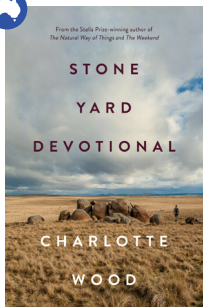


BookPeople Gift Guide

The best books for the holiday season as chosen by Australia's leading booksellers

Australian Fiction



Stone Yard Devotional Charlotte Wood

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

A woman arrives at the place of her childhood and takes shelter at a religious community on the stark plains of the Monaro. She is escaping

from her life in the city and seeking a simpler way of living, but the past is always there and the need to face it is ever-present. Charlotte Wood's tale of a woman's journey to discovering herself, her past, her way of living, is a meditative novel of understanding and forgiveness.



Lola in the Mirror Trent Dalton

4th Estate
TPB \$32.99

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

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



Everyone on This Train is a Suspect Benjamin Stevenson

Michael Joseph Australia
TPB \$32.99

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

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

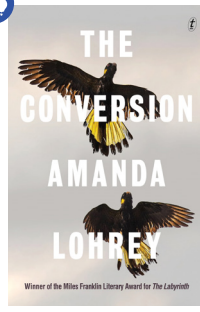


Edenglassie Melissa Lucashenko

UQP
TPB \$32.99

Edenglassie brings to life two extraordinary Indigenous stories set centuries apart. When Mulanyin meets the beautiful Nita in

Edenglassie, their saltwater people still outnumber the British. Dreaming of taking his bride home to Yugambah Country, his plans for independence collide with white justice as colonial unrest peaks. Centuries later, fiery activist Winona meets Dr Johnny, and while sparks fly, they are not necessarily in the right direction.

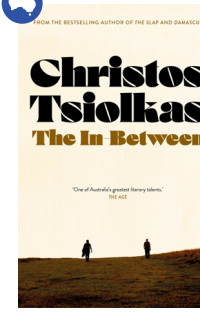


The Conversion Amanda Lohrey

Text Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Miles Franklin winner Lohrey tells of a couple's conflicting interest in buying and converting an old church. Nick is

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

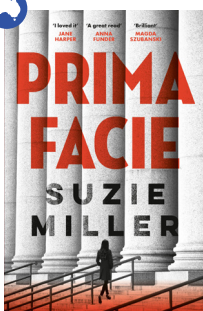


The In-Between Christos Tsiolkas

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

The celebrated author of *The Slap* and *Damascus* delivers a poignant contemporary love story. Tsiolkas captures the complexities of middle-aged men navigating

the treacherous waters of romance after past scars. How can they take the risk of falling in love again. How can they not? With heartfelt wisdom, *The In-Between* explores the fears and hopes that come with the possibility of love's redemption.



Prima Facie Suzie Miller

Macmillan Australia
TPB \$34.99

The novel adaptation of Suzie Miller's smash-hit play about Tessa, a young and ambitious barrister pursuing a career in law. From a working-class background Tessa has

reached the top of a profession steeped in privilege, but her world is upended when she is sexually assaulted and faces a system she knows is not competent to listen to or protect her. An enthralling look at systemic failings from within the halls of justice.

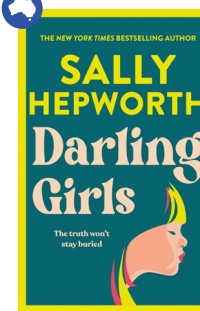


The Seven Chris Hammer

Allan & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

The Riverina town of Yuwonderie's seven founding families have lorded over their district for a century, growing ever more rich and powerful. But when an

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

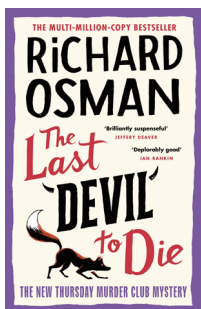


Darling Girls Sally Hepworth

Macmillan Australia
TPB \$34.99

Jessica, Norah and Alicia have always been told how lucky they are, rescued from family tragedies and raised by a loving foster mother. But their childhood wasn't the

fairy-tale everyone thinks it was, and when a body is discovered under their family home many years later, the question is: are the girls witnesses or prime suspects? From the dark side of foster care comes a page-turning thriller from *New York Times* bestseller Sally Hepworth.



The Last Devil to Die
Richard Osman

Viking
TPB \$34.99

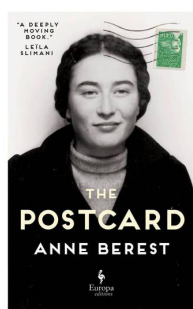
The Thursday Murder Club are back with another devilish mystery! An old friend in the antiques business has been killed, and a dangerous package he was protecting has gone missing. With the body count rising, the package still missing and trouble firmly on their tail, has our club's luck finally run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



Welcome to the Hyunam-dong Bookshop
Hwang Bo-reum

Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB \$32.99

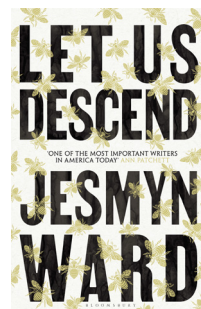
Burned out by her corporate career, Yeongju decides to abandon her old life to open a bookshop in a quaint neighbourhood of Seoul. There, her Hyunam-dong Bookshop becomes a haven for the lonely and disillusioned. This is the perfect read for anyone who loves spending time in bookshops, browsing, and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



The Postcard
Anne Berest, transl. by Tina Kova

Europa Editions
TPB \$34.99

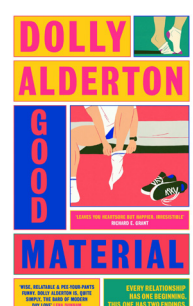
After her family receives a mysterious postcard with the names of their relatives killed in the Holocaust, Anne Berest sets out to investigate the truth behind the delivery. At once a gripping investigation into family secrets, and a portrait of 20th-century Parisian life, *The Postcard* tells the story of a family devastated by loss and yet somehow restored by love and the power of storytelling.



Let Us Descend
Jesmyn Ward

Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Our narrator, Annis, takes us on a harrowing journey through the American South in this remarkable reimagining of American slavery. Turning inwards, Annis takes comfort from the stories of her ancestors—a world of myth, history and spirits. From the rice fields of the Carolinas, the slave markets of New Orleans to the cane plantations of Louisiana, Ward delivers a magnificent story of rebirth and reclamation.



Good Material
Dolly Alderton

Fig Tree
TPB \$34.99

When Andy's girlfriend Jen dumps him out of the blue, he's at a loss. Set adrift on the sea of heartbreak at a time when everything he thought he knew about women, and flat-sharing, and friendship has transformed beyond recognition, it will take all he's got to keep himself together. A sharply funny, beautifully observed and exquisitely relatable story of heartbreak and friendship, and how to survive both.

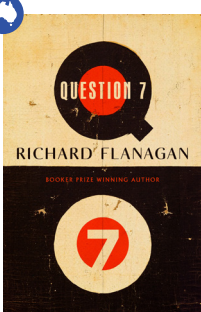


Iron Flame
Rebecca Yarros

Little Brown
TPB \$32.99

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

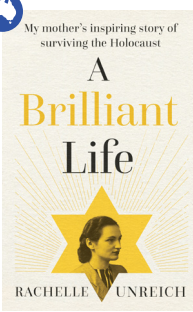
Biography & Memoir



Question 7
Richard Flanagan

Knopf Australia
HB \$35.00

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



A Brilliant Life
Rachelle Unreich

Hachette Australia
TPB \$34.99

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



A Memoir of My Former Self
Hilary Mantel

John Murray
TPB \$34.99

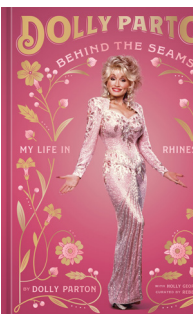
The final book from the bestselling author of the Wolf Hall Trilogy. As well as her celebrated career as a novelist, Hilary Mantel long contributed to newspapers and journals. *A Memoir of My Former Self* brings together the finest of this writing over four decades. Compelling, often very funny, always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



Unfinished Woman
Robyn Davidson

Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB \$34.99

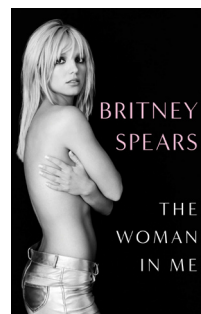
From traveling across 2700km of desert in Australia, recounted in her '80s bestseller *Tracks*, to the London literary scene, to migrating with Tibetan nomads and living in an Indian palace, Davidson's great curiosity about the world has always propelled her on to her next adventure. This compelling,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



Behind the Seams
Dolly Parton, Holly George-Warren and Rebecca Seaver

Ebury Press
HB \$85.00

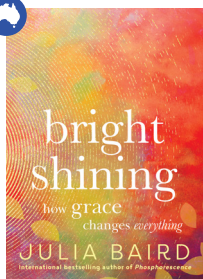
This gorgeous book offers a dazzling journey through Dolly Parton's life and fashion evolution. Bursting with 450 vibrant photos and personal anecdotes, the book unveils Parton's trailblazing style from homemade feed sack dresses to iconic *Playboy* bunny suits.



The Woman In Me
Britney Spears

Simon & Schuster
HB \$49.99

Revealing for the first time Britney Spears's incredible journey—and the strength at the core of one of the greatest performers in pop music history. Written with remarkable candor and humor, Spears's groundbreaking book illuminates the enduring power of music and love and the importance of a woman telling her own story, on her own terms, at last.

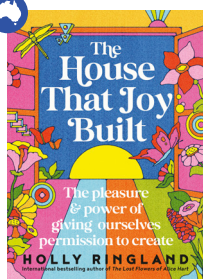


Bright Shining
Julia Baird

4th Estate
HB \$34.99

Grace is a mysterious concept, elusive to definition and hard to acquire. Julia Baird investigates what

grace looks like in our world and provides many ordinary and extraordinary experiences of people showing grace. Following her bestselling book *Phosphorescence*, Julia Baird will make your heart spill over with joy and love of humanity.



The House That Joy Built
Holly Ringland

4th Estate
HB \$29.99

This uplifting, powerful and inspiring book aims to help you break through your fears to

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

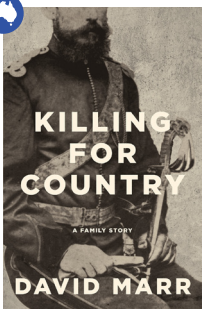


I Don't
Clementine Ford

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

Clementine Ford uses wit and persuasive insight to explain how the marriage industry keeps women in the service of men. She breaks down how motherhood is

also used to make marriage a necessity rather than a choice. Most importantly, Ford presents the case for true freedom for women and recognition of their worth.



Killing for Country
David Marr

Black Inc.
TPB \$39.99

Blending family history and research into Australia's past, prominent journalist David Marr was shocked to discover forebears of his who served with the

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

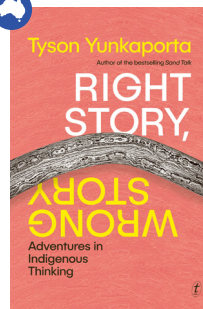


Wifedom
Anna Funder

Hamish Hamilton
TPB \$36.99

A brilliant, genre bending book, blending academic research, biography, philosophical reflection, and fictional interpretation of Eileen O'Shaughnessy's

marriage to George Orwell. Using newly discovered letters, Funder pieces together their life and Eileen's contribution to Orwell's work to ask the questions—what does it take to be a writer and what is it to be a wife?



Right Story, Wrong Story
Tyson Yunkaporta

Text Publishing
TPB \$35.00

Tyson Yunkaporta continues his investigation into Indigenous methods of inquiry with a focus on story. He ranges widely,

from economists to ecologists, woodcarvers to mathematicians, to honour contributions to story regardless of how contradictory they might be. Yunkaporta invites us to consider how story can help us better align with land and creation.

Food & Illustrated

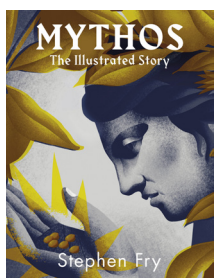


Recipes for a Lifetime of Beautiful Cooking
Danielle Alvarez with Libby Travers

Murdoch Books
HB \$49.99

Danielle Alvarez draws

on her love of Italian and French food, her Cuban roots, time spent cooking in California and then in Australia, and all the incredible Asian influences that have coloured her time in Sydney. These eclectic recipes are designed to flow according to the ebbs and flows of your mood, budget, and tastes.



Mythos: The Illustrated Story
Stephen Fry and Jesús Sotés (illus)

Michael Joseph
HB \$80.00

Greek myths remain an indelible part of our modern world.

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



Paul Bangay: A Life in Garden Design
Paul Bangay

Thames & Hudson Australia
HB \$79.99

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

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

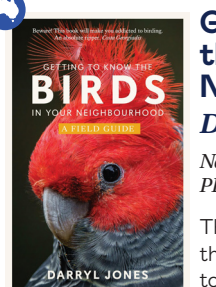


Rumi
Joseph Abboud

Murdoch Books
PB \$39.99

Chef Joseph Abboud and his iconic restaurant Rumi have joyfully dished out honest Middle Eastern fare to Melbourne diners at

their Brunswick locale for over 15 years. In his cookbook, Abboud generously shares favourite recipes, some with twists, including his three cheese sigaras, delicious lamb shoulder and sublime 'inauthentic' tabbouleh. Yum!



Getting to Know the Birds in Your Neighbourhood
Darryl Jones

NewSouth Publishing
PB \$34.99

This is a unique guide to the 130 birds you are likely to see in the towns and cities of Australia. Much

more than just an identification tool though, it also helps you to understand the habits and behaviours of your suburb's feathered locals. Get to know your avian neighbours with this splendid beginner's field guide.

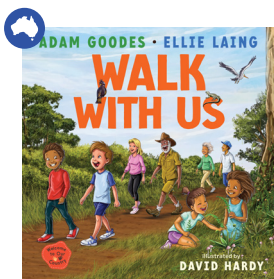


Good Life Growing
Hannah Moloney

Affirm Press
PB \$39.99

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

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



Walk With Us: Welcome to Country
Adam Goodes, Ellie Laing & David Hardy (Illus)

Allen & Unwin Children's | HB \$19.99

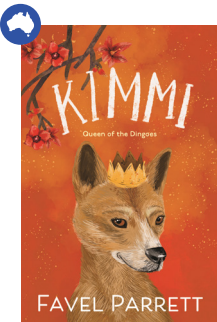
The fourth in this wonderful series and maybe the most important—*Walk With Us* has been inspired by the Uluru Statement from the Heart. Join Harvey and his Mum as they take a walk through the local park with Uncle Boris, an Indigenous guide who takes the group on a tour through Country. An invitation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



Artichoke to Zucchini
Alice Oehr
 Scribble
 HB \$24.99

This beautifully illustrated alphabet of delicious things from around

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



Kimmi
Favel Parrett
 Lothian Children's Books
 HB \$19.99

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

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



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

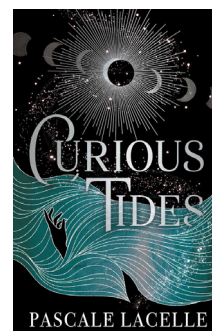
'If I was a horse, I would gallop all day...' Inspired by a line her son once said as a child, the two-time Caldecott Medal winner and bestselling author of *Farmhouse* and *Hello Lighthouse*, has once again created a gloriously playful book that celebrates imagination and wonder. The perfect story for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



Silver Linings
Katrina Nannestad
 ABC Kids Books
 HB \$19.99

When Nettie's father marries Alice, she's overjoyed to have a new mother. Soon Nettie has a baby brother and their

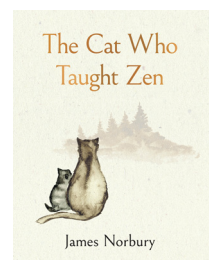
family home overflows with laughter and love. Yet when tragedy strikes, all of Nettie's attempts to make things right may only make them worse. A new heartwarming novel set in 1950s Australia from award-winning author Katrina Nannestad.



Curious Tides
Pascale Lacelle
 Simon & Schuster
 TPB \$24.99

When Emory wakes up surrounded by her dead classmates on the shores of Aldryn College for Lunar Magics, she triggers a frightening power inside of herself. To control it, she turns to the school's most powerful and reclusive student, Baz, and sets off to understand why and how those students died.

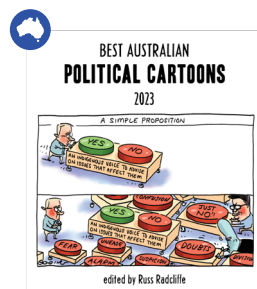
Travel & Gift



The Cat Who Taught Zen
James Norbury
 Michael Joseph
 HB \$35.00

From the bestselling author of *Big Panda* and *Tiny Dragon* comes a new adventure. This is

a Zen tale of a cat searching for infinite wisdom, embarking on a journey of discovery with a fun-loving kitten, sharing stories with those they meet along the way. From an anxious monkey, to a tiger struggling with anger, to a carefree crow, each has a story to tell and lessons to share.



Best Australian Political Cartoons 2023
Edited by Russ Radcliffe
 Scrib
 PB \$35.00

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



Best In Travel 2024
Lonely Planet
 Lonely Planet
 HB \$27.99

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