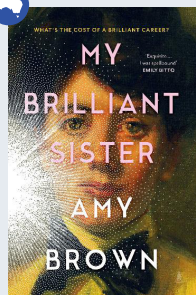


# February highlights

The best new books for the month as chosen by Australia's leading booksellers

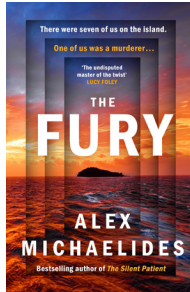
## Adult Fiction



### My Brilliant Sister Amy Brown

Scribner Australia  
TPB \$32.99

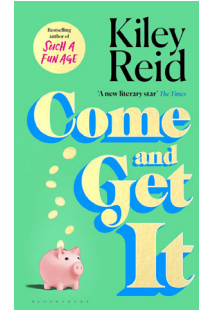
While Stella Miles Franklin took on the world, her beloved sister Linda led a short, domestic life as a wife, mother and sister. Amy Brown thrillingly reimagines those two lives—and her own—to explore and explode the contradictions embedded in brilliant careers and a woman's place in the world. *Sliding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



### The Fury Alex Michaelides

Michael Joseph  
TPB \$34.99

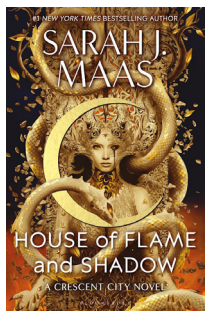
When reclusive ex-movie star Lana Farrar invites a small group of her closest friends for a weekend off the coast of Mykonos, none of them know that in forty-eight hours, one of them will be dead. With old passions and resentments resurfacing, this psychological thriller is a fresh take on the island murder.



### Come and Get It Kiley Reid

Bloomsbury Circus  
TPB \$32.99

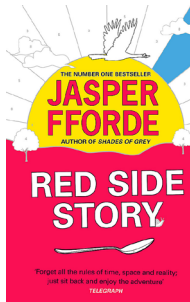
A campus novel of desire, consumption, and recklessness. When starry-eyed university student Minnie is offered an unusual opportunity by eclectic professor Agatha Paul, she jumps at the chance. What follows is a tense chain of vengeful dorm pranks and illicit intrigue, by the bestselling author of *Such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



### House of Flame and Shadow Sarah J. Maas

Bloomsbury  
TPB \$34.99

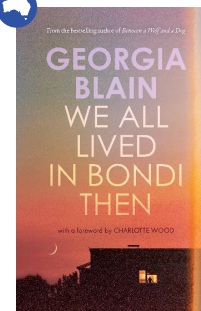
Bryce Quinlan is stranded in a strange new world, fighting to rescue her beloved mate, Hunt Athalar, currently trapped in the Asteri's dungeons (again). Return to the world of Crescent City to find its future in peril and in need of help from some intriguing new magical allies.



### Red Side Story Jasper Fforde

Hodder & Stoughton  
TPB \$32.99

In a world where your position in society depends on what bit of the colour spectrum you can see, Eddie Russett and Jane Grey must negotiate the colourful yet narrow boundaries of the Rules and find out the truth of their world: what is it, where is it and even when it is.



### We All Lived in Bondi Then Georgia Blain and Charlotte Wood (Foreword)

Scribe Publications  
HB \$29.99

With a foreword by Charlotte Wood, beloved Australian author Georgia Blain returns to her resonant themes of relationships and family, illness and health, love and death in this previously unpublished posthumous collection of nine short stories.

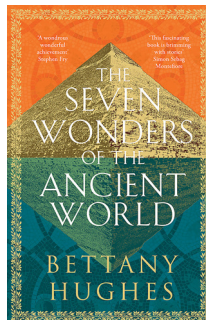
## Non-Fiction



### The Lucky Ones Melinda Ham

Affirm Press  
TPB \$34.99

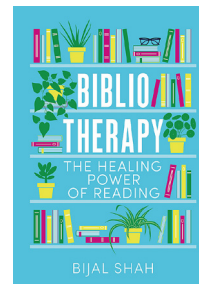
A moving and meticulously researched book of refugee stories. These families all share one thing in common—escaping persecution in their home country to find safety in Australia. The people in this book are the self-described 'lucky ones' who survived terror, detention, beatings and torture to discover a country that offered them a new beginning.



### The Seven Wonders of the Ancient World Bettany Hughes

W&N  
TPB \$34.99

The Seven Wonders of the World were staggeringly audacious impositions on our planet. They were also brilliant adventures of human imagination. Bestselling historian Bettany Hughes walks through the landscapes of both ancient and modern time to ask why we wonder, why we create, why we choose to remember the wonder of others.



### Bibliotherapy Bijal Shah

Piatkus  
HB \$39.99

Bibliotherapist and counsellor Bijal Shah draws on her personal experience, work with clients and research to explore the healing power of reading. From the history of how therapeutic reading evolved, to first-hand stories from clients who have struggled with grief, relationships and illness, this book explores just how comforting and life-changing reading can be.

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### BEACHSIDE MODERN

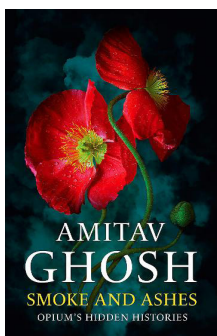


#### Beachside Modern Lauren Li

Thames & Hudson  
Australia  
HB \$49.99

In this second book in the Style Study series, interior

designer Lauren Li takes a deep dive into the best examples of the Beachside Modern look to discover what makes the aesthetic so appealing. From remote Tasmanian beaches and the glamorous French Riviera, to the laid-back vibes of California, Li explores the work of leading architects and designers to reveal just how they do it.



#### Smoke and Ashes Amitav Ghosh

John Murray  
TPB \$34.99

At once a travelogue, memoir and an essay in history, and drawing on decades of archival research, Amitav Ghosh traces the effect the opium

trade had on Britain, India, China and the world at large. Moving deftly between horticultural histories, the mythologies of capitalism, and the social and cultural repercussions of colonialism, Ghosh reveals the giant role that one small plant had in the making of our world.



#### Monument Bonny Cassidy

Giramondo  
PB \$32.95

Part poetry, part history, memoir, travel essay, and sometimes counterfactual speculation, *Monument* traces

the complex consequences of colonial settlement across the generations of a White Australian family of mixed origins and ancestries. Cassidy makes a case for the value of ‘collected memory’, how non-Indigenous Australians might absorb First Nations truth-telling, and what this means for acts of speech, and writing.

## Children & Young Adults

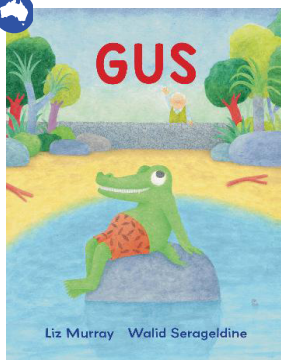


#### Smoke & Mirrors Barry Jonsberg

Allen & Unwin  
Children’s Publishing  
PB \$19.99

Grace McKellon isn’t a ‘people person’. All she needs is her magic tricks and her

wisecracking grandmother—until Simon comes along and promises to help her use her magic to achieve social media stardom. A wonderful and intriguing middle fiction from the internationally acclaimed, bestselling Australian author.



#### Gus Liz Murray & Walid Serageldine (Illus)

Berbay  
HB \$25.99

Edward the zookeeper and Gus the crocodile are best friends. So

when Edward doesn’t turn up on the day of their shared birthday celebration, Gus decides to leave the zoo and discover why. A heartfelt picture book debut by teacher librarian Liz Murray and Swiss illustrator Walid Serageldine.

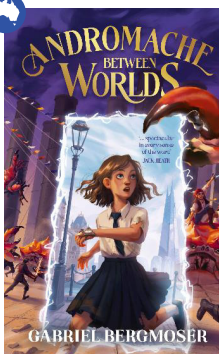


#### Countdown to Yesterday Shirley Marr

Puffin  
PB \$16.99

James wishes he could go back in time to when his mum and dad were together and his home was filled with laughter. After

meeting the enigmatic Yan, he discovers time travel might not be impossible after all. But if James can live forever in one of his six favourite memories, which one will he choose?



#### Andromache Between Worlds Gabriel Bergmoser

HarperCollins Australia  
PB \$19.99

When a mysterious stranger reveals that Andromache’s father—missing presumed dead—is alive and

trapped in a parallel world, she is thrown into a daring journey across universes to save him in this action-packed adventure perfect for fans of *Jane Doe*.



#### The Invocations Krystal Sutherland

Penguin  
TPB \$24.99

When Zara and Jude seek out the witch Emer to aid each of their doomed causes, a tenuous alliance between the three

is struck. The three girls must face down serial killers, cursed souls and inhuman evils working against them in this dark witchy thriller by the bestselling author of *House of Hollow*.



#### The Grimmelings Rachael King

Allen & Unwin  
Children’s New Zealand  
PB \$19.99

When a boy goes missing in the same, unexplained way as her father several years earlier, thirteen-year-old

Ella discovers her family is at the mercy of a kelpie’s vengeful curse. An immersive and vibrant middle fiction fantasy tale, rich in lore and appreciation for the natural world.