

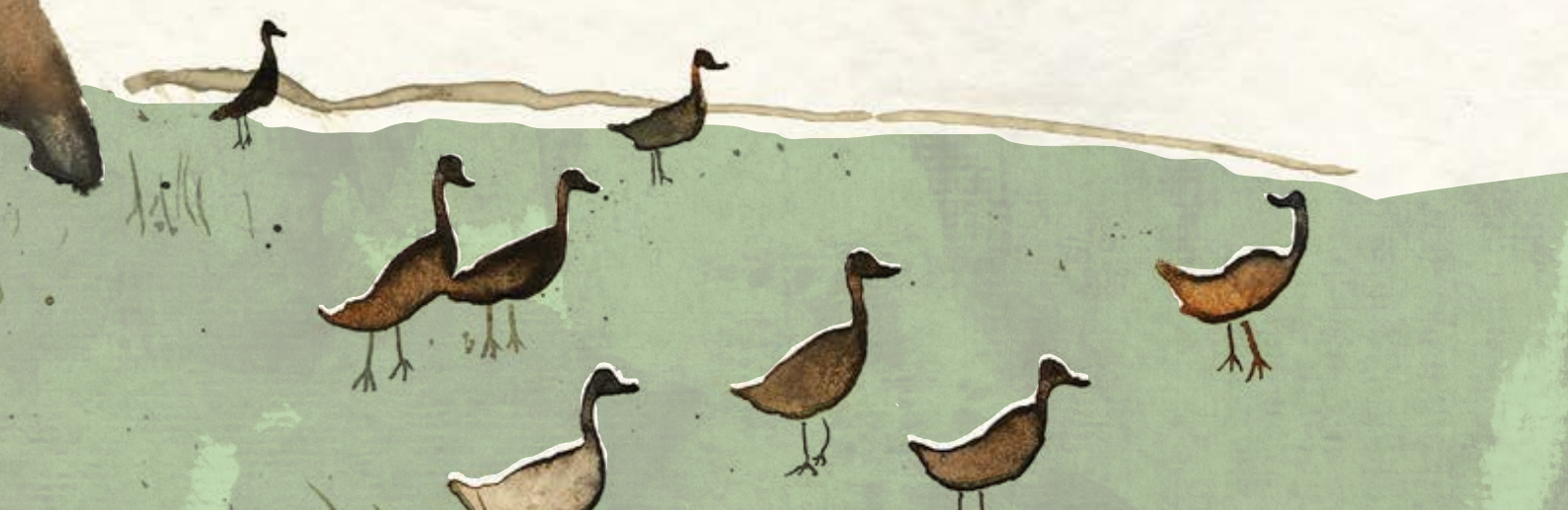


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# Your Reading Guide

The best books this season  
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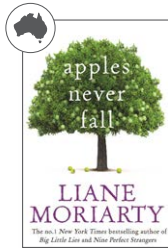
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## Welcome to the new edition of the Booksellers' Choice Your Reading Guide!

We are excited to share a selection of the best new books for the season chosen for you by Australia's leading booksellers. There is something to suit everyone—new Australian and international fiction, biographies, history and science books, along with a great selection of new children's and YA titles.

Support your local bookshop! Visit us instore or online, send us an email or give us a call! We are here to help you find the right book for you.

Happy reading!



## Apples Never Fall

Liane Moriarty

Macmillan Australia  
TPB \$32.99

September release

Ted and Joy Delaney have just sold their successful tennis school and are a bit lost. Their four adult children are successful enough, though Joy would like them to return her calls or make the occasional visit. When a young woman, Savannah, knocks on their door one night asking for help, the Delanys oblige. But from there things turn awry, and their seemingly perfect family is cast in a very different light. Another brilliant page-turner from the author of *Big Little Lies*.



## She is Haunted

Paige Clark

Allen & Unwin | TPB \$29.99

A mother cuts her daughter's hair when her own starts falling out; a woman leaves her boyfriend because he reminds her of a corpse; a widow physically transforms into her husband so that she need not grieve. Clark's debut of interconnected stories is full of wit and humour, examining trauma, female relationships, and the love of a good dog. All in search of recognition, connection, and empathy. Sophisticated short fiction with panoramic vision.



## Once There Were Wolves

Charlotte McConaghy

Hamish Hamilton Australia  
TPB \$32.99

Aggi follows her twin, Inti, a biologist, to the remote Scottish Highlands to return fourteen wolves to the wilderness. Aggi and Inti have a disturbing past, and trauma and cruelty has left them damaged. The locals are not happy about the wolves, but the animals begin to adapt, and Inti begins to relax. Then a farmer disappears, and Inti cannot accept it is the wolves. But if not the wolves, then who?

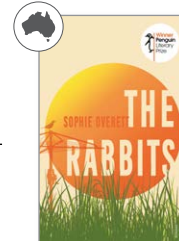


## Catch Us the Foxes

Nicola West

Simon & Schuster  
TPB \$32.99

Marlowe (Lo) Robertson is a young journalist in the small coastal town of Kiama where she discovers the body of her former best friend with strange markings on her back. Lo seizes the opportunity to track down a killer and make a name for herself. With a delicious *Twin Peaks* feel this is a novel of mysteries and secrets in small-town Australia.



## The Rabbits

Sophie Overton

Vintage Australia  
TPB \$32.99

How do you make sense of the loss of those you love most? Delia Rabbit is crippled by grief after the disappearance of her sister and estranged from her mother. From the winner of the Penguin Literary Prize, *The Rabbits* is a multigenerational family story with a dose of magical realism. It is about family secrets, art, very mild superpowers, loneliness and the strange connections we make in the places we least expect.



## Small Joys of Real Life

Alee Richards

Hachette Australia  
TPB \$32.99

*Small Joys of Real Life* is a brilliant Australian debut novel about the vagaries of life. In their late 20s, Eva and Pat have something special but when Pat dies suddenly, Eva is pregnant and bereft, and left with a huge choice to make. A poignant and nuanced story of loss and desire and finding those true friendships that can either break your heart or make it soar.

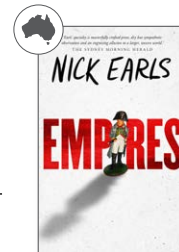


## The Other Side of Beautiful

Kim Lock

Harlequin Australia  
TPB \$29.99

Meet Mercy Blain, whose house has just burnt down. Unfortunately for Mercy, she hasn't been outside the house for two years. Flung into the world she's been ignoring, Mercy goes on an unwilling journey after the chance purchase of a cult classic campervan, with the company of her sausage dog and a mysterious box of cremated remains.



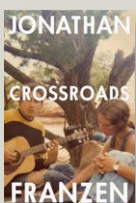
## Empires

Nick Earls

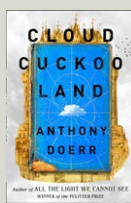
Vintage Australia  
TPB \$32.99

*Empires* is a masterful fictional narrative from Nick Earls. Set in five parts, it spans centuries and crosses continents, tracking history from 2018 to 1809 and back again to the present. Through the eyes of five male protagonists Earls explores the empires we build, the way we see ourselves, the narratives we construct and the interconnectedness of all things. For fans of David Mitchell's *Cloud Atlas*, this is a compelling and inventive novel.

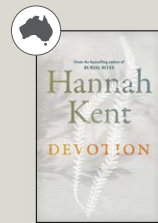
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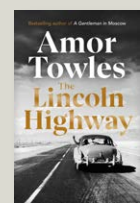
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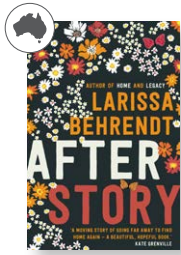
Allen & Unwin  
October release



Allen & Unwin  
November release



Hutchinson  
October release



## After Story

Larissa Behrendt  
UQP | TPB \$32.99

Indigenous lawyer, Jasmine, invites her mother along on a literary tour of England in the hope that it will restore their relationship. But when a child goes missing on Hampstead Heath, it brings up dark memories of Jasmine's own sister who disappeared 25 years before. This warm, hopeful novel about reconciliation and the power of words will make a great book club read.



## The Shut Ins

Katherine Brabon  
Allen & Unwin | TPB \$29.99

Mai Takeda is newly married and uncertain about becoming a mother, an expectation she fears she must ultimately fulfil.

A chance encounter reconnects her with old school friend Hikaru, who has become a hikikomori, a recluse unable to leave his bedroom. Mai agrees to become a rental sister to Hikaru, while her husband regularly visits Sadako, an unhappy Tokyo hostess, and each of the characters experiences profound social and physical isolation. A beautiful meditation on solitude and connection.

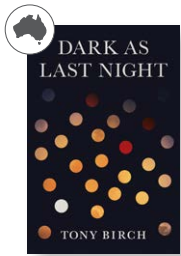


## When Things Are Alive They Hum

Hannah Bent  
Ultimo Press | TPB \$32.99

Marlowe and Harper's bond is unbreakable, forged through the early loss of their mother. Harper is

happy in her relationship with boyfriend Louis and lives with what she calls the Up syndrome alongside a congenital heart disease. Marlowe is abroad studying rare butterflies but rushes home to Hong Kong when she hears that Harper urgently needs a heart transplant. A luminescent debut novel about grief, love and wonder.



## Dark as Last Night

Tony Birch  
UQP | TPB \$29.99

Tony Birch returns to the form that started his writing career with this new collection of short stories, *Dark as Last Night*. In

*Bobby Moses* a chance encounter between a small-town cop and an Aboriginal man returning to country reveals an unexpected kindness. *After Life* tells of a brother and sister cleaning their deceased brother's filthy council flat. These are stories of our brutal truths, moral ambiguities and small victories. Exceptional writing, harsh, beautiful and brimming with truth.



## Modern Marriage

Filip Vukašin  
Affirm Press | TPB \$32.99

September release

Klara has the most perfect life. She is gorgeous, her husband Dante is

gorgeous, and they will no doubt, have gorgeous babies. But her world is thrown into chaos when Dante is found unconscious in a gay sauna, and she realises there are many secrets between them. From an exciting new Australian author, this is an exploration of the way appearances can be deceptive.



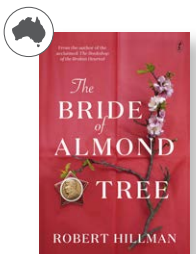
## The Attack

Catherine Jinks  
Text | TPB \$32.99

September release

Robyn Ayres is the camp caretaker of Finch Island. When an outdoor program

run by ex-military for troubled young men returns, she knows it can be a hard week. But her past has arrived too in the form of Aaron, a child she once taught and was forced to leave her job and her home over. Only his name is now Darren and he seems not to know her. A slow and absorbing mystery.



## The Bride of Almond Tree

Robert Hillman  
Text | TPB \$32.99

A warm, big hearted novel about the enduring power of love. In 1950s country Australia a young Quaker, Wes, falls in love with firebrand Beth who thinks communism will save the world. He is steadfast as she pursues her politics and suffers because of it. A love story that crosses religion, wars, politics and unionism. A thoroughly life affirming story.



## Corporal Hitler's Pistol

Tom Keneally  
Vintage Australia  
Trade Paperback | \$32.99

September release

From one of Australia's greatest writers, *Corporal Hitler's Pistol* brings together interesting characters from an intersection of life in 1930s regional New South Wales. There is a murdered Irish farmhand, a quiet piano player implicated in the death, and relations between black and white Australians in melting pot communities after the First World War.

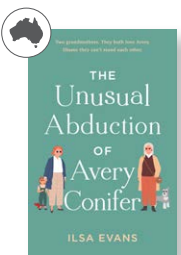


## In Moonland

Miles Allinson  
Scribe | TPB \$29.99

September release

When Joe is 17, his father kills himself. Years later, when his own daughter is born, he decides to track down his father's old friends and find out why. Spanning seventy years and three generations in Australia and India, Allinson examines the complexity of family bonds, and reverberations of the things they choose to share with each other.



## The Unusual Abduction of Avery Conifer

Ilsa Evans  
Harlequin Australia | TPB \$29.99

September release

Grandmothers Beth and Shirley may not like each other but when it comes to their granddaughter Avery they will stop at nothing to protect her. Suspecting that Avery is being harmed by her father, Shirley's son, the two abduct their own granddaughter and find themselves on the run across country Victoria. An original and heart-felt novel.

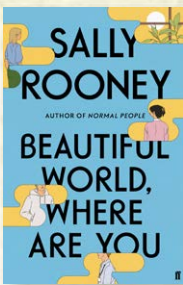


## Empire of the Vampire

Jay Kristoff  
Voyager | TPB \$32.99

September release

Gabriel De Leon, half-man, half-monster, is the last of the silversaints. A 27-year war against vampires has crushed humanity, and as daylight seeps away Gabriel is imprisoned and rendered powerless by the coldbloods. He expects torture, execution, but instead is visited by the Marquis Jean-Francois, a vampire historian with a very different proposition—he wants Gabriel's story, and he will get it. The first in a much-anticipated trilogy from a master storyteller.



**Beautiful World, Where Are You**  
Sally Rooney  
Faber | TPB \$29.99

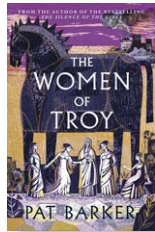
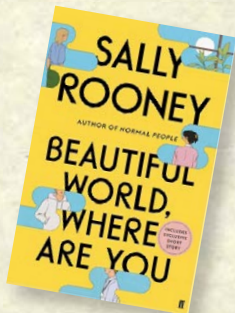
September release

*Beautiful World, Where Are You* is

the eagerly anticipated new novel from Sally Rooney, the bestselling author of *Normal People*. Focusing on four young friends and their preoccupations with desire, delusion, connection and break-ups. They worry about sex and friendships and the world they live in, and wonder if they are standing in the last lighted room before the darkness? Will they find a way to believe in a beautiful world?

Also available:  
A special gift hardback edition, RRP \$34.99

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**The Women of Troy**  
Pat Barker  
Hamish Hamilton  
TPB \$32.99

September release

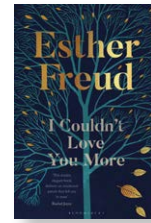
Continuing the tale of *The Silence of the Girls*, we follow the silenced women after the fall of Troy and the Greeks have won. The beautiful Briseis, now a war prize of the victorious Achilles, is barely noticed by her squabbling captors. She forges alliances where she can—with young, dangerously naïve Amina, with defiant, aged Hecuba, with Calchus, the disgraced priest—and begins to see the path to a kind of revenge.



**The View Was Exhausting**  
Mikaella Clements and Onjali Datta  
Headline Review  
TPB \$32.99

September release

A cuttingly funny book about being a woman of colour where most of the other people in the room are male and white. A pretend romance between an A-list actor and a playboy for the sake of PR goes well until some secrets are blown. Glamorous locations and photos can be misleading in this rom-com with a difference.



**I Couldn't Love You More**  
Esther Freud  
Bloomsbury | TPB \$29.99

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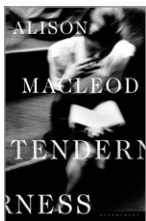
Esther Freud's *I Couldn't Love You More* is a masterfully crafted tale of three generations of women, inspired by Freud's own family story. This is the tale of Rosaleen in 1960s London; Kate, an artist 30 years later; and Aoife, recounting to her dying husband the story of their long marriage. Captivating and gorgeously written, *I Couldn't Love You More* is an unforgettable novel about love, motherhood, secrets and betrayal—and how only the truth can set us free.



**Songbirds**  
Christy Lefteri  
Bonnier | TPB \$29.99

September release

Nisha, an immigrant maid in Cyprus, goes missing walking late one night and her absence tears into the lives of those who love her. Trapped in an uncaring system, her employer and her lover uncover unknown layers to the woman they are searching for. A deeply moving, empathetic story of boundaries, migration, and the impossible choices migrants face in search of freedom.



**Tenderness**  
Alison MacLeod  
Bloomsbury | TPB \$32.99

September release

D. H. Lawrence is dying and is desperate to finish his last novel, *Lady Chatterley's*

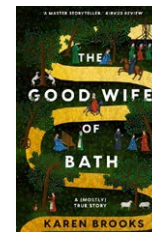
*Lover*. He knows it will be censored but still goes ahead. Thirty years later Jackie Kennedy takes up the cause for a new uncensored publication of the book in the USA and UK after she hears her government is taking the book to trial. A novel about love, censorship and sensual pleasures.



**Damnation Spring**  
Ash Davidson  
Tinder Press | TPB \$32.99

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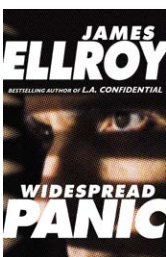
An immersive and suspense filled debut set within a Californian logging community in the 1970s, and a family coming to grips with an industry losing its relevance. The red wood forests have been Rich's livelihood, as they were for his father, but now something seems amiss as birth defects begin to occur within the community and his wife Colleen is growing concerned for their family's health.



**The Good Wife of Bath**  
Karen Brooks  
Harlequin | TPB \$32.99

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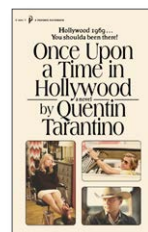
Life for women in medieval England was harsh, with the plague, no sanitation, and men controlling all means of power. Eleanor Cornfed will have none of that, despite her first of five marriages at the age of 12 to a farmer in his sixties, and the shortcomings of the rest. Her resourcefulness makes the most of her ever-fluctuating circumstances. Karen Brooks expands on Chaucer's *Wife of Bath*, giving voice to Eleanor in this superb historical fiction.



**Widespread Panic**  
James Ellroy  
William Heinemann | TPB \$32.99

September release

Hollywood, Los Angeles. The early 1950s. Notorious cop Freddy Otash has a story to tell about the goings on in Tinseltown, and his moral failings are on full display. His depravities land him at celebrity rag Confidential, where Otash dishes up the corruption, paranoia and degradation he specialised in as a cop. Ellroy delivers what he is best at: immersive vernacular and lurid historical semblance written in machine-gun prose.



**Once Upon a Time in Hollywood**  
Quentin Tarantino  
Weidenfeld & Nicolson | PB \$22.99

September release

In this brutal, surprising, and wildly entertaining novelisation of Tarantino's alternative reality nostalgia, the director turns author to further explore the characters first brought to life in the Academy Award-winning film. Tarantino grew up reading film novelisations, and his addition to the genre is a story of male friendship and fragility, an ode to a bygone era, and a study of the violence at the heart of identity and celebrity obsession.



## The Magician

Colm Toibin  
Picador | TPB \$32.99

September release

A literary imagining of the life of writer Thomas Mann, the most successful

German author of his time. Covering his childhood, his repressed homosexuality, his successful marriage to protective Katia and their six children, his underestimation of Hitler and eventual exile in the USA. This is a deep exploration of both the rich inner life and complicated daily life of a complex, flawed, exasperating man, and the unforgettable literature he produced.



## Snow Country

Sebastian Faulks  
Hutchinson | TPB \$32.99

September release

'None of us is spared history. That's what history is. A great leveller.'

Covering 1914 to 1933 in the aftermath of WWI and Hitler's increasing power, Anton, an Austrian journalist returns from war with a damaged lung and troubled mind. Commissioned to write about the mysterious Schloss Seeblick Sanatorium, Anton meets Lena in a place where the depths of human suffering and the chances of redemption are explored.



## The Echo Chamber

John Boyne  
Doubleday | TPB \$32.99

The Cleverley family are a dysfunctional lot though hold themselves in great esteem, until George, the patriarch, throws them all into an

unwanted spotlight via one misguided tweet. A darkly satirical, clever novel exposing our obsession with social media and a not-so-subtle reminder that living life through an app may not be the greatest choice.

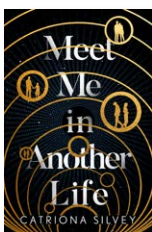


## Mrs March

Virginia Feito  
4th Estate | PB \$27.99

Mrs March spends her time as an Upper East Side wife living anxiously under the weight of expectations placed on her by society and

herself. When she is compared to the grotesque main character of her husband's new novel, her tidy world begins to fall apart and a descent into suspicion, obsession with a murdered girl, and conflicting memories follow.



## Meet Me in Another Life

Catriona Silvey  
Voyager | TPB \$29.99

Santi and Thora are strangers when they meet travelling through Cologne and their fates become

entwined. Trapped like satellites in orbit, Thora and Santi are destined to meet again: as a teacher and prodigy student; a caretaker and dying patient; a cynic and a believer. A unique novel exploring mystery, magic, love, and the quantum theory of reincarnation.

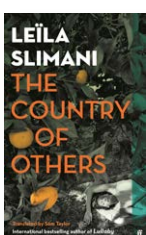


## Songs in Ursa Major

Emma Brodie  
HarperCollins | TPB \$29.99

From the moment Jane Quinn steps barefoot onto the main stage at Island Folk festival in the summer of 1969, a star is born and so

is a passionate love story. Set against the heady haze of the 70s, and alive with music, sex and sun-soaked hedonism, *Songs in Ursa Major* is an unforgettable debut and the soundtrack to a love story like no other. For fans of Taylor Jenkins Reid's *Daisy Jones & the Six*.



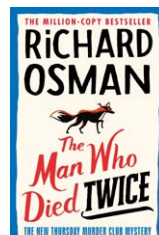
## The Country of Others

Leïla Slimani  
Faber | Demy \$29.99

September release

Alsace, 1944. Mathilde finds herself falling deeply in love with Amine Belhaj, a Moroccan soldier fighting for the French. After the Liberation, Mathilde follows

Amine to Morocco but life here is unrecognizable to this brave and passionate young woman. Where she once danced, her life is now that of a farmer's wife—with all the sacrifices and vexations that brings. *The Country of Others* is the first volume in a trilogy telling the saga of one French family.



## The Man Who Died Twice

Richard Osman  
Viking | TPB \$32.99

September release

It's the following Thursday and Elizabeth has just had a visit from a man she thought was dead. It's (one of) her ex-husbands, and he's being hunted. His story involves some diamonds, some spies and a very angry mobster. Elizabeth enlists Joyce, Ibrahim and Ron in the hunt for the killer. Can they find him before the killer finds them? The hilarious new instalment by the author of *The Thursday Murder Club*.



## Harlem Shuffle

Colson Whitehead  
Little, Brown  
TPB \$32.99

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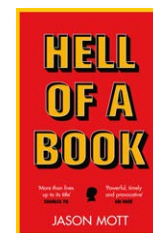
Colson Whitehead returns with a novel of 1960s Harlem, where Ray Carney is struggling to keep his furniture business afloat. His father was a crook, and his brother-in-law is deeply problematic, and as Ray's struggles with legitimacy intensify he is drawn deeper into nefarious activity. The scene setting is brilliant, depicting Black America striving to navigate Jim Crow America as the civil rights movement grows. A wonderful family drama and historical epic.

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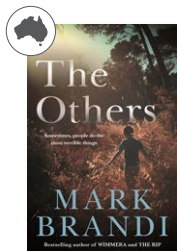
## Hell of a Book

Jason Mott  
Trapeze | TPB \$32.99

We join an unnamed author on a whirlwind book tour in the USA promoting his new novel *Hell of a Book*.

He keeps seeing a boy, but is he real or not? Is he the black child who was shot by police? Or is it the author as a child? Maybe, maybe not. Race and Black Lives Matter are to the fore in this powerful and timely novel, and it is a hell of a read.

# Australian Crime & Thrillers



## The Others

Mark Brandi  
Hachette Australia  
TPB \$32.99

From the author of *Wimmera* and *The Rip* comes an unforgettable and confronting novel about the power of a father over his son. Told through the diary of 11-year-old Jacob living on an isolated farm with his father who has to 'keep him safe' from 'the others' and the plague' after the death of his mother. But the father's motives are opaque, and Brandi ratchets up the tension in this brilliant thriller.



## The Last Guests

J.P. Pomare  
Hachette Australia  
TPB \$32.99

You may never stay in an Airbnb again after reading this suspenseful and thrilling novel. It tells a completely believable story of husband and wife, Cain and Lina, who rent out their holiday home on Lake Tarawera to make some extra cash. But both have been keeping secrets and somebody is watching and knows something they shouldn't. Surveillance, it seems, is everywhere.



## The Tribute

John Byron  
Affirm Press | TPB \$32.99

A serial killer is stalking through Sydney, hell-bent on recreating scenes from the *Fabrica*, the 16th century foundation text of modern European anatomy. The spate of cold, methodical attacks has the city on edge, but the serial killer may not even be the darkest player in the story. Dark and unpredictable, this book is one of the most outstanding debut crime novels of 2021.



## I Shot the Devil

Ruth McIver  
Hachette Australia  
TPB \$32.99

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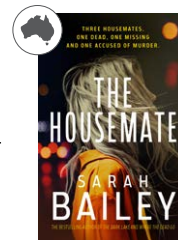
Satanism, drugs and murder amongst a group of teenagers are the backdrop to this atmospheric thriller. Journalist Erin Sloane is sent back to her hometown on the 15th anniversary of a night in Southport where five teens went into the woods and only three came back. Creepy and menacing in the best possible way, from the Richell Prize-winning debut author.



## When You Are Mine

Michael Robotham  
Hachette Australia  
TPB \$32.99

Philomena McCarthy, a young officer with the London Metropolitan Police, arrests a man when attending a brutal domestic violence. Unbeknownst to her he is decorated Detective Superintendent Darren Goodall, who calls in many favours owed and has the charges dropped. Philomena's career is in tatters as her colleagues will not back her, and she strikes a friendship with Tempe, the victim of the assault. But Tempe is not who she seems...

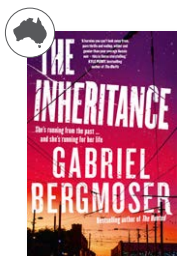


## The Housemate

Sarah Bailey  
Allen & Unwin | TPB \$32.99

September release

Sarah Bailey's fourth novel will keep you up all night. Olive Groves is a crime journalist. Ten years ago, she covered the Housemate Murders where one girl was murdered, one of her housemates charged and another disappeared. Nicole Horowitz, the housemate who disappeared, has resurfaced and Olive is partnered with Cooper Ng, a young upstart podcaster to investigate. They are soon entangled in a web of deceit.

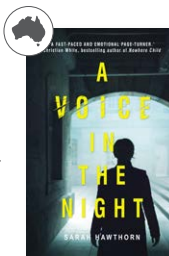


## The Inheritance

Gabriel Bergmoser  
HarperCollins  
TPB \$29.99

Following the success of *The Hunted*, Bergmoser brings us another high-octane Australian thriller.

Fleeing a drug cartel in North Queensland, Maggie makes her way to Melbourne in search of answers about her past. The bikies are following in her wake, the police are tracking her and a bent cop is her only dubious ally—is Maggie in over her head?



## A Voice in the Night

Sarah Hawthorn  
Transit Lounge  
TPB \$29.99

Lucie moved overseas to escape an acrimonious divorce and start afresh at a new law firm. When a strange note appears under her door, supposedly from an old flame who was never found after 9/11, Lucie goes into a tailspin. Set between Sydney, London and New York, this nail-biting thriller is for fans of *Girl on the Train* or *The Nowhere Child*.



## The Deep

Kyle Perry  
Michael Joseph Australia  
TPB \$32.99

A Tasmanian gothic thriller full of modern-day pirates and family betrayals from the author of *The Bluffs*.

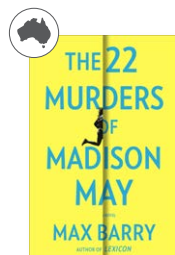
The drug smuggling Dempsey family thought their secrets were long buried at sea. When 13-year-old Forest Dempsey reappears from the ocean after being thought dead for seven years it sets off a chain of events that will test the lengths the family will go to protect what is theirs.



## The Newcomer

Laura Elizabeth Woollett  
Scribe | TPB \$32.99

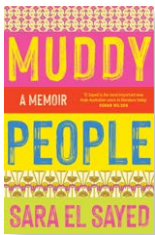
Judy arrives at Fairfolk Island from Sydney determined to get the police to investigate her daughter's death. Paulina was a difficult young woman who moved to the beautiful and remote Pacific Island where it seems every man on the island is a suspect, but none are as scrutinised as Paulina and her hard drinking ways. A disturbing crime thriller about the harm people visit on each other.



## The 22 Murders of Madison May

Max Barry  
Hachette Australia | TPB \$32.99

Real estate agent Madison May is in trouble. A man is obsessed with her and tracks her down to a home inspection that ends violently. But Madison May does many things and is many people, as young journalist Felicity Staples discovers when reporting on her murder. Felicity finds there is a lot more going on than a single violent crime, and she begins to question her own sanity as a multiverse of realities is revealed. A complex and whip-smart thriller from Max Barry.



## Muddy People

Sara El Sayed  
Black Inc. | TPB \$29.99

A warm-hearted and hilarious memoir about negotiating family and cultural expectations. When Egyptian born

El Sayed migrates to Australia with her family as a young girl, she is faced with the desire for freedom but also doing right by her family. A wonderfully drawn cast of characters written with charm, wit and love, by a new literary talent.



## Too Migrant, Too Muslim, Too Loud

Mehreen Faruqi  
Allen & Unwin | TPB \$32.99

*Too Migrant, Too Muslim, Too Loud* is a no-holds-barred memoir and manifesto from outspoken senator, and multicultural icon Mehreen Faruqi. As the first Muslim woman in any Australian parliament, Mehreen has a unique and crucial perspective on our politics and democracy. It is a tale of a political outsider fighting for her right and the rights of others like her to be let inside on their terms.



## The Mother Wound

Amani Haydar  
Macmillan Australia  
TPB \$34.99

Lawyer, artist and mother Amani Haydar was devastated by her mother's murder at the hands of her father in 2015. Addressing the effects of domestic violence and intergenerational trauma from both a legal and personal standpoint, Haydar attempts to unravel the political, social and personal history that led to this terrible event. A profound memoir of resilience and strength in the face of family violence.

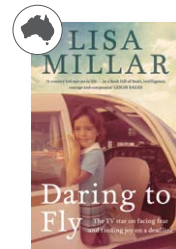


## Blessed

John Doyle  
Hachette Australia  
TPB \$32.99

From one of Australia's best-loved comedians and writers comes *Blessed*, a year in the life of

Rampaging Roy Slaven. A hilarious biography telling the extraordinary tale of Roy's humble beginnings in Lithgow, from trying to avoid Brother Connor's strap to garnering Susan Morgan's attention from the local Catholic girls' school. John Doyle, the man who knows him best, delves into the early years of the master of midfield mayhem.



## Daring to Fly

Lisa Millar  
Hachette Australia  
TPB \$32.99

September release

Growing up in country Queensland, Lisa Millar

dreamed of having a big life, and her years as an ABC foreign correspondent gave her that in spades—from moments of joy to reporting on grief and tragedy. During that time, she also went into battle with near-debilitating fear of flying. But it was only when she was finally grounded, when all of our worlds shrank in the shadow of a pandemic, that she had the time to reflect on what she had learned and how what she'd witnessed had changed her.



## The Brilliant Boy

Gideon Haigh  
Scribner Australia  
TPB \$39.99

Herbert Vere (Doc) Evatt had the misfortune to be leader of the Labor Party during the years

Robert Menzies was Prime Minister, so he has been almost forgotten. A man of huge intellect, ambition and competence, he was the youngest ever High Court Judge, a writer, historian and leading barrister, and only Australian president of the UN General Assembly. The robust politics makes this an entertaining and eye-opening read.

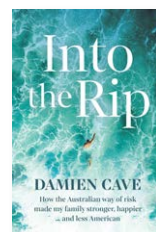


## Majak

Majak Daw and Heath O'Loughlin  
Viking Australia | TPB \$34.99

Majak Daw was born in Sudan and fled with his family to Egypt at the age of eight, and eventually the family migrated to Australia. As he became immersed in Australian culture his desire to play AFL grew, and Daw finally achieved his ambition when he was

drafted by the North Melbourne football club. Daw's autobiography is raw and emotional, and highlights his ups and downs, his battle with mental health issues and his subsequent comeback to AFL.

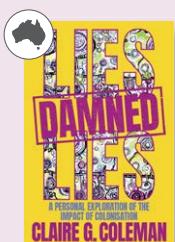


## Into The Rip

Damien Cave  
Scribner Australia | TPB \$32.99

Damien Cave encountered the Australian love of the ocean when he moved his family to Sydney to set up the New York Times' Bureau. Nippers, that quintessential Australian activity, got Cave thinking about risk, and how wrong our approach to danger may have become. Surf-lifesaving suggested that a community approach to risk might better serve us, rather than the American mindset of individual responsibility. Instead of avoiding risk perhaps we need to open our minds to embracing it.

# Indigenous Voices



## Lies, Damned Lies

Claire G. Coleman  
Ultimo Press | TPB \$32.99

September release

Colonisation is an ongoing process. In *Lies, Damned Lies*, acclaimed Noongar author Claire G. Coleman outlines the past, present and

future of the dispossession of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. This literary work blends the personal with the political, offering readers an insight into the stark reality of the ongoing trauma of Australia's violent colonisation.

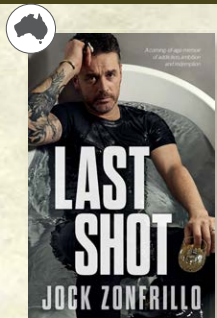


## Dear Son

Thomas Mayor  
Hardie Grant Explore | HB \$34.99

Mid September release

*Dear Son* shares heartfelt letters written by First Nations men about life, masculinity, love, culture and racism. Along with his own vivid and poignant prose and poetry, author and editor Thomas Mayor invites 12 contributors to write a letter to their son, father or nephew, bringing together a range of perspectives in celebration of First Nations manhood. Artwork and illustrations complete this beautifully designed anthology.



## Last Shot

Jock Zonfrillo

Simon & Schuster  
HB \$45.00

From running amok on the streets of Glasgow to cooking under legendary British chef Marco Pierre White, Jock

Zonfrillo is a controversial figure. Like White, Zonfrillo is of Italian heritage, and finding cooking (and working under a three-star Michelin chef) saved his life. But passion is no guarantee, and life never easy. Australia has made Zonfrillo a celebrated MasterChef judge, but he had to move on from drugs, alcohol, failed marriages and the past. It's a hell of a story.

**WIN 1 of 3 signed copies of *Last Shot* by Jock Zonfrillo.**

For your chance to win, purchase any book from this guide from your local bookshop and enter the competition at [www.booksellerschoice.com.au/competitions](http://www.booksellerschoice.com.au/competitions).

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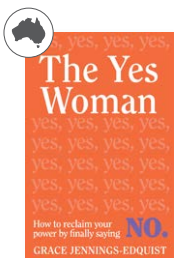


## Late Bloomer

Clem Bastow

Hardie Grant Books  
TPB \$34.99

Diagnosed as Autistic at age thirty-six, the past for author Clem Bastow comes slowly into focus as she reflects on how this diagnosis brought shape to her formative years. An honest and witty memoir which challenges ideas around Autism, dispelling misconceptions and displaying its wider implications particularly for women and gender diverse people.



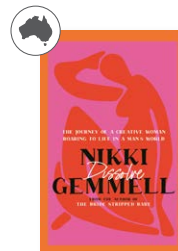
## The Yes Woman

Grace Jennings-Edquist

Affirm Press | TPB \$29.99

September release

Grace Jennings-Edquist powerfully explores how gender roles requiring women to be agreeable and self-sacrificing still persist and provides practical advice on how to reclaim your life. *The Yes Woman* is a practical guide to recognising your own 'Yes Woman' tendencies, measuring their cost on your health, and resisting that need to please. It won't be easy, but it'll be worth it.



## Dissolve

Nikki Gemmill

Hachette Australia  
HB \$29.99

Iconic Australia writer Nikki Gemmill opens a conversation with women finding their personal creative space in a male dominated world. Having lived through a period of failure herself, she reclaimed her space and now decades later has produced these personal and hopeful meditations on women's creative lives and the male artists that orbit their worlds.



## Power Play

Julia Banks

Hardie Grant Books  
Paperback \$34.99

Having won the seat that secured the Coalition Government majority in 2016, Julia Banks shocked Australia when she announced she would stand as an independent MP in 2018. *Power Play* reveals the realities of any workplace where power disparities and gender politics collide: from the unequal opportunities, casual sexism and systemic misogyny, to pressures around looks, age and family responsibilities, and the consequences of speaking out.



## Fox and I

Catherine Raven

Scribe | TPB \$32.99

As a biologist author Catherine Raven had been taught not to anthropomorphise animals until she

meets a fox who weaves his way into her solitary world in the woods of rural America. An uplifting tale of an unusual friendship, survival in its many definitions and our often-forgotten interconnectedness with nature.



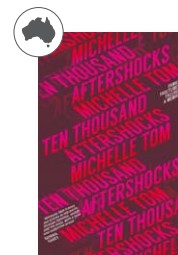
## This Much Is True

Miriam Margolyes

John Murray | HB \$49.99

September release

BAFTA-winning actor Miriam Margolyes has finally decided, at the age of 80, to tell her extraordinary life story. From declaring her love to Vanessa Redgrave to being told to be quiet by the Queen, this book is packed with brilliant, hilarious stories. *This Much Is True* is as warm and honest, as full of life and surprises, as its inimitable author.



## Ten Thousand Aftershocks

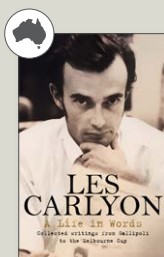
Michelle Tom

4<sup>th</sup> Estate | TPB \$34.99

September release

Michelle Tom's family survived the deadly 2011 earthquake in Christchurch, and another 10,000 aftershocks before moving to Melbourne. Soon after, she received news her estranged sister was dying, and Michelle was forced to reckon with her childhood, mental health, violence, and the traumas of family tragedy. Told in fragments, through the five stages of an earthquake, this is an intricate and compelling family drama.

## Collected Writing



## Life in Words

Les Carlyon

Allen & Unwin | HB \$39.99

Les Carlyon was one of Australia's greatest journalists, becoming editor of *The Age* at 33 and winning multiple Walkley awards and the Graham Perkin Journalist of the Year Award. Carlyon's long form history was equally as successful, and books

such as *Gallipoli* and *The Great War* were both popular and critically acclaimed. This collection celebrates the reporter and writer with Carlyon's very best, taken from across his mighty career.



## The Fran Lebowitz Reader

Fran Lebowitz

Little, Brown | HB \$45.00

September release

Style Icon, journalist and great wit Fran Lebowitz writes about landlords, children, fantasies and her attitude to work with great wit in these wisecracking and ascerbic essays. She is not a fan of the cult of self-betterment and thinks nothing of getting out of bed at 3.40 pm. A hoot, but also very thought-provoking collection from one of America's most insightful social commentators.





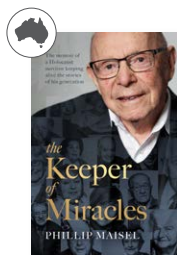
## Men Without Country

Harrison Christian

Ultimo Press | TPB \$34.99

The mutiny on the *Bounty* is a story well documented, and William Bligh's name etched in history. Harrison

Christian, a direct descendant of mutineer Christian Fletcher, tells the story of the *Bounty*'s journey and the events that saw the crew settle in Tahiti, and others, including Fletcher, to Pitcairn Island. This is the story of life aboard the *Bounty*, the brutal workload and paucity of food, the harshness of the class system and the punishment men visit upon one another.



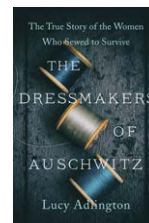
## The Keeper of Miracles

Phillip Maisel

Macmillan Australia  
HB \$32.99

For more than 30 years, Phillip Maisel has worked selflessly to record the

harrowing stories of Holocaust survivors in his role volunteering at Melbourne's Jewish Holocaust Centre. Each testimony of survival is a miracle in itself. A Holocaust survivor himself, he, too, has unthinkable stories of triumph and tragedy, cruelty and hope. Published as Phillip turns 99, this is a deeply moving, healing and inspiring memoir.



## The Dressmakers of Auschwitz

Lucy Adlington

Hodder & Stoughton  
TPB \$32.99

September release

Following a group of women recruited within Auschwitz to sew high fashion for the wives of the SS, Adlington's well-researched and fascinating story of friendship, hardship, hope, and resistance delves into the captivating context of the Third Reich and how this arrangement came to be amongst the atrocities of the Holocaust, as well as the fates of the women involved.



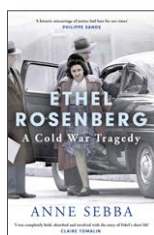
## The Countess from Kirribilli

Joyce Morgan

Allen & Unwin | TPB \$32.99

Elizabeth von Armin was an extraordinary woman who lived during glamorous, exciting and changing

times that spanned the innocence of Victorian Sydney and finished with the march of Hitler through Europe. An international bestselling author and member of the literary, intellectual and society salons of London and Europe, von Arnim's captivating story is brought to life in this wonderful book.



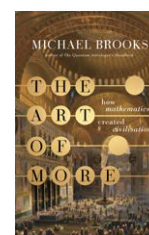
## Ethel Rosenberg: A Cold War Tragedy

Anne Sebba

Weidenfeld & Nicolson  
TPB \$32.99

This is the utterly gripping true story of Ethel Rosenberg, the first

woman in the US to be executed for a crime other than murder. The Rosenberg's case was an international sensation that defined the Cold War, and Ethel, a mother of two, refused to incriminate her husband. Despite shaky evidence she was convicted of conspiracy to commit espionage, and she and her husband were electrocuted within minutes of each other.



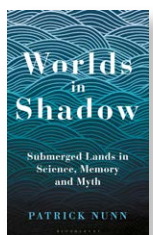
## The Art of More

Michael Brooks

Scribe | PB \$32.99

September release

You might remember studying geometry, calculus, and algebra at school, but you probably didn't realise—or weren't taught—that these are the roots of art, architecture, government, and almost every other aspect of our civilisation. From ancient Egyptian priests to the Apollo astronauts, join Michael Brooks and his extraordinarily eccentric cast of characters in discovering how maths shaped the world.



## Worlds in Shadow

Patrick Nunn

Bloomsbury | TPB \$29.99

The ocean is still a largely unexplored frontier, so the potential for myth making about what is submerged is huge. Using the most up-to-date research to determine which submerged places may have actually existed versus those that probably only existed in myth,

Patrick Nunn looks at the science of what we know to sift out some of the nonsense. *Worlds in Shadow* is an accessible look at the wonders below.



## Fatal Contact

Peter Dowling

Monash University Publishing | TPB \$34.95

The history of infectious disease epidemics introduced to the Indigenous population of Australia by British colonists after 1788 is a shameful one. Peter Dowling goes beyond acknowledgement of the devastation to detail the impacts of different diseases on the horrific

decline of the Indigenous population and reveals the greatest human tragedy in Australian history. Harrowing, essential reading.



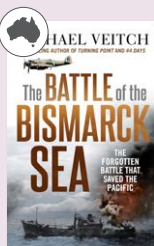
## A Week in September

Peter Rees & Sue Langford

HarperCollins | TPB \$34.99

*A Week in September* is a powerful story of love, resilience and survival of a POW on the infamous Burma Railway. One ordinary man's

story that came to light when his son found a hidden shoe box containing letters Scott Heywood had written to his mother. He wrote on scraps of paper and hid them from the guards, and are a shining example of how love, optimism and determination can get you through the very worst, most physical and mentally challenging times.



## The Battle of the Bismarck Sea

Michael Veitch

Hachette Australia  
TPB \$32.99

In 1943, in both the sky and sea, near New Guinea and Australia, Australian and

American pilots attacked Japanese warships. Michael Veitch re-examines the fierce battle known as the Battle of the Bismarck Sea. The odds were stacked against them, but these remarkable pilots helped to ensure that Japan's final attempt for the Southwest Pacific and an invasion of Australia was thwarted.



## Alpha

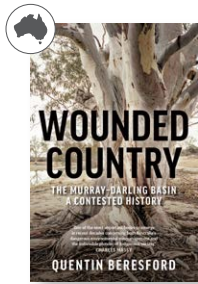
David Philipps

Scribe | TPB \$35.00

September release

The US Navy SEALs of Alpha platoon returned from Iraq with their chief, Eddie

Gallagher, honoured for his leadership. But behind the public face of America's special forces, some of Gallagher's men were readying to report him for war crimes. Meticulous research by New York Times correspondent David Philipps uncovers the moral dilemmas placed on trained killers and the subculture of a code of silence. A brilliant expose of modern warfare.

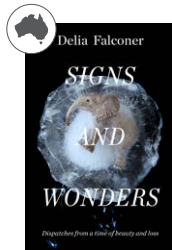


## Wounded Country

Quentin Beresford  
NewSouth Books  
TPB \$34.99

September release

For more than a century, the Murray-Darling Basin has faced a series of environmental catastrophes: soil erosion, sand drifts and dust storms, salinity, algal blooms, the threat to native flora and fauna and the drying out of internationally recognised wetlands, along with steadily worsening droughts. We are now at a point of reckoning. This book explains what we can do to save the once mighty Murray-Darling.



## Signs and Wonder

Delia Falconer  
Scribner Australia  
TPB \$32.99

September release

Climate change is not only changing our environment but also our culture argues Walkley award-winning author Delia Falconer. This collection of beautifully observed essays examines how our relationships with other generations, our emotions and connection with the world has already changed as the climate changes around us. A unique perspective on our relationship with a rapidly changing world.

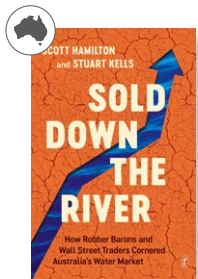


## Why You Should Give a F\*ck About Farming

Gabrielle Chan  
Vintage Australia  
TPB \$34.99

September release

When Gabrielle Chan met a farmer and moved to a farm she began to think about the way Australia has ignored and continues to ignore the farming practices in this country. This is an eye-opening look at farming practises of the past and the present, and Chan posits that we can change outcomes with an overview and a plan for the way we live and work.

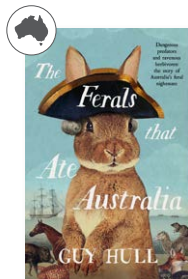


## Sold Down the River

Scott Hamilton & Stuart Kells  
Text | TPB \$34.99

September release

A deep dive into the history and issues with water policy and trading in Australia. Focusing on the Murray River Basin, Hamilton and Kells use their expertise and knowledge to dig behind the scenes, speaking to residents, farmers, traditional owners, and policy makers to uncover mismanagement and corruption of one of our most precious resources.

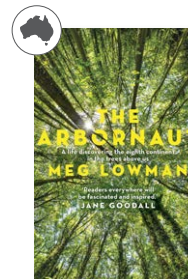


## The Ferrets That Ate Australia

Guy Hull  
ABC Books | TPB \$34.99

Isolation was once the impenetrable barrier that protected the unique fauna of Australia. But a little over two hundred

years ago a foreign power took possession, bringing with it animals that now dominate our ecosystem and have contributed to the decimation of native species. Hull details this history and toll, as well as strategies that seek to reclaim the country for our native fauna and its human population.

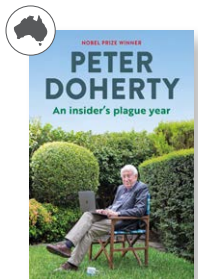


## The Arbournaut

Meg Lowman  
Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$32.99

Meg Lowman spent her childhood summers in a cottage constructed around a magnificent elm tree, and thus began her

obsession with nature. This is the inspirational story about how this young botanist became one of the world's foremost arbournauts, an ecologist and conservationist. It's a fascinating journey through the wonders of the eighth continent, the treetops of the world.

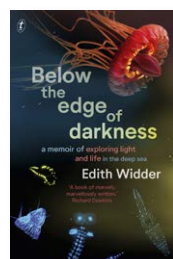


## An Insider's Plague Year

Peter Doherty  
Melbourne University Press  
PB \$32.99

1996 Nobel Prize winner Peter Doherty gives us an insight into the scientific community's response

to the novel coronavirus that has disrupted our lives since January 2020. Doherty's easy writing style makes accessible the complications and challenges of dealing with the virus and provides expert commentary on the role science plays in our lives.

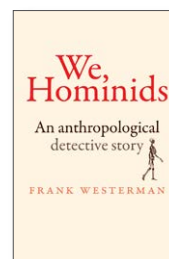


## Below the Edge of Darkness

Edith Widder  
Text | TPB \$34.99

A fascinating and adventure filled memoir set below the sea and its luminous world few of us will have the privilege to

experience. Marine biologist and oceanographer Edith Widder in her optimism however believes that exploration is key in preserving this precious and vast world and bioluminescence she hopes will ignite wonder in future generations.



## We, Hominids

Frank Westerman  
Black Inc. | PB \$32.99

A compelling mixture of reportage, travelogue and essay, in *We, Hominids*, Frank Westerman hunts down answers to humanity's most

fundamental questions: Who are we? What makes us different from animals? With an ancient skull as his starting point, Westerman discovers a plethora of origin hypotheses and shows how any theory of who we are and where we come from is coloured by the zeitgeist.

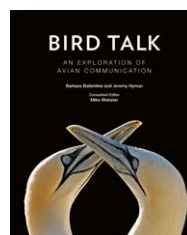


## Beachcombing

Ceridwen Fraser  
CSIRO Publishing | PB \$27.99

If you've ever walked along a beach and peered, poked or wondered at the things cast upon it by the waves, this book is for you. Beaches are our windows to the ocean, and the objects we find on them tell stories about life, death and

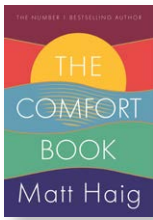
dynamic processes in the sea. This book will help you to understand what sorts of organisms and objects you find and the intriguing reasons they have come to be there.



## Bird Talk

Barbara Ballentine and Jordan Hyman  
CSIRO Publishing | HB \$44.99

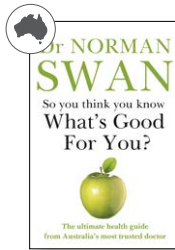
This beautifully photographed book is for the experienced twitcher and for those who have had time since 2020 to stop and listen to those sounds from the trees. Birds have incredible eyesight and hearing so of course these are the two senses they use to communicate with each other. This book illustrates how birds learn and use the sounds they need to survive in nature.



### The Comfort Book

**Matt Haig**  
Canongate | HB \$34.99

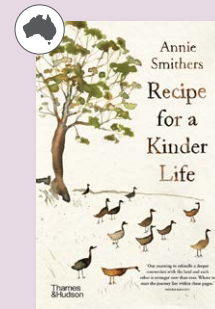
*The Comfort Book* gathers consolations and stories that give new ways of seeing ourselves and the world. Matt Haig's mix of philosophy, memoir and self-reflection builds on the wisdom of philosophers and survivors through the ages, from Marcus Aurelius to Nellie Bly, Emily Dickinson to James Baldwin. This is the book to pick up when you need the wisdom of a friend, the comfort of a hug or just to celebrate the messy miracle of being alive.



### So You Think You Know What's Good for You

**Norman Swan**  
Hachette Australia  
TPB \$39.99

Dr. Norman Swan has been providing straightforward and practical advice that Australians love for over 30 years, and this book is no exception. Happily, the questions which he has been repeatedly asked are addressed and medical myths and misconceptions are replaced with information to make well informed decisions—from the food we eat through to how to provide the best possible care for your family's health.



### Recipe for a Kinder Life

**Annie Smithers**  
Thames & Hudson  
Australia  
TPB \$32.99

In this generous account of life on the land and in the kitchen, trailblazing cook Annie Smithers chronicles her quest for a more sustainable existence, in harmony with the environment and the self. Part meditation, part memoir, the book offers practical advice and wisdom gleaned from a life dedicated to seasonal food and living lightly on the ground.

**WIN 1 of 5 limited edition prints of the cover of *Recipe for a Kinder Life* by Annie Smithers.**

For your chance to win, purchase any book from this guide from your local bookshop and enter the competition at [www.booksellerschoice.com.au/competitions](http://www.booksellerschoice.com.au/competitions).

**The competition closes 30 September 2021.**

\*Terms and conditions apply



### Soil

**Matthew Evans**  
Murdoch Books  
TPB \$32.99

Commentator, farmer and the star of SBS TV show *The Gourmet Farmer*, Matthew Evans, shows us that what we do in our backyards, on our farms, and what we put on our dinner tables really matters. If we want our food to nourish us, and to ensure our planet's long-term health, we need to understand how soil works—how it's made, how it's lost, and how it can be repaired.



### The Plant Clinic

**Erin Lovell Verinder**  
Thames & Hudson Aust  
Flexi PB \$39.99

September release

*The Plant Clinic* is a revolutionary new guide to reignite your health and transform your life. Expert herbalist Erin Lovell Verinder decodes healing with plant medicine to remedy over 150 common health complaints across Vitality; Immunity; Detoxification; The Gut; Hormone Health; Mums and Bubs; Hair and Skin; Emotions, Mind and Spirit.

## Non-Fiction



### 12 Bytes

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

By much-loved and bestselling author Jeanette Winterson come twelve highly researched, entertaining and thought-provoking essays on the increasing presence of Artificial Intelligence in our everyday lives. Covering everything from gender bias to the inner life of children, to vampires and sex dolls, with both humour and clarity, Winterson concludes that 'Thinking will no longer be what makes humans unique.'



### Currowan

**Bronwyn Adcock**  
Black Inc. | TPB \$32.99

September release

Currowan is the gripping account of the massive fire that engulfed the south coast of New South Wales in 2019–20. Ignited by a lightning strike near the Currowan state forest and burning for seventy-four days across nearly 500,000 hectares, it was among the largest and most ferocious infernos of Australia's Black Summer. Currowan is about tragedy, survival and the power of community.



### Puff Piece

**John Safran**  
Hamish Hamilton Australia  
TPB \$34.99

September release

Jonathan Safran lends his provocative insight into the rapidly changing world of cigarettes, where a paradigm shift is underway to bring back the notion of smoking as a healthy activity, with Phillip Morris marketing their IQOS, or tobacco heating system. As the IQOS does not burn tobacco—it heats it at lower temperatures to create vapour rather than smoke. Thus, we have vaping, and a whole series of questions that desperately need answering.



### Parental As Anything

**Maggie Dent**  
ABC Books | PB \$34.99

In *Parental As Anything*, Maggie Dent reflects on how much parenting has changed. Dent addresses the hard questions parents are faced with today—screen time, sex education, consent—and provides a common-sense approach to real world dilemmas parents and care-givers face today.

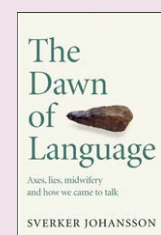


### Trivial Grievances

**Bridie Jabour**  
HarperCollins | TPB \$34.99

An oddly optimistic book, *Trivial Grievances* examines the lives of those in Bridie Jabour's generation—those much-maligned

millennials—and how the painful, protracted end of their adolescence is finally hitting home. Forthright, funny, incisive and provocative, this is a book for our times, and for every 20- or 30-something-year-old anxious about their place in the world.



### The Dawn of Language

**Sverker Johansson**  
MacLehose Press  
TPB \$32.99

September release

Drawing on evidence from many fields, Sverker Johansson weaves disparate threads together to show how our human ancestors evolved into language users. It provides a fascinating survey of how grammar came into being and the differences or similarities between languages spoken around the world.

# Picture Books



## The Tiny Explorers

Kat Macleod

Thames & Hudson  
Australia  
HB \$24.99

September release

Join the Tiny Explorers on a treasure hunt through the garden! The luscious mixed-media artwork explores the natural world up close. Seemingly ordinary elements—grass, leaves, bugs and blooms—become mighty and magical when seen from their vantage point. And hiding amid this nature wonderland is a series of special items for the explorers to collect and transform into a fun surprise at the end of the journey.



## Maxine

Bob Graham

Walker | HB \$27.99

September release

Max's superhero family has just got bigger with a new baby sister, Maxine.

Max is there for her first words, her first steps and her first flight! But as Maxine grows up and starts school, she doesn't feel like she quite fits in or is comfortable as a superhero. Can Maxine convince her family that not all superheroes wear capes?



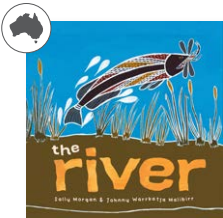
## There's a Ghost in this House

Oliver Jeffers

HarperCollins UK  
HB \$29.99

September release

A young girl in a haunted house takes us on a tour to find the elusive ghosts, checking everywhere—behind the sofa, under the stairs, all the way to the attic. Jeffers mixed media illustrations are enhanced with tracing paper pages overlaid on each page, providing an interactive experience for the reader and revealing what is not obvious to all.



## The River

Sally Morgan

Magabala Books  
HB \$24.99

From the duo behind *Little Bird's Day*, this is an exploration of the

life of a river, from the sights and sounds of the riverbed to the banks and creatures that inhabit it. Full of beautifully illustrated lush double page spreads and prompts to discover and remember the life of this unique meeting point of the Australian landscape.

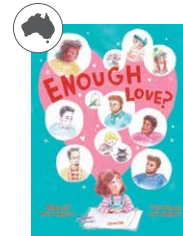


## In Your Cozy Bed

Jo Witek

Abrams Appleseed  
BB \$14.99

Bestselling author-illustrator team of Jo Witek and Christine Roussey have once again combined for their ninth title, this one in a board book format. The short sentences describe the ritual of getting ready for bed encouraging the mind to relax and drift off to sleep, making this the perfect read before bed.



## Enough Love?

Maggie Hutchings & Evie Barrow (illus)

Affirm Press | HB \$24.99

Can you ever have too much love? Doesn't your heart just expand each time your world does? When families change shape and grow, when there are new fathers and new siblings, sometimes there's a point at which you start to feel that you should just be able to say NO MORE! But as this lovely story says, there's always room for just one more inside your heart.



## The Cat and the Rat and the Hat

Em Lynas & Matt Hunt (illus)

Nosy Crow | HB \$24.99

Em Lynas has written a wonderfully rhyming and engaging book about the cat, the rat and their adventure with a big hat. The cat and the rat have a lot of fun and the bat appears to

join in their fun, but chaotic, adventure. Parents and children will love reading this hilarious book together.



Ella Farmoodle

by Jill Noble

## Ella Farmoodle

Jill Noble

Barbey | HB \$25.99

If you live in the city, you might see oodles of poodles, Labradoodles, Spoodles, Cavoodles maybe even Grooodles. If you go for a trip to the countryside, you might be lucky enough to meet Ella Farmoodle, a very smart poodle, with her very own farm! She's in charge of all the farm animals, and it's up to her to make sure everyone is fed and kept safe. A joyous celebration of life on the farm.

# Non-fiction Picture Books



## Backyard Birdies

Andy Geppert

Lothian Children's Books | HB \$19.99

If you would like to learn VERY REAL facts about some of Australia's most common backyard birds, this is the book for you. I mean, who doesn't want to know what bok, bok, bok means in chicken? Or how often a budgerigar poops? A handy first field guide packed full of fascinating facts (some of them are even true) about Australia's most common backyard birds.



## The World's Most Pointless Animals

Philip Bunting

Little Hare | HB \$26.99

A tongue in cheek guide to some of the world's wackiest animals, including the *Croakus croakus* (Golden poison frog) and the *Pinchia pinchius* (Coconut crab). Philip Bunting's trademark illustrations are packed with witty and fascinating facts (and a few made up tidbits) about all manner of unusual creatures. For readers from 5 to 95 who want to explore their wild side.



## We Go Way Back

Idan Ben-Barak & Philip Bunting (illus)

A&U Children's  
HB \$24.99

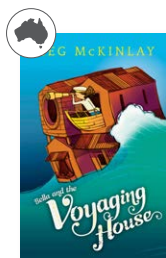
Yet another brilliant picture book from two award-winning children's authors, *We Go Way Back* covers the philosophy and science of life from the Big Bang to molecular reproduction and evolution. Bunting's amusing illustrations perfectly complement Ben-Barak's ability to reduce huge concepts to their most simple. This colourful and entertaining book is a great explainer for children 3 and up.



## The Travelling Bookshop: Mim and The Baffling Bully

Katrina Nannestad & Cheryl Orsini (Illus)  
ABC Kids | PB \$14.99

Mim Cohen roams the world in a travelling bookshop, with her dad and brother and a horse called Flossy. Flossy leads them to places where they are needed most, the place where the perfect book will find its way home. An enchanting new series for younger readers along with a wisp of magic, because books are magic.



## Bella and the Voyaging House

Meg McKinlay  
Fremantle Press  
PB \$12.99

Bella's house likes to travel, setting sail across the ocean while everyone sleeps.

Bella's parents don't mind as long as the house is home by daylight. One night, Bella has a wonderful idea for her grandfather's birthday. She wants to find a figurine he made of her grandmother, which was lost overboard in an accident. Bella and the house go in search of it, but things don't quite go according to plan ...

## The Super Adventures of Ollie and Bea: It's Owl Good/ The Squeals on Wheels

Renee Trembl  
A&U Children's | PB \$12.99 each



A full-colour graphic novel series, perfect for early readers who are ready for chapter books. Whilst the stories subtly explore the idea of difference, demonstrating that large feet or glasses are never an obstacle in the forming of friendships, it is essentially a story that celebrates the humour and playful adventure to be had with friends.

# Middle Fiction

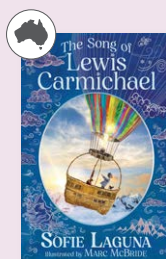


## Pax Journey Home

Sara Pennypacker & Jon Klassen (Illus)  
HarperCollins UK  
HB \$19.99

September release

It's been a year since Peter and his pet fox, Pax, have seen each other. Pax and his mate, Bristle, have welcomed a litter of kits. Meanwhile, Peter leaves his adopted home to join a group determined to heal the land from the scars of the war. When one of Pax's kits falls ill, he turns to the one human he knows he can trust and once again, the boy and fox find themselves on a journey together.



## The Song of Lewis Carmichael

Sofie Laguna & Marc McBride (Illus)  
A&U Children's | PB \$16.99

September release

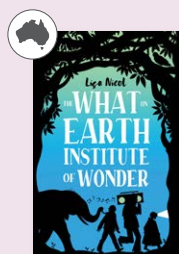
Matthew is a quiet boy, reads a lot, and finds it difficult to make friends. That all changes when Lewis Carmichael, a talking crow, convinces him he needs to fly a hot air balloon to the North Pole. Like walking through the wardrobe, or even climbing the tree into topsy turvy land, this is a story that begs to be read by your children and their children too!



## Shockingly Good Stories

R.A. Spratt  
Puffin | PB \$19.99

A collection of twenty short stories perfect for fans of Roald Dahl, David Walliams and Paul Jennings. Featuring fractured fairytales told by none other than Nanny Piggins, previously unpublished *Friday Barnes* mysteries and a bunch of other hilarious and highly original tall tales. This book will delight kids from seven to seventy.

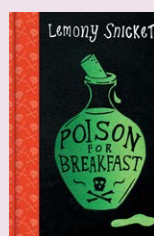


## The What on Earth Institute of Wonder

Lisa Nicol  
Puffin | PB \$16.99

Sal has discovered a secret talent; she can communicate with animals. But will it be enough to help two

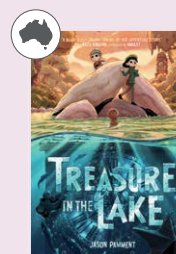
endangered animals when they mysteriously turn up on her doorstep? With a little help from her unlicensed teenage neighbour and end-of-the-world prepping younger brother, it is going to be a crazy ride—another hilariously strange and heartfelt novel from Lisa Nicol.



## Poison for Breakfast

Lemony Snicket  
Bloomsbury | HB \$17.99

Any new book from Mr Snicket is cause for much delight, a word here which means "great happiness and pleasure", and this is no exception! The wordplay is wonderful and the mystery of his poisoned breakfast is told with equal amounts dread, hilarity and philosophical inquiry. But don't let the kids have all the fun—there's plenty here for grown-ups too!

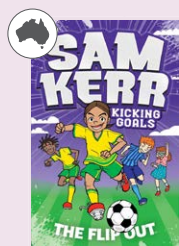


## Treasure in the Lake

Jason Pamment  
A&U Children's | PB \$16.99

September release

In the future, Iris wants to be an explorer and archaeologist, uncovering lost artefacts and having amazing adventures. But for now, she lives in the tiny town of Bugden with best mate Sam where not much happens, until they stumble on a submerged city with a history shrouded in mystery. A story brilliantly told in graphic novel format by this Australian award-winning author-illustrator.

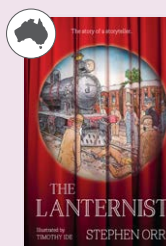


## Sam Kerr: Kicking Goals: The Flip Out

Sam Kerr  
Simon & Schuster | PB \$14.99

September release

Sam Kerr loves Aussie Rules but when she's excluded from her team she needs to find a new sport to play. Her best friends Dylan and Indi think she should give soccer a try. She likes her coach and her new teammates but there are a lot of new rules to learn. Will she be able to deal with the pressure of new rules and Chelsea, the school bully? Will Sam give up—or will she make the flip?



## The Lanternist

Stephen Orr  
Midnight Sun Publishing  
PB \$19.99

It's 1901, and eleven-year-old Tom Eliot works the Magic Lantern with his dad, Bert, making stories come

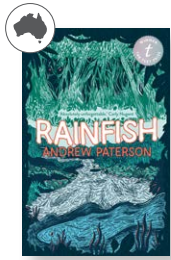
alive on the wall. Already missing a mum, one day Tom wakes up to find his father missing too. Can Tom rewrite his own story to find his parents and make a new life for himself?



## Danny Chung Does Not Do Maths

Maisie Chan  
Bonnier | PB \$14.99

Danny is going to have to enter a Maths competition and his parents big surprise for him is his grandmother from China. Danny really prefers drawing, and although grandmothers are fine, it is a bit much for an 11-year-old to have to share a bunk bed with her, isn't it? This is a sweet and funny story of Danny's troubles. Troubles that a grandmother like Nai Nai might just be able to help him with.

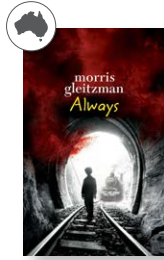


## Rainfish

Andrew Paterson

Text | PB \$16.99

The 1980s. Aaron and Conor live with their mum in a small town just outside of Cairns. It is the Wet Season and the heat and humidity add to school holiday boredom when tough new kid Damon invites Aaron on an adventure, ending in theft from a church and vandalism at the school. Conor starts to investigate the crime and Aaron is terrified that any minute the police will arrest him. A lovely story of family, summer holidays and the need to fit in. 11+



## Always

Morris Gleitzman

Viking | PB \$19.99

September release

The much-anticipated final journey in the story of Felix, hero of Morris Gleitzman's multi-award-winning series. It's fifteen years since readers were first introduced to Felix in *Once* and across six celebrated books, our brave young hero has survived many unforgettable and emotional journeys. Now comes the seventh and final part of Felix's story, bringing to a powerful climax a series that countless young readers around the world will remember. 11+

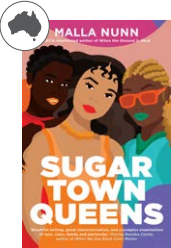


## A Weekend with Oscar

Robyn Bavati

Walker Books Australia  
PB \$19.99

Sixteen-year-old Jamie lives with his mum and his younger brother Oscar, who has Down syndrome. Though Jamie is still grieving the loss of his dad, life starts to look up when he meets Zara, the new girl at school. When their mum goes away for the weekend, Jamie volunteers to look after Oscar. But when the weekend is over and their mother doesn't return, Jamie faces the toughest challenge of his life. 12+



## Sugar Town Queens

Malla Nunn

A&U Children's | PB 19.99

Amandla's mother has always been strange. For starters, she's a white woman living in one of South Africa's infamous shanty towns. She won't tell Amandla about her past and she has visions. When Amandla finds a mysterious address at the bottom of her mother's purse along with a large amount of cash, she decides it's time to get some answers. With the help of her best friend she's ready to confront her family's secrets. 13+

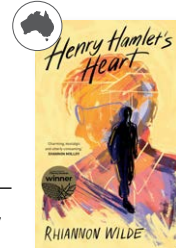


## The Monster of Her Age

Danielle Binks

Lothian Children's Books  
PB \$19.99

Ellie was born into a legendary acting dynasty and as a child shared the silver screen with her grandmother Lottie in her one-and-only role playing the child monster in a cult horror movie. The experience has left her deeply traumatised and estranged from people she loved. Now seventeen, Ellie has returned home for the first time in years to make peace with Lottie before it is too late. A coming-of-age story about learning to be brave and to forgive without forgetting.



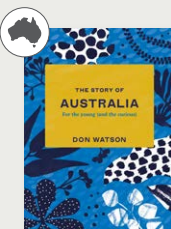
## Henry Hamlet's Heart

Rhiannon Wilde

UQP | PB \$19.99

Henry Hamlet doesn't know what he wants after Year 12 ends. He has an uncanny ability to make situations awkward, but he can always hide behind his enigmatic best friend, Len. They've been friends since forever and somehow their differences have always worked. That is, until Henry falls, hard, for the last person he imagined.

## Non-Fiction for Kids



## The Story of Australia

Don Watson

Black Inc. | HB \$32.99

*The Story of Australia* weaves together the many strands of our nation's past—ancient and indigenous, colonial and contemporary—to create a fascinating, inclusive history for all readers. In clear, succinct language that both children and adults will appreciate, Watson guides readers from the ancient lands of Gondwana, through human settlement, colonisation and waves of migration, to the challenges facing our diverse nation today. Each era is brought to life in a series of beautifully illustrated spreads.



## Heroes, Rebels and Innovators

Karen Wylde

Lothian Children's Books | HB \$26.99

Be inspired and amazed by these incredible Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander icons! With colourful artwork and evocative writing, this book tells stories every Australian should know. Powerful and exciting, here are seven inspiring stories about Indigenous Australians and Torres Strait Islanders from history. Each colourful spread in this illustrated book tells a compelling story.

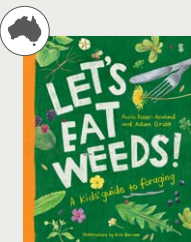


## Story Doctors

Boori Monty Pryor & Rita Sinclair (Illus)

A&U Children's  
HB \$24.99

Legendary storyteller Boori Monty Pryor invites us to travel with him from the first footsteps through 80,000+ years of strength, sickness, and immense possibility. From the very first stories and art, to dance, language, and connection with the land, Pryor offers a powerful, and deeply rich account of Australia's true history. An exquisitely illustrated celebration of the power of storytelling to unite us, how nature connects us, and the wonderful truth that the medicine needed for healing lies within us all.



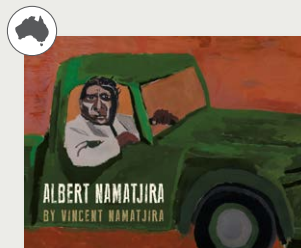
## Let's Eat Weeds!

Annie Raser-Rowland, Adam Grubb & Evie Barrow (Illus)

Scribble | HB \$24.99

September release

Ever thought weeds were just pesky plants to pull out and throw away? Think again! This informative, funny, and beautiful book will show you just how great edible weeds can taste. Learn to smell your way to an angled onion, bake weeds 'n' cheese pie, and safely harvest the juicy fruits of a prickly pear. From salads to main dishes, edible weeds are delicious! Find out how to identify them, where and when to find them, and how to cook them.



## Albert Namatjira

Vincent Namatjira

Magabala Books | HB \$24.99

Vincent Namatjira, himself an Archibald prize winning artist, writes about his great-grandfather Albert who is probably the first aboriginal artist many Australians become aware of. Albert's many 'firsts' include winning the Coronation medal and being granted Australian citizenship. A lovely tribute to the trail blazing Western Aranda man.



### Every Night of the Week

Lucy Tweed  
Murdoch Books  
PB \$35.00

Food writer, stylist and Instagram genie Lucy Tweed has your weekly

dinners sorted with easy delicious recipes for *Every Night of the Week*. From a Wednesday Frittato with Zucchini to a Sunday Rice Crunch Scramble you will never be left wondering what to put on the dinner table again and the chatty, no-nonsense recipe instructions will make cooking a joy.



### All Day Baking

Michael James with Pippa James  
Hardie Grant Books  
HB \$45.00

Sometimes there is nothing better than a pastry-based savoury

treat. *All Day Baking* is the go-to baking cookbook that delivers comforting and inventive ideas for pies, sausage rolls, pasties, quiches, palmiers, galettes and more. This gorgeous book provides a master class in pastry, from puff to rye, to vegan and gluten-free, gifting readers a foundation for their future baking adventures.



### Take One Fish

Josh Niland  
Hardie Grant Books  
HB \$55.00

Josh Niland's bestselling and award-winning *The Whole Fish Cookbook*, revealed the blueprint for

a new and unprecedented kind of fish cookery. In this latest book, Niland continues to open our eyes to the potential of fish in the kitchen. With 60 mind-blowing recipes from just 15 global varieties of fish, this cookbook will take you on a gustatory journey—from elaborate to easy, small to large and—always—scale to tail.

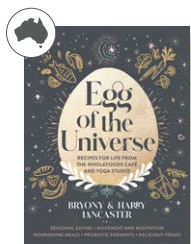


### La Vita è Dolce

Letitia Clark  
Hardie Grant UK  
HB \$49.99

*La Vita è Dolce* is an exciting take on Italian baking by food writer and

trained pastry chef, Letitia Clark. Featuring over 80 Italian desserts, *La Vita è Dolce* showcases Clark's favourite puddings, inspired by her time living in Sardinia. Complete with anecdotes and beautiful location photography throughout, each recipe is authentic in taste but with a delicious contemporary twist.



### Egg of the Universe

Bryony and Harry Lancaster  
Murdoch Books  
HB \$49.99

September release

Sharing seasonal, holistic recipes with a focus on

gut-friendly ferments, slow cooking and gluten-free eating, *Egg of the Universe* is the first cookbook from the team behind Sydney's only integrated yoga studio and wholefoods cafe. Featuring over 100 of their most popular recipes, this lovely book also includes a seasonal program of yoga, meditation and wellness practices to help you get the best out of every day.



### Nature Style

Alana Langan and Jacqui Vidal  
Thames & Hudson  
Australia | HB \$34.99

September release

From the founders of the botanical wares design studio Ivy Muse comes a practical guide to styling the home for health and harmony, using nature as a blueprint. With expert advice on houseplants and how to style them, *Nature Style* is for those who seek to restore body and mind in a natural and nurturing environment with houseplants as the heroes.



### Garden Like a Nonno

Jaclyn Crupi  
Affirm Press | HB \$24.99

Author of *Nonna Knows Best*, Jaclyn Crupi is back with more Italian wisdom. In *Garden Like a Nonno*, Crupi uncovers the secrets of the green thumbbed nonnos—from their no-nonsense approach to life to their zero-waste gardening.

Featuring gardening tips and tricks, recipes for pickling and preserving your produce, plus classic nonno sayings, *Garden Like a Nonno* will help you to get in touch with your inner Italian.



### The Good Life

Hannah Moloney  
Affirm Press | PB \$39.99

September release

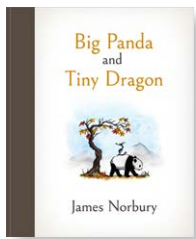
From growing your own food to fermentation, radical ideas for co-housing, with *The Good Life* you'll gain the skills, self-reliance and confidence needed to engage meaningfully with your space, your food and your community. Full of wisdom, hope and inspiration, *The Good Life* is your ultimate guide to improving your wellbeing and the wellbeing of those around you to create a better world for all.



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# More Gift Ideas



## Big Panda and Tiny Dragon

James Norbury

Michael Joseph  
HB \$29.99

September release

Inspired by Buddhist philosophy and spirituality, this is a beautifully illustrated story of two beloved friends as they journey through the seasons of the year together, into the wild, exploring the thoughts and emotions, hardships and happiness that connect us all. Perfect for fans of *The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse*.



## Heading South

Tim Richards

Fremantle Press  
TPB \$29.99

Freelance travel writer Tim Richards decides to shake up his life by taking an epic rail journey across Australia.

Jumping aboard iconic trains like the Indian Pacific, Overland and Spirit of Queensland, he covers over 7,000 kilometres, from the tropics to the desert and from big cities to ghost towns. Tim's journey is one of classic travel highs and lows as well as the steady joy of random strangers encountered along the way.



## Principles Of Style

Sarah Andrews

Simon & Schuster Australia  
HB \$49.99

October release

In *Principles of Style*, Sarah Andrews presents her unique take on teaching design, drawing on her experience of working in the industry and as a teacher in her school, which has reached cult status around the world. She does this by examining some of her key projects and favourite rooms, as well as by focusing on her ten rules of styling, formulated both through hands-on experience and studies.



## Armchair Explorer

Lonely Planet

Lonely Planet | HB \$34.99

Lonely Planet's *Armchair Explorer* is a cultural journey to 120 countries via their most popular books, movies and music.

Be introduced to American jazz, French new wave cinema, Irish poetry, K-Pop and Belgian graphic novels—discover a little of each of these countries' life and soul via their artistic output—all without leaving the comfort of your chair!



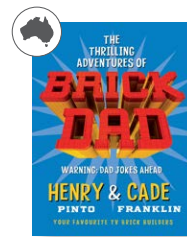
## Through the Cellar Door

Alison Weavers

Images Publishing  
HB \$69.99

September release

Architect Alison Weavers takes us on a tour of 40 wineries around Australia that demonstrate a uniqueness of approach and vision to the task of bringing wine and architecture together, where architecture complements and serves to enhance the winemaking and wine tasting experience.



## Brick Dad

Cade Franklin and Henry Pinto

Hachette Australia  
HB \$22.99

From the first-ever winners of LEGO Masters comes a hilarious collection of

Dad jokes and everyday adventures illustrated with their incredible brick-building talents. What happens when Brick Dad takes over the washing and forgets to separate the colours? (Clue: nothing good.) Can Brick Dad defeat the Monster in the cupboard once and for all? (The suspense!)



## Pete Cromer Puzzle: Kookaburra/ Pete Cromer Puzzle: Koala

Pete Cromer

Five Mile | Boxed Set 24.99 each

Australian artist Pete Cromer's bold and colourful artwork has been transformed into 500 piece jigsaw puzzles. Both of these puzzles represent iconic and well-loved Australian animals, the kookaburra and koala, and will make the perfect gift for any age, or to send abroad.



## Pete Cromer Wrap Pack/ Florence Broadhurst Wrap Pack

Pete Cromer

Five Mile | Boxed Set \$24.99 each

Mid September release

Two beautiful wrapping paper packs to keep handy for any special occasion. Wrap your special gifts in Pete Cromer's bold and beautiful Australian flora and fauna artwork and make every gift a work of art with this fabulous Florence Broadhurst wrap pack! Each featuring 12 gorgeous, patterned pieces of wrapping paper and over 50 stickers.



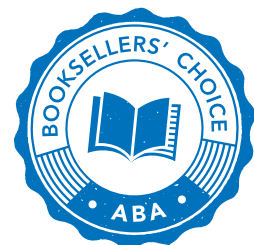
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