with simple, delicious and speedy weeknight meals using everyday

ingredients to help you streamline your weekly dinner plan and save your money and sanity. Nicole Maguire, author of *The Simple Home Edit* online hub, has included loads of family favourites and tips on how to freeze or use leftovers into a second meal.

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**New Coastal**

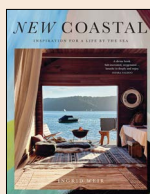
**Ingrid Weir**

**Hardie Grant Books**  
HB \$60.00

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

This beautiful, photo-filled hardback serves as an inspiration and compass for life lived by the sea. In chapters including Remote Coastal, Bohemian

Coastal and City Coastal, interior designer and photographer Ingrid Weir transports you to coastal towns both near and far, from Esperance, King Island and The Bay of Fires in Australia to Montauk, Malibu and Laguna Beach in the USA.

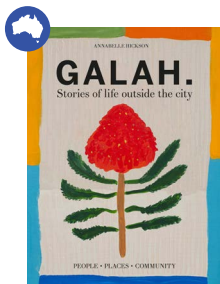


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# Gift, Travel and Illustrated



**Galah.**  
**Annabelle Hickson**  
Murdoch Books  
HB \$69.99

From the much-loved magazine of the same name, this stunning book brings together the best work from more than 50 writers, photographers and artists, showcasing incredible landscapes, remarkable places, and the diversity and creativity of the people that call the country home.

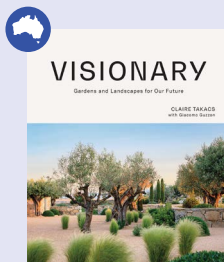
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**Modern Heritage**  
**Cameron Bruhn**  
Thames & Hudson Australia  
HB \$79.99

*Modern Heritage* delves into Australian homes from the 1920s to the 1940s, showcasing twenty residences with charm from bygone eras to highlight the cultural context behind these structures and emphasise the responsibility of owners in preserving their legacy. *Modern Heritage* is a testament to the enduring significance of these cherished homes.



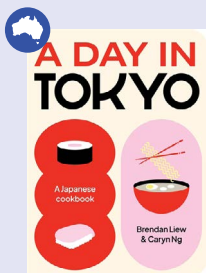
**Visionary**  
**Claire Takacs and Giacomo Guzzon**  
Hardie Grant Books | HB \$70.00

Photographer Claire Takacs and landscape architect Giacomo Guzzon introduce stunning private and public gardens from around the world that have addressed both sustainability and climate change with outstanding results. Be inspired by the new ways garden and landscape designers are thinking about planting and garden design in the face of climate change.



**Tasmanian Gardens**  
**Meg Bignell and Alice Bennett**  
Thames & Hudson Australia  
HB \$79.99

Meg Bignell and award-winning photographer Alice Bennett have joined together to explore 20 Tasmanian gardens, from coastal headlands to beautiful flower farms. Each of these gardens envisage the diverse and stunning artistry of lutruwita/Tasmanian gardens, where every garden is a story and every gardener is a storyteller.



**A Day in Tokyo**  
**Brendan Liew and Caryn Ng**  
Smith Street Books | HB \$39.99

*A Day in Tokyo* is the ultimate book for food and travel enthusiasts, featuring more than 90 iconic recipes. Capturing some of Tokyo's most famous dishes, Liew and Ng take us on a delicious adventure from breakfast through to dinner and beyond, showcasing the diverse tastes and ingredients of Japanese cuisine and sharing tips on where to find the best local eats.



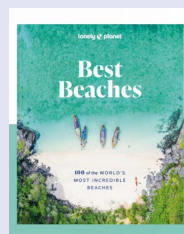
**Slow**  
**Meredith Gaston Masnata**  
Hardie Grant Books | HB \$24.99

With Meredith's iconic words of wisdom and beautiful illustrations, *Slow* shows us that now is the time to relish the sweetness of life. Each chapter explores how slow living can create a more meaningful life that has connection, joy and beauty, empowering us to ultimately slow down and appreciate what we have.



**Under the Stars:**  
**Camping Australia and New Zealand**  
**Lonely Planet**  
HB \$44.99

Sleep under the stars in Australia and New Zealand's most spectacular spaces. Discover more than 200 out-of-this-world camping hotspots in this epic guide that features breathtaking wild camping pitches, picturesque glamping sites, scenic campgrounds, cabins, huts and more—with practical details and expert tips for an adventure like no other.



**Best Beaches: 100 of the World's Most Incredible Beaches**  
**Lonely Planet**  
HB \$49.99

Dive into this stunning coffee table book featuring one hundred of the world's most magnificent beaches. Packed with breathtaking photography and practical tips on reaching each paradise, it's the ultimate guide for beach lovers. Selected by Lonely Planet, these shores promise unforgettable adventures and endless inspiration.

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