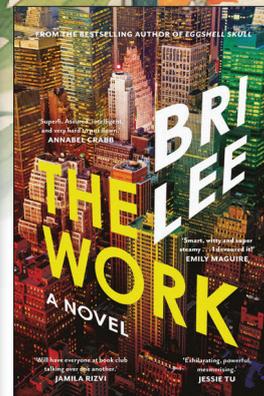
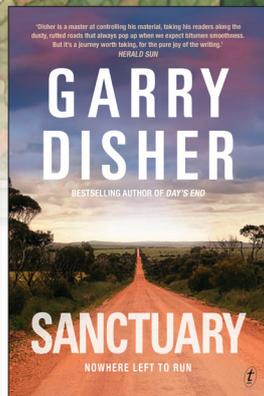
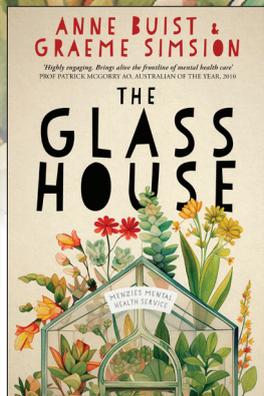
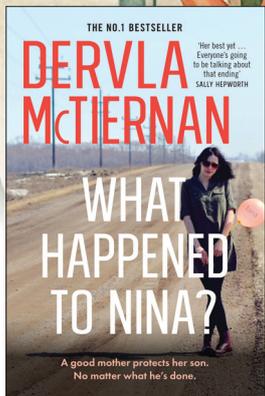


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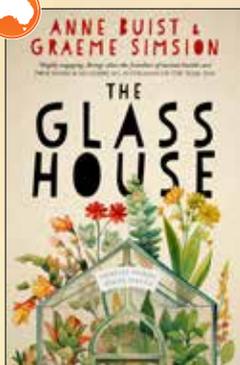


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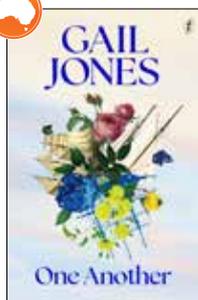
WELCOME TO OUR READING GUIDE



THE GLASS HOUSE
Anne Buist & Graeme Simsion
Paperback RRP \$32.99
Psychiatry registrar Doctor Hannah Wright, a country girl with a chaotic history, thought she had seen it all in the emergency room. But that was nothing compared to the

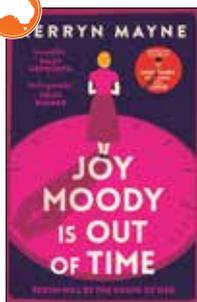
psychiatric ward at Menzies Hospital. Hannah must learn on the job in a strained medical system, as she and her fellow trainees deal with the common and the bizarre, the hilarious and the tragic, the treatable and the confronting. Every day brings new patients: Chloe, who has a life-threatening eating disorder; Sian, suffering postpartum psychosis and fighting to keep her baby; and Xavier, the MP whose suicide attempt has an explosive story behind it. All the while, Hannah is trying to figure out herself. With intelligence, frankness and humour, eminent psychiatrist Anne Buist tells it like it is, while co-writer Graeme Simsion brings the light touch that made *The Rosie Project* an international bestseller and a respected contribution to the autism conversation.

Hachette



ONE ANOTHER
Gail Jones
Paperback RRP \$34.99
One Another traverses the borders between art and life, between life and death, in a journey through literary history and emotional landscapes. Elegantly written, deftly crafted, Gail Jones covers new territories of grief, memory and narrative.

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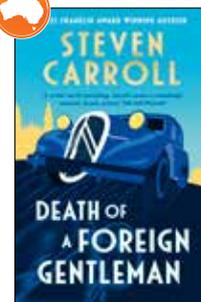
JOY MOODY IS OUT OF TIME

Kerryn Mayne
Paperback RRP \$34.99

On her twin daughters' twenty-first birthday, Joy Moody – proprietor of Bonbeach's premier laundromat – is found dead. Yet that is not the strangest thing happening behind the bright pink facade of Joyful Suds.

Bantam

The irresistible new crime novel from the author of *Lenny Marks Gets Away With Murder*.



DEATH OF A FOREIGN GENTLEMAN

Steven Carroll
Paperback RRP \$32.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

Who killed Martin Friedrich? From award-winning writer Steven Carroll comes the first book in a series of post-war literary crime novels featuring Detective

4th Estate

Sergeant Stephen Minter. A playful mixture of detective story and literary fiction that examines the question of how to live a meaningful life in an indifferent, random, post-god world.



FUNNY STORY

Emily Henry
Paperback RRP \$34.99

23 April release, advance orders welcome

Set over one sizzling summer *Funny Story* is a shimmering, joyful novel about the happily-ever-after that wasn't and the exes determined to make the best of it from the bestselling author of

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Happy Place and *Book Lovers*.



THE ACCIDENT

Fiona Lowe
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When a car veers off the road with devastating consequences, a small town is left reeling. As disturbing details surrounding the accident emerge and questions pile up, ugly secrets rise to the surface. Mystery, lies and scandal - it's soon obvious

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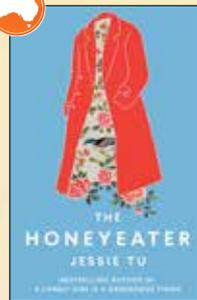
nothing is as it seems in this small town. A gripping and thought-provoking new mystery from bestselling Australian author Fiona Lowe.

Win a set of Sulari Gentill mysteries



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COMING SOON



THE HONEYEATER
Jessie Tu

Paperback RRP \$32.99
July release, advance orders welcome

'Translation is longing. You never get it right.' A wildly inventive and intoxicating story of betrayal, ambition and love, *The Honeyeater* is the new novel from the author of *A Lonely Girl*

Allen & Unwin

is *a Dangerous Thing*, 2021 ABIA Literary Fiction Book of the Year.



BLUE SISTERS
Coco Mellors

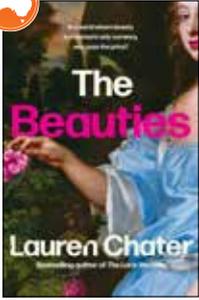
Paperback RRP \$34.99
5 June release, advance orders welcome

From the author of the brilliant *Cleopatra* and *Frankenstein* comes an exceptional novel of three sisters who find that it's only by returning to each other that they can navigate their grief, addiction and heartbreak—and learn to love life again.

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GREAT NEW FICTION



Simon & Schuster

THE BEAUTIES

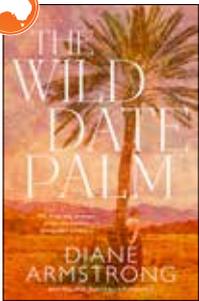
Lauren Chater

Paperback RRP \$32.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

An incomparable beauty. A promise to a king. A portrait that can never be completed. From the bestselling author of *The Lace Weaver* comes this seductive story of rivalry, artistic passion

and a woman bold enough to wield her beauty as a weapon.



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THE WILD DATE PALM

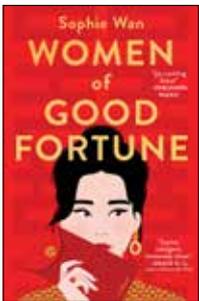
Diane Armstrong

Paperback RRP \$32.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

This gripping novel of espionage, passion and sacrifice set in the Middle East in World War I is based on an astonishing true story. When a young Jewish woman witnesses the start of the Armenian

genocide, she forms a spy ring to pass on intelligence to the British... and try and save her people.



Ultimo Press

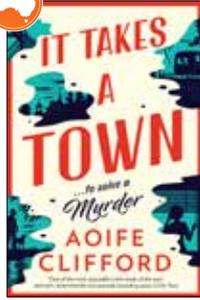
WOMEN OF GOOD FORTUNE

Sophie Wan

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Lulu was always taught that money is the ticket to a good life. When Shanghai's most eligible bachelor proposes, the only acceptable answer is yes, even if her heart says no. Set against a high-society Shanghai wedding,

a heartfelt, funny novel about a reluctant bride, her two best friends, and the plan that could change their fortunes forever.



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IT TAKES A TOWN

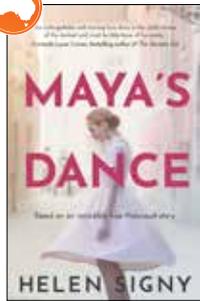
Aoife Clifford

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3 April release, advance orders welcome

Everyone dies famous in a country town, but glamorous Vanessa was a shining star. A celebrity since childhood, Vanessa is back on the front page for all the wrong reasons; after a terrible storm she

has been found dead at the bottom of her stairs. As police investigate, secrets are exposed and friendships unravel.



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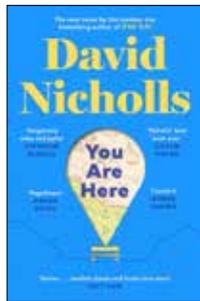
MAYA'S DANCE

Helen Signy

Paperback RRP \$32.99

Poland, 1942: seventeen-year-old Maya is struggling to survive a Nazi labour camp and only finds courage and beauty in dancing. One day a camp guard watches Maya perform, and their destinies are changed forever. Jan falls in love

with Maya and promises to protect her, but fate cruelly intervenes. Fifty years on, Maya receives news that changes everything. Based on an incredible true story.



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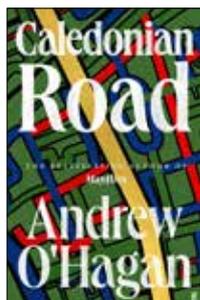
David Nicholls

Paperback RRP \$32.99

30 April release, advance orders welcome

Marnie is stuck. Michael is coming undone. When a mutual friend and some very English weather conspire to bring them together, Marnie and Michael suddenly find themselves alone on the

most epic of walks and on the precipice of a new friendship. But can it survive the journey? *You Are Here* is a novel of first encounters, second chances and finding the way home.



Faber Fiction

CALEDONIAN ROAD

Andrew O'Hagan

Paperback RRP \$34.99

9 April release, advance orders welcome

From the author of *Mayflies*, an irresistible, unputdownable, state-of-the-nation novel - the story of one man's epic fall from grace. Campbell Flynn - art historian and celebrity intellectual - is entering the empire of middle age. Fuelled by an appetite for admiration and the finer things, he doesn't take people half as seriously as they take themselves.



Ultimo Press



SAFE HAVEN

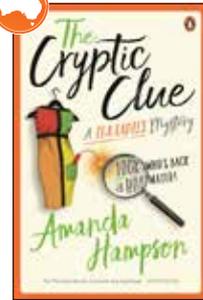
Shankari Chandran

Paperback RRP \$34.99

1 May release, advance orders welcome

The new novel from the Miles Franklin award-winning author of *Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens*. Arriving in Australia seeking asylum, Fina dedicates herself to aiding the refugees held in Port Camden, a remote island outpost. Over time she settles into a life within a community of like-minded people, finding a new family, far from her original home. After she speaks out for those being detained, Fina becomes the focus of a media storm that leads to her arrest, and the threat of deportation.

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THE CRYPTIC CLUE

Amanda Hampson

Paperback RRP \$34.99

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Look who's back in hot water! The highly anticipated new installment in *The Tea Ladies* mystery series. Having already solved a murder, kidnapping and arson case, and

outwitting an arch criminal, Hazel, Betty and Irene have proved themselves. Now they need to help local police solve a plot that threatens security. As if that's not enough, Irene gets a coded message directing her to the spoils of a bank robbery, which sends the tea ladies on a treasure hunt with an unexpected outcome.



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WHAT HAPPENED TO NINA?

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Nina and Simon are the perfect couple. Young, fun and deeply in love. A weekend away and only Simon returns. What happened to Nina? Simon's explanation about what happened in their last hours together doesn't add up. Nina's

parents push the police for answers, and Simon's parents rush to protect him. Out-gunned by Simon's wealthy, powerful family, Nina's parents recognize that if playing by the rules won't get them anywhere, it's time to break them.

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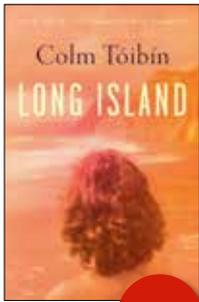


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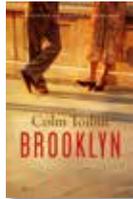
LONG ISLAND
Colm Tóibín
Paperback RRP \$34.99
30 April release,
advance orders welcome

Eilis Lacey is Irish, married to Tony Fiorello, a plumber and one of four Italian American brothers, all of whom live in neighboring houses on Long Island, with their wives and children and Tony's

parents. One day, an Irishman comes to the door asking for Eilis by name with shattering news. Now Eilis has choices to make, and what she chooses to do make this one of Tóibín's most riveting and emotional novels to date.

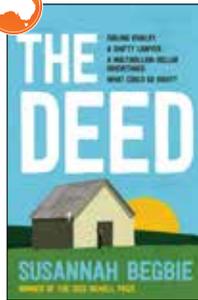
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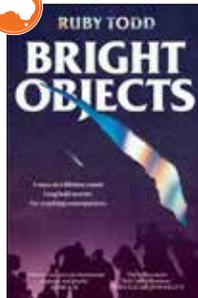
Hachette

THE DEED
Susannah Begbie
Paperback RRP \$32.99

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A perceptive and unforgettable debut novel from the 2022 Richell Prize winner. *The Deed* explores the messy, sometimes volatile, complications that only the best and worst of family can bring.

Sometimes greed can be good.



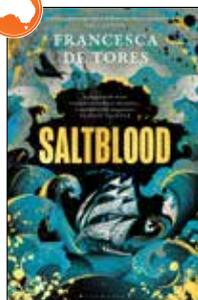
Allen & Unwin

BRIGHT OBJECTS
Ruby Todd
Paperback RRP \$32.99

30 April release,
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January 1997: In the small town of Jericho, New South Wales, Sylvia Knight is losing hope that the person who killed her husband will ever face justice. Since the night of the hit-and-run, her world

has been shrouded in hazy darkness—until she meets Theo St John, the discoverer of a rare comet soon to be visible above Jericho.



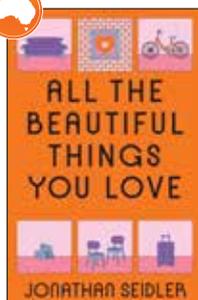
Bloomsbury

SALTBLOOD
Francesca De Tores
Paperback RRP \$32.99

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Plymouth 1685: A daughter is born as her half-brother is dying, and so Mary Read becomes Mark. Mary's existence will take her from grand houses to the battlegrounds of Flanders. But none of this stops

her yearning for the sea, where she will become something more dangerous than a woman. A pirate...



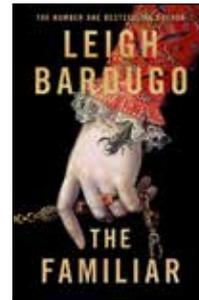
Macmillan Australia

ALL THE BEAUTIFUL THINGS YOU LOVE
Jonathan Seidler
Paperback RRP \$34.99

30 April release,
advance orders welcome

Elly and Enzo love each other. Elly and Enzo are getting divorced. Now, everything must go. *All the Beautiful Things You Love* is a vivid and vibrant exploration of

the things that bring us together and tear us apart, and those keepsakes that populate the wide-open spaces between where love ends and starts again.



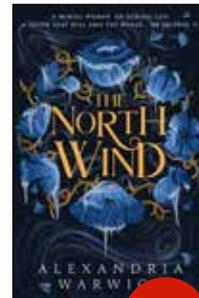
Viking

THE FAMILIAR
Leigh Bardugo
Paperback RRP \$34.99

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The richly imagined, spellbinding new novel from Sunday Times bestselling author of *Ninth House*, *Hell Bent* and the *Shadow and Bones* series. *The Familiar* is a bewitching novel,

brimming with peril in a world where a woman's ambition can prove deadly.



Simon & Schuster

THE NORTH WIND
Alexandria Warwick
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A mortal woman. An ageless god. A union that will save the world... or destroy it. A lush and enchanting fantasy romance, inspired by *Beauty and the Beast* and the myth of Hades and Persephone.

Special Offer: Purchase a copy of *The North Wind* and receive a free lapel pin. *While stocks last

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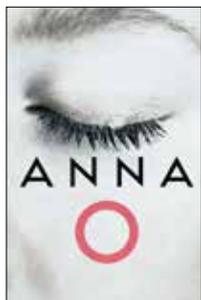


Picador Australia

NO CHURCH IN THE WILD
Murray Middleton
Paperback RRP \$34.99

From the vial-studded stairs of the inner-city high-rises to the mud-sucking jungle of Kokoda, *No Church in the Wild* is a fierce interrogation of contemporary Australian society and the prejudices that still underpin it.

'Real bite, real sting and real tenderness' – Christos Tsiolkas



HarperCollins

ANNA O
Matthew Blake
Paperback RRP \$32.99

Anna O hasn't opened her eyes for four years. Not since being found in a deep sleep by the bodies of her best friends, suspected of a double murder.

For Doctor Benedict Prince, forensic psychologist and sleep expert, waking Anna O could be career-defining. As he begins Anna O's treatment he pulls on the thread of a much deeper, darker mystery. Awakening Anna O isn't the end of the story, it's just the beginning.



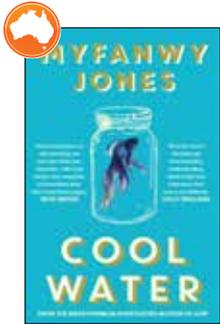
Bonnier

WHALEFALL
Daniel Kraus
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Jay Gardiner has given himself a fool's errand: to find the remains of his deceased father in the Pacific Ocean off California coast. The Martian meets 127 Hours in this powerfully humane thriller about a scuba diver who's been

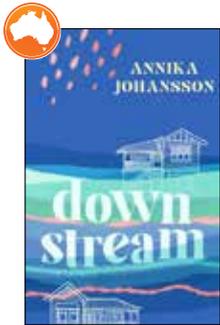
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AUSTRALIAN LITERATURE



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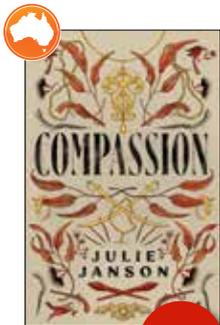
COOL WATER
Myfanwy Jones
Paperback RRP \$32.99
Cool Water is an unforgettable novel about fathers and sons, what it means to be a good man, and the damage that can ripple through generations. A breathtaking story brimming with insight and emotional power by Miles Franklin-shortlisted author of *Leap*.



Echo

DOWNSTREAM
Annika Johansson
Paperback RRP \$32.99
30 April release, advance orders welcome
Lismore resident Rob – a happily married empty-nester – has always defined himself by the quality of the roof over his head and the state of his family life. Solid. Safe. Stable.

But when the 2022 flood hits, he and his wife Sal find themselves homeless, their lives now the very opposite of secure and predictable.



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COMPASSION
Julie Janson
Paperback RRP \$34.99
From the acclaimed author of the Miles Franklin longlisted *Madukka: The River Serpent* and the Barbara Jefferis Award shortlisted *Benevolence*, *Compassion* continues Julie Janson's emotional and intense literary exploration of the complex and dangerous

lives of Aboriginal women during the 1800s in colonial New South Wales.

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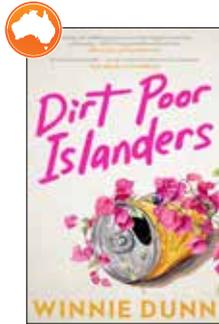


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THUNDERHEAD
Miranda Darling
Hardback RRP \$29.99
3 April release, advance orders welcome
When Winona Dalloway begins her day – in the peaceful early hours before her children, that 'tiny tornado of little hands and feet', wake up – she doesn't know that by the end of it, everything in her

world will have changed.

'Such a fresh and lovely voice, full of humour, insight, and energy. I loved Winona – and her story.' – Sofie Laguna



Hachette

DIRT POOR ISLANDERS
Winnie Dunn
Paperback RRP \$32.99
Dirt Poor Islanders is an insightful and provocative debut that explores the challenge of finding a way to be true to yourself and your roots without ignoring where you have come from or denying where you want to go.

'A loving, yet challenging, portrait of the Tongan-Australian community. . . this is truly groundbreaking fiction' - Melissa Lucashenko



Fremantle Press

LAST BEST CHANCE
Brooke Dunnell
Paperback RRP \$34.99
3 April release, advance orders welcome

With Rachel's options running out to achieve motherhood, she seeks clandestine treatment at a fertility clinic in Central Europe. As Rachel questions how far she will go to become a mother,

she meets a woman with entirely different dreams who may just be able to help her.



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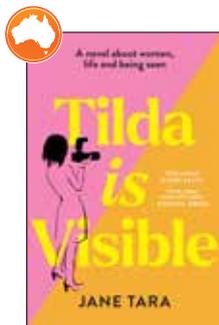
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THE REWILDING
Donna M. Cameron
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An exhilarating and unforgettable love song for our world. Heartbroken and in fear for his life, corporate whistle blower, Jagger Eckerman, escapes to hide out in a remote cave, but kick-arse radical, Nia Moretti, is furious a 'capitalist suit' has taken

over her cave. It is hatred at first sight.

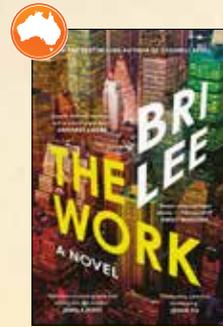
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TILDA IS VISIBLE
Jane Tara
Paperback RRP \$34.99
When Tilda Finch is diagnosed with invisibility, she's not overly surprised – she's felt invisible for years. Now, with the possibility of completely disappearing, she must face the trauma of her past and rewrite the way she perceives the world, and herself.

Entertaining, hilarious and poignant, *Tilda Is Visible* addresses the power of our thoughts and how childhood trauma shapes our adult experience.

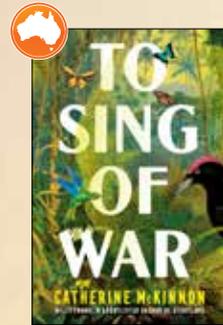


Allen & Unwin

THE WORK
Bri Lee
Paperback RRP \$32.99
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A stunning debut novel about art, power, love and money from the acclaimed and bestselling author of *Eggshell Skull*. Lally has invested everything into her gallery in Manhattan and the sacrifices are

finally paying off. Pat is a scholarship boy desperate to establish himself in Sydney's antiques scene. When they meet at New York's Armory Show their chemistry is instant. Their international affair ebbs and flows like the market, while their aspirations and insecurities are driving them both towards career-ending mistakes. 'A smart, sexy page-turner.' – Madeleine Gray



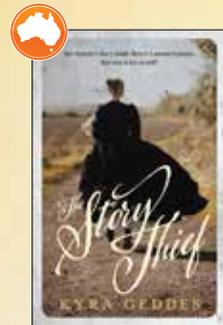
4th Estate

TO SING OF WAR
Catherine McKinnon
Paperback RRP \$32.99

1 May release, advance orders welcome
December 1944: In New Guinea, a young Australian nurse chances upon her first love who is there to fight the Japanese and keen to prove his worth as a man. Meanwhile in Los Alamos, two young

physicists join Robert Oppenheimer and a team of brilliant scientists in a collective dream to build a weapon that will stop all war. Far away, on the sacred island of Miyajima, a woman must act to ensure her family's safety. All are caught up in a moment in history and this novel asks what we can learn from this time.

To Sing of War is a beautiful, rich and intricately woven novel of friendship, love and war from the Miles Franklin-shortlisted author of *Storyland*.



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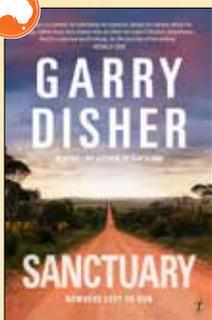
THE STORY THIEF
Kyra Geddes
Paperback RRP \$34.99

30 April release, advance orders welcome

Her family's story made Henry Lawson famous. But was it his story to tell? Fact and fiction meld into one in this stirring family saga set against shifting landscapes and pivotal moments in Australian history.

'Kyra Geddes deftly weaves literature, history, and the possibility of truth to give the Drover's Wife a name. In doing so, she invites us to imagine the lives of other women whose stories have been told by men.' – Pip Williams

THRILLING READS



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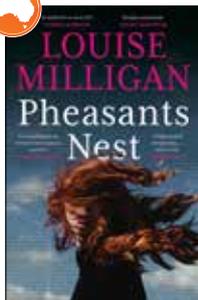
Paperback RRP \$34.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

Grace is a thief: a good one. She was taught by experts and she's been practising since she was a kid. She specialises in small, high-value items. But it's a solitary life, always watchful, always moving. It's not the life she wants.

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Lying low after a run-in with an old associate, Grace walks into Erin Mandel's rural antiques shop and sees a chance for something different. A normal job. A place to call home. But someone is looking for Erin. And someone's looking for Grace, too. And they are both, in their own ways, very dangerous men.



PHEASANTS NEST

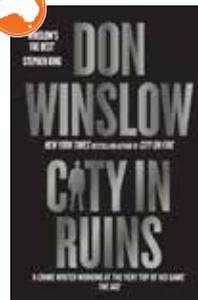
Louise Milligan

Paperback RRP \$32.99

Kate finds herself brutalised, bound and gagged in the back of a car being driven god knows where by a man whose name she doesn't know. A gripping, propulsive and brilliantly original debut novel by award-winning investigative journalist and

Allen & Unwin

author Louise Milligan. 'Pheasants Nest is simply unmissable.' – Hayley Scrivenor



CITY IN RUINS

Don Winslow

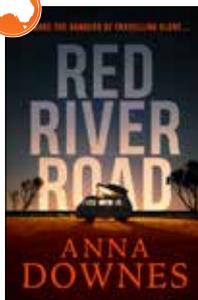
Paperback RRP \$34.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

The explosive, impossible to put down conclusion to Don Winslow's epic, genre-defining crime trilogy. To save his life and everything he loves, Danny must become the ruthless fighter he once was - and

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never wanted to be again. An epic crime novel of love and hate, ambition and desperation, vengeance and compassion.



RED RIVER ROAD

Anna Downes

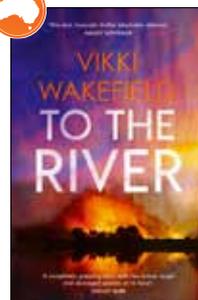
Paperback RRP \$34.99

30 April release, advance orders welcome

On the Coral Coast of Western Australia, solo traveller Katy is on a mission to find her free-spirited sister, Phoebe, who disappeared along the same route a year ago. But as she drives further

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into the wild north, Katy discovers a complicated web of secrets, lies, myths and stories that force her to question everything she thought she knew about her sister.



TO THE RIVER

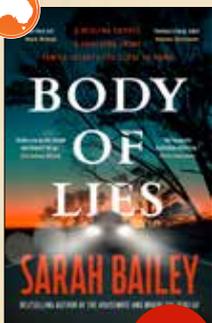
Vikki Wakefield

Paperback RRP \$34.99

To The River is a compelling psychological thriller about class, corruption, love, loyalty, the vindication of truth and justice. And a brave dog called Blue. 'A completely gripping story, with two brave, tough and damaged

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women at its heart.' – Shelley Burr



BODY OF LIES

Sarah Bailey

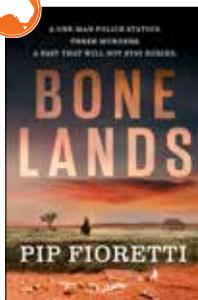
Paperback RRP \$34.99

A car crash victim clings to life and is rushed to hospital but can't be saved. Hours later, her corpse is stolen from the morgue. No one knows who she was or why her body was taken. DS Gemma Woodstock returns to Smithson in a mysterious new thriller. 'Sarah Bailey just

Allen & Unwin

WIN

gets better and better. *Body of Lies* is nuanced, compelling and so very entertaining.' – Chris Hammer
Enter now for your chance to WIN a set of Sarah Bailey thrillers. For details go to www.indies.com.au/competitions



BONE LANDS

Pip Fioretti

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1911, on a winter's night in arid New South Wales wool country, mounted trooper Augustus Hawkins discovers the bodies of three young people, savagely murdered on a road that he should have been patrolling. Detectives arrive from Sydney and

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the disgraced Hawkins comes under fierce scrutiny. With his honour and sanity at stake, he becomes hell-bent on finding the murderer.



THINK TWICE

Harlan Coben

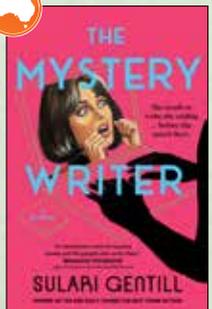
Paperback RRP \$34.99

14 May release, advance orders welcome

How can a man who's already dead be wanted for murder? This is the question sports agent Myron Bolitar asks himself when two FBI agents visit him in New York looking for his former client and

Century

rival, Greg Downing. But Greg died three years ago, Myron went to the funeral. As Myron digs into what really happened, the more dangerous his world becomes...



THE MYSTERY WRITER

Sulari Gentill

Paperback RRP \$34.99

She needs to write the ending... before she meets hers.

Theo has one dream—to become a bestselling author. Determined to make her mark in the literary world, she heads to the US on a whim to

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stay with her brother and focus on writing. But her plans take an unexpected turn when she befriends a famous author—and then he turns up dead.

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AFTER SHE WROTE HIM

Paperback RRP \$24.99

It's an author's job to create a new world in the pages of a book. But when lines start to blur and reality begins to fade, getting lost in a story can be dangerous—especially if you can't find your way back...



THE WOMAN IN THE LIBRARY

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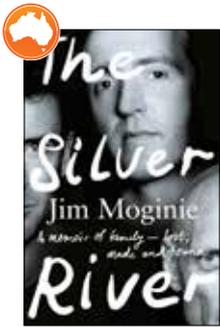
Four strangers. A quiet library. The perfect place for murder. A twisty literary adventure that examines the complicated nature of friendship – and shows that words can be the most treacherous weapons of all.

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TRUE LIFE STORIES



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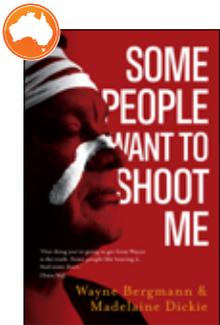
THE SILVER RIVER

Jim Moginie

Paperback RRP \$34.99

A moving and inspiring memoir of families lost and rediscovered, by a founding member of legendary band Midnight Oil. Threaded with recollections of childhood, band life and creative processes, it is a coming-of-age story, family

chronicle and must-read for anyone interested in the history of Australian music.



Fremantle Press

SOME PEOPLE WANT TO SHOOT ME

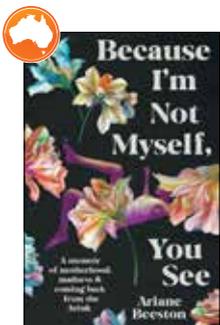
Wayne Bergmann & Madelaine Dickie

Paperback RRP \$35.99

Broome, 2010. Nyikina man Wayne Bergmann receives a death threat. His wife watches a friend cross the road to avoid her. His children endure intense schoolyard bullying.

Wayne's electrifying tale

of resilience shows what it takes to be an Aboriginal leader walking in two cultures in a country where racism runs deep.



Black Inc

BECAUSE I'M NOT MYSELF, YOU SEE

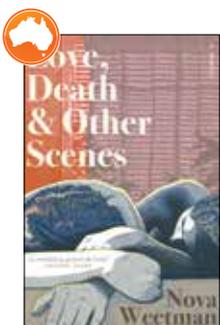
Ariane Beeston

Paperback RRP \$36.99

21 May release, advance orders welcome

A frank, hopeful and darkly funny memoir of postpartum psychosis and recovery. Ariane Beeston is a child protection worker when she gives birth to her first child – and very quickly

begins to experience scary breaks with reality. With medication, the support of her husband, psychotherapy and time, Ariane rebuilds herself.



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LOVE, DEATH & OTHER SCENES

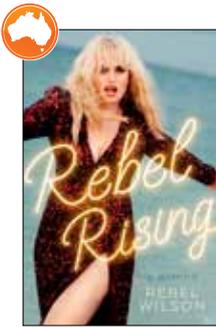
Nova Weetman

Paperback RRP \$34.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

Nova Weetman's unforgettable memoir reflects on experiences of love and loss from throughout her life, including: losing her beloved partner, playwright

Aidan Fennesy; the death of her mother ten years earlier; her daughter turning eighteen and finishing school; and her own physical ageing. Using these events as a lens, Nova considers how loss change us and can become a catalyst for letting go.



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REBEL RISING

Rebel Wilson

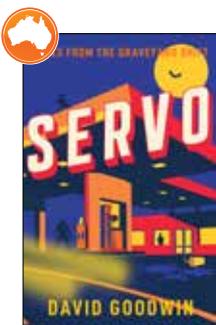
Hardback RRP \$49.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

A refreshingly candid, hilarious, and inspiring book about Rebel's unconventional journey to Hollywood success and loving herself.

Writing for the first time about her most personal

and important moments - from fertility, weight, sexuality, overcoming shyness, rejections and, well... okay there's at least one story thrown in about Brad Pitt! It's all here.



Hachette

SERVO

David Goodwin

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Most of us have done our time in the retail trenches, but service stations are undoubtedly the frontline.

Servo is a side-splitting and darkly mesmeric coming-of-age story that will have you gritting your teeth, then cackling at the absurdity, idiocy and

utterly beguiling strangeness of those who only come out at night.



Hardie Grant

POWER OF BALANCE

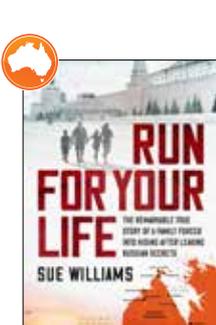
Kerryn Phelps

Hardback RRP \$49.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

In this landmark memoir, Dr Kerryn Phelps AM candidly explores her struggles and achievements, in medicine, media, and politics – from her advocacy around Medevac and COVID-19

management, to the fallout of her public 'outing' in the Australian media, and her inspirational role in the Teal movement of the 2022 elections.



Simon & Schuster

RUN FOR YOUR LIFE

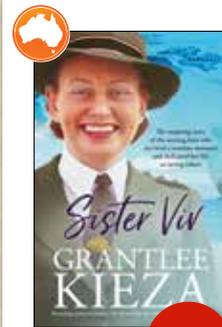
Sue Williams

Paperback RRP \$34.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

Nick Stride moved to Russia in 1998 to help build the British embassy in Moscow. What started out as a great adventure turned into a terrifying nightmare when Nick and his family were forced to

flee after leaking Russian secrets. Hiding off grid on Australia's remote Kimberley coast they faced new dangers. This is their incredible story.



ABC Books

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SISTER VIV

Grantlee Kieza

Paperback RRP \$35.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

Australian Army nurse Vivian Bullwinkel was just twenty-six when Japanese soldiers marched her and her fellow nurses into the shallow waters of a remote beach to be executed. Miraculously,

Vivian would be the lone survivor - and she committed the rest of her long life to an exceptional peacetime career which she lived in tribute to her lost friends. Sister Viv tells the astonishing story of the courage, sacrifice, service, and love of an Australian nursing hero who survived against the odds and dedicated her life to the care of others.

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HOPE

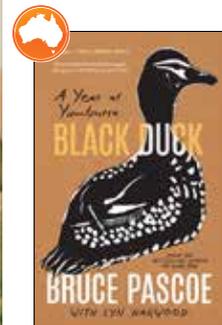
Rosie Batty

Paperback RRP \$35.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

After tragedy, how do we find hope? A memoir about what it takes to get through the very worst of times. Following on from *A Mother's Story*, which detailed the lead up to her son's

murder, *Hope* shares what happened to Rosie the day after the worst day of her life and how she reclaimed hope when all hope was lost. In this heartfelt, and at times heartbreaking memoir, Rosie tells how she found the light on her darkest days and how she found the hope to carry on.



Thames & Hudson Aust

BLACK DUCK: A YEAR AT YUMBURRA

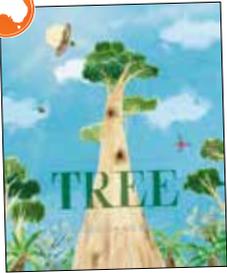
Bruce Pascoe with Lyn Harwood

Paperback RRP \$34.99

Bruce Pascoe, bestselling author of *Dark Emu*, and Lyn Harwood invite us to imagine a different future for Australia, one where we can honour

our relationship with nature. They show us that you don't just work Country, you look, listen and care. From the aftermath of devastating bushfires and the impact of an elder's death to rebuilding a marriage and counting the personal cost of starting a movement, *Black Duck* is a remarkable glimpse into a year of finding strength in Country at Yumburra.

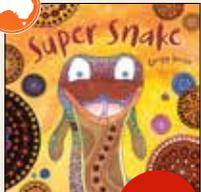
LOVELY PICTURE BOOKS



TREE
 Claire Saxby &
 Jess Racklyeft (illus)
 Hardback RRP \$24.99

3 April release,
 advance orders welcome
 Can you see where the
 tree stands? It is the
 tallest in this forest of
 tall trees. This tree is
 older than those who
 find it, younger than

the land it grows from. Listen to the leaves bustle.
 Smell the forest air. A journey of wonder and
 discovery from multi-award-winning picture book
 creators Claire Saxby and Jess Racklyeft. **Age: 5+**



SUPER SNAKE
 Gregg Dreise
 Hardback RRP \$27.99

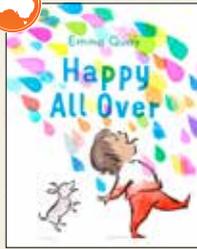
This is the first book in
 the new series by award-
 winning children's book
 author Gregg Dreise.
 Told with heart and
 humour, *Super Snake* will
 be a family favourite.

A charming morality tale, this book tells the tale
 of the Rainbow Serpent and the creation of the
 Darling/Barka River. **Age: 5+**

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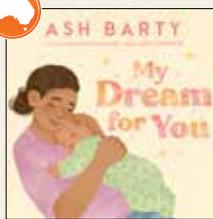


HAPPY ALL OVER
 Emma Quay
 Hardback RRP \$24.99

3 April release,
 advance orders welcome
 Happy on the inside,
 inside-out.
 Happy all over - splash it
 all about.

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From Emma Quay, the
 award-winning and much-
 loved creator of *Rudie Nudie*, comes an irresistible
 celebration of the small joys to be found in the
 everyday. **Age: 3+**

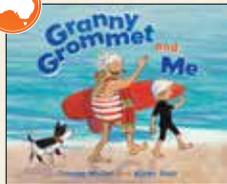


**MY DREAM
 FOR YOU**
 Ash Barty with
 Jasmin McGaughey
 & Jade Goodwin
 (illus)
 Hardback RRP \$24.99

A heart-warming
 aspirational picture
 book for new mums

HarperCollins

and babies from First Nations tennis champion Ash
 Barty, with Jasmin McGaughey and Jade Goodwin,
 the bestselling team behind *Little Ash*.
 A loving story about a mother's hopes and dreams
 for her new baby. **Age: 0+**



**GRANNY
 GROMMET
 AND ME**
 Dianne Wolfer
 & Karen Blair
 Hardback RRP \$19.99

Granny Grommet and
 Me is about the power
 of our elders to transform scary experiences into
 exciting ones. The perfect summer read-aloud, this
 book was inspired by the real Granny Grommets,
 a group of surfing and boogie-boarding women
 from Western Australia. A story that reluctant
 little swimmers can identify with. **Age: 3+**

Fremantle Press



**MIIMI AND
 BUWAARR,
 MOTHER AND BABY**
 Melissa Greenwood
 Hardback RRP \$24.99

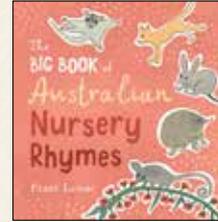
Being your miimi (mother)
 is the most precious gift
 life can give.

ABC Books

Miimi (mother) shares
 stories with her Buwaarr (baby) about the environment,
 language and totems; passing on the wisdom of
 Gumbayngirr culture and a mother's hopes for
 baby's future.

An ode to the mother/baby relationship and ties
 to family and land. **Age: 0+**

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**THE BIG BOOK
 OF AUSTRALIAN
 NURSERY RHYMES**
 Frané Lessac
 Hardback RRP \$26.99

Row, row, row, your
 boat, Gently down the
 creek. If you hear a
 Tassie devil, Don't forget
 to shriek!

Walker Books Australia

Chant and clap, play and sing along to this fun-filled
 collection of nursery rhymes with an Australian twist
 by bestselling author and illustrator, Frané Lessac.

Age: 2+



**THE MOST
 AMAZING THING**
 Ian Hayward Robinson
 & Matt Shanks (illus)
 Hardback RRP \$19.99

'What is the most amazing
 thing?' asks Henry. 'Life,'
 says his sister. 'The mind,'
 says his brother. 'The
 universe,' says his father.

Allen & Unwin

Henry can see these things are amazing, but are they
 the MOST amazing thing? A timely picture book
 with an enduring message about the different ways
 to find wonder in the world. **Age: 4+**



**THE GARDEN OF
 BROKEN THINGS**
 Freya Blackwood
 Hardback RRP \$26.99

1 May release,
 advance orders welcome

One day, curious Sadie
 follows a cat into the
 tangled vines behind
 the lonely house at
 Number 9, Ardent
 Street.

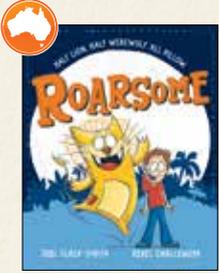
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Deep in the undergrowth, past all the twisted,
 rusted things, Sadie finds the cat sitting on the lap of
 a woman, bent with time and weariness.

Sadie has found the Garden of Broken Things.
 From award-winning creator Freya Blackwood comes
 a beautifully tender story about curiosity and the
 joy of listening. **Age: 3+**



CHILDREN'S FICTION



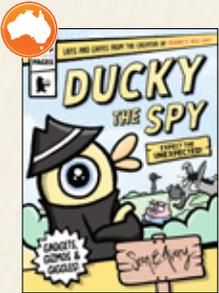
Scholastic

ROARSOME

Joel Slack-Smith & Rebel Challenger (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$16.99

Half lion. Half werewolf. All pillow. Totally ROARSOME! All Walter wanted for his birthday was a limited edition, nitro-powered drone. Instead, he gets a tattered old lion-shaped pillow (that smells suspiciously like werewolf wee). ROAR-kward! Now the full moon is out and Roars the lion-pillow has come to life for one night only, looking for adventure. **Age: 7+**



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DUCKY THE SPY: EXPECT THE UNEXPECTED!

Sean E Avery

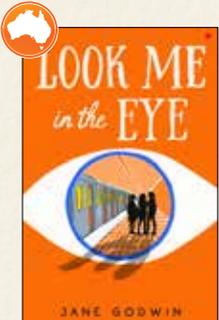
Paperback RRP \$17.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

A thief on the farm. A goat kidnapped by a gang of cats. A giant chicken. Ducky the Spy and Donny "The Distraction"

Donkey are on the case.

From the internationally renowned creator of *Frank's Red Hat* comes a brand new terrific tale, fresh from the funny, and funky, farm. **Age: 7+**



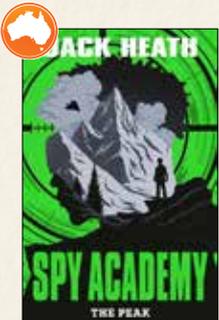
Lothian

LOOK ME IN THE EYE

Jane Godwin

Paperback RRP \$16.99

Do we have a right to know everything about those we love? *Look Me in the Eye* is a gripping tale of young teens navigating freedom and trust-building, privacy and secrets, in an era of parental surveillance. From award-winning author Jane Godwin. **Age: 11+**



Scholastic

THE PEAK: SPY ACADEMY, BOOK 1

Jack Heath

Paperback RRP \$17.99

Nolan Hawker is invited to the world's most dangerous school. At The Peak, he learns to crack codes, fly planes and deceive enemies so he can someday infiltrate the deadly anarchist group known as Swarm.

Nolan find the traitor before it's too late? **Age: 10+**



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FROG SQUAD: DESSERT DISASTER

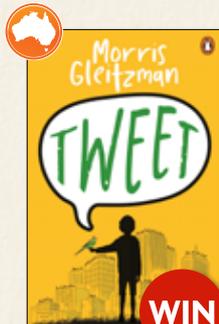
Kate & Jol Temple; Shiloh Gordon (Illus)

Paperback RRP \$16.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

Step into a top-secret world where frogs don't just eat flies, they eat danger! This is FROG

SQUAD! Will the team of brave rescue frogs be fast enough to stop Professor Cain and The Organisation of Amphibious Devious Scoundrels (TOADS) from controlling the global supply of ice-cream? **Age: 6+**



Penguin

TWEET

Morris Gleitzman

Paperback RRP \$17.99

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Birds. Lots of birds. 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 on a journey to save their families. And every other family too. **Age: 10+**

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ANDROMACHE BETWEEN WORLDS

Gabriel Bergmoser

Paperback RRP \$19.99

All Andromache Peters wants is a normal life, but this is near impossible when your parents were famous adventurers who once saved the world. When a mysterious stranger reveals

Andromache's dad long-lost is trapped in a parallel world, her adventure begins to find her father. **Age: 11+**



Bloomsbury

THE CLOCKWORK CONSPIRACY

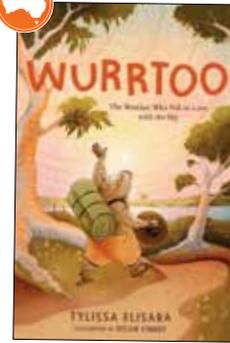
Sam Sedgman

Paperback RRP \$16.99

3 April release, advance orders welcome

Aspiring inventor Isaac Turner lives with his dad, the horologist in charge of Big Ben. But when his father vanishes from the belfry on the night the clocks go back, leaving

behind only a smashed pocket watch and a cryptic message, Isaac embarks on a race against time to save his father – and time itself. **Age: 8+**



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WURRTOO

Tylissa Elisara & Dylan Finney (Illus)

Hardback RRP \$19.99

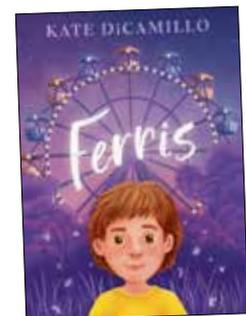
Wurrtoo the wombat lives a quiet and solitary life in his burrow on Kangaroo Island, hoping to one day travel to the mainland and marry the love of his life, the sky. When Wurrtoo inadvertently saves

Kuula the koala from a bushfire, he acquires the adventure companion he didn't know he needed.

With Kuula by his side, Wurrtoo leaves the safety of his burrow and sets out on an epic journey to cross the island, reach the mainland and climb to the top of tallest tree in the Forest of Dreaming. To make it, the pair must face their fears together, learn the importance of friendship and discover the power of wombat wishes.

Drawing on her own Narungga, Kaurna and Adnyamathanha heritage, black&write! fellow Tylissa Elisara has delivered a unique middle-grade novel in the tradition of *Winne the Pooh* and *Blinky Bill*.

Age: 9+



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FERRIS

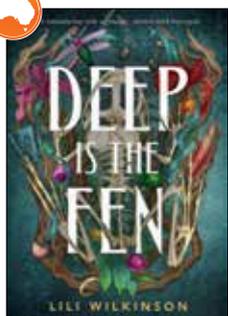
Kate DiCamillo

Hardback RRP \$19.99

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It's the summer before fifth grade, and for Ferris Wilkey, it is a summer of sheer pandemonium. Her little sister, Pinky, has vowed to become an outlaw. Uncle Ted has left Aunt Shirley and is

holed up in the Wilkey basement to paint a history of the world. And Charisse, Ferris's grandmother, has started seeing a ghost in the doorway to her room. But the ghost is not there to usher Charisse to the Great Beyond. Rather, she has other plans – wild, impractical, illuminating plans. How can Ferris satisfy a spectre with Pinky terrorizing the town. Uncle Ted sending Ferris to spy on her aunt, and her father battling an invasion of raccoons? **Age: 9+**



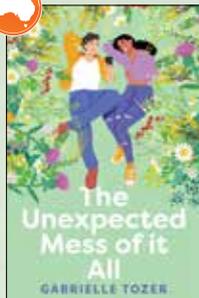
DEEP IS THE FEN

Lili Wilkinson
Paperback RRP \$24.99
16 April release,
advance orders welcome

Merriwether Morgan doesn't need a happily-ever-after. Her life in the idyllic town of Candlecott is fine just as it is: simple, happy, and with absolutely no magic. Magic only ever leads to trouble...

A bewitching journey inside a secret society, featuring sinister toadmen, resistance witches and a steamy enemies-to-lovers romance, from the acclaimed author of *A Hunger of Thorns*.

Age: 13+



THE UNEXPECTED MESS OF IT ALL

Gabrielle Tozer
Paperback RRP \$19.99

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Jamila Dakhoul wants to escape her life. As Jamila tries to untangle the messy threads of her life on a weekend away with family, it becomes clear that she can't outrun

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her past, no matter how hard she tries ...

A very funny and fraught 'enemies-to-will-they-won't-they' romance between family friends Jamila and Billy. Age: 14+



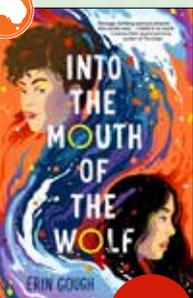
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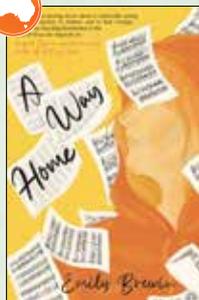
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other – Iris and Lena will have to go into the mouth of the wolf...

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A WAY HOME

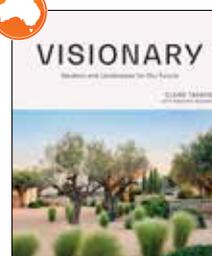
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Sixteen-year-old Grace lives under a bridge in Melbourne's CBD, at least until she can find the help she and Mum need. *A Way Home* is a big-hearted novel that explores the complexities

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because of a 'blip' everyone else is convinced was a panic attack. (Which it most definitely was not.) Marco's always done the right thing. But now it's time for wrong answers only. Age: 14+



ITALIAN COASTAL

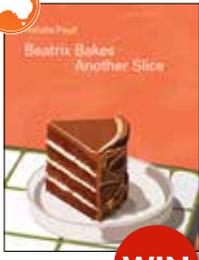
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Natalie Paull

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CREATING EFFECTIVE SPACES

Natasha Swingler

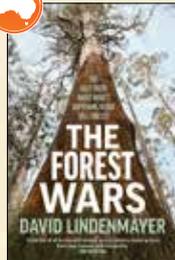
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An effective space is one that works for you, liberating you to live the life you want. *Creating Effective Spaces* is a

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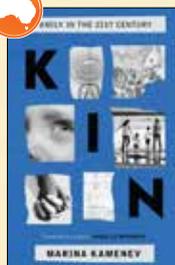
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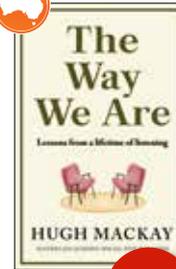
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Marina Kamenev

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Hugh Mackay

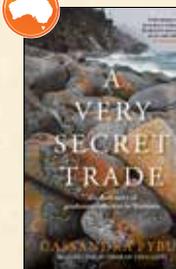
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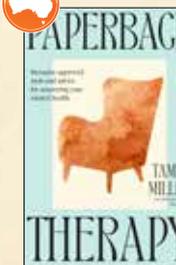
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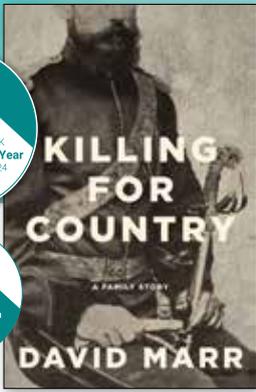
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INDIE BOOK AWARDS 2024 WINNERS



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Australian independent booksellers have announced **Killing for Country: A Family Story** by David Marr as the **Indie Book Awards 2024 Book of the Year**. The Indie Book Awards are chosen by the country's independent booksellers who select their favourite Australian books published in the previous calendar year.

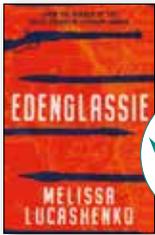
The individual category winners, in **Fiction, Non-Fiction, Debut Fiction, Illustrated Non-Fiction, Children's** and **Young Adult**, were also announced. From these six category winners the independent booksellers selected the best of the best – the Indie Books Awards 2024 Book of the Year.

WINNER BOOK OF THE YEAR AWARD 2024 & CATEGORY WINNER NON-FICTION

Killing for Country: A Family Story by David Marr

Judges' Comments: 'A magisterial book that will retain its value for years to come, this is a grim and brutal subject handled in a measured and thoroughly researched way. It is not easy reading, but it is necessary reading. Marr's meticulous research and careful prose tell the brutal colonial history of Indigenous dispossession through the greed and avarice of the squatters, the murderous barbarity of the lawless Native Police, and the criminal hypocrisy and wilful blindness of the governing class, both in Australia and Britain. Read it and weep, then be even more grateful and amazed by the dignity and graciousness of the Indigenous people who welcome us to country.'

CATEGORY WINNERS



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CATEGORY WINNER FICTION

Edenglassie
by Melissa Lucashenko

Judges' Comments:

'Lucashenko at her very best. A refreshingly honest portrait of Brisbane life in the early days of British colonisation. This timely novel challenges readers to look at the ridiculousness of Terra Nullius and the harsh truths of Australian history to imagine or give hope to a future that is different to the one we are experiencing.'



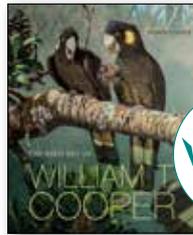
Fourth Estate

CATEGORY WINNER DEBUT FICTION

The Visitors
by Jane Harrison

Judges' Comments:

'This novel is set in Gadigal Country from the perspective of seven First Nations Elders, who must decide whether to let a "boat" land in January 1788. Harrison skilfully upholds that same level of tension throughout the book, despite the fact we already know the ending. This is a highly clever and creative book that should be required reading for all Australians.'



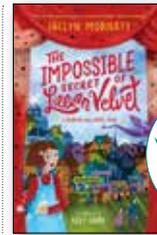
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CATEGORY WINNER ILLUSTRATED NON-FICTION

The Bird Art of William T. Cooper
by Wendy Cooper

Judges' Comments:

'Cooper was one of our pre-eminent ornithological illustrators, and this splendid book shows why. The thought processes of an artist and the acute observations of a naturalist are demonstrated by the deceptively simple pencil and ink, and the small but telling notes alongside. Combined with gorgeous reproductions of the finished works leaves the viewer no doubt as to the talent of the artist.'



Allen & Unwin

CATEGORY WINNER CHILDREN'S

The Impossible Secret
of Lillian Velvet
by Jaclyn Moriarty

Judges' Comments:

'Lillian Velvet is a character who refuses to be forgotten. Jaclyn's flair for finding the perfect balance between humour and genuine magic is the reason I love the *Kingdoms and Empires* list so much. *The Impossible Secret of Lillian Velvet* is one of those books that feels too precious to try and explain for fear of cheapening its quirky genius.'



Hardie Grant

CATEGORY WINNER YOUNG ADULT

Welcome to Sex
by Dr Melissa Kang & Yumi Stynes

Judges' Comments:

'This is an excellent resource for young teens. The information is presented in a friendly, inclusive and accessible way, progressing from body basics through to the bigger questions about sex and relationships. It focuses strongly on consent, respect, and autonomy while providing facts and information that can be awkward and difficult to discuss in person.'

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- 6 **Prophet Song** by Paul Lynch
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- 10 **The Thursday Murder Club** by Richard Osman

Non-Fiction

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- 3 **Atomic Habits** by James Clear
- 4 **Bright Shining: How Grace Changes Everything** by Julia Baird
- 5 **The Creative Act: A Way of Being** by Rick Rubin
- 6 **Killing for Country: A Family Story** by David Marr
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