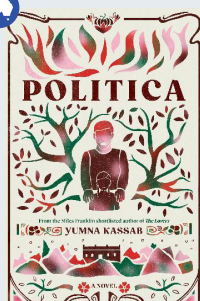


January highlights

Perfect holiday reading for *everyone* as chosen by *Australia's leading booksellers*



Adult Fiction

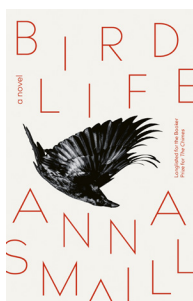


Politica *Yumna Kassab*

Ultimo Press
TPB \$34.99

Kassab weaves together the stories of families living through the most extreme of circumstances

as conflict tears their lives apart. A captivating literary journey from the Miles Franklin shortlistee that asks again if it's possible to ever measure the personal cost of war.



Bird Life *Anna Smaill*

Scribe
PB \$29.99

Two women meet in a Tokyo park, irreversibly changing the course of each other's lives. Dinah,

an English teacher, grieves the loss of her brother, while Yasuko's mysterious ability to speak to animals hinders her relationship with her son. A magically strange tale of loss and survival.

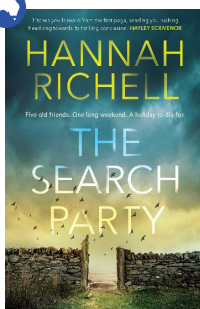


My Friends *Hisham Matar*

Viking
TPB \$34.99

When university friends are wounded by government officials at a peaceful protest, Khaled, Mustafa and Hosam

become bound together by their shared history. An intensely moving novel about three friends living in political exile and the emotional homeland that deep friendships can provide.

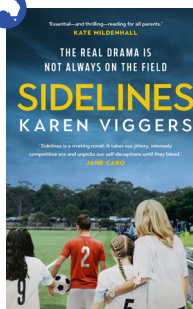


The Search Party *Hannah Richell*

Simon & Schuster Australia
TPB \$32.99

Five friends reunite for an idyllic glamping holiday on the rugged Cornwall coast, but

tensions rise when a storm leaves them stranded and someone goes missing. A propulsive thriller about tenuous relationships and the lengths parents will go to protect their children.

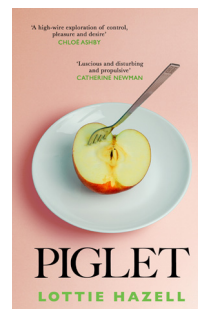


Sidelines *Karen Viggers*

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

A teenage sports game descends into a brawl after a controversial line call, bringing to a boil the tensions simmering

both on the field and the sidelines. Karen Viggers brings to life the drama of ambitious parents, teenage secrets, and weekend sports all too vividly.



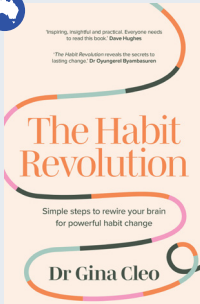
Piglet *Lottie Hazell*

Doubleday
TPB \$34.99

Piglet is an excellent cook with an excellent fiancé. The two are about to tie the knot on their

perfect relationship when he reveals an awful secret only days before the wedding and Piglet faces an inexplicably growing hunger that threatens to consume the life she worked so hard to build.

Non-Fiction



The Habit Revolution *Dr Gina Cleo*

Murdoch Books
TPB \$34.99

In the tradition of *Atomic Habits*, this is a practical and evidence-based guide to creating positive

habits. Leading researcher in behavioural science, Dr Gina Cleo helps you uncover how your brain works, and how to rewire it to make lasting change in your life. Packed with practical insights, inspiring stories and surprisingly simple activities this is your guide to a life magnificently remastered.

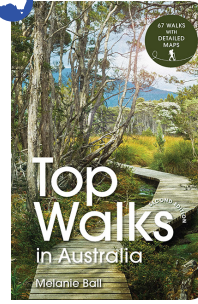


The Dreaming Path

Paul Callaghan with Uncle Paul Gordon

Pantera Press
PB \$24.99

Paul Callaghan and Uncle Paul Gordon share knowledge that reveals the power of Aboriginal spirituality as a profound source of contentment and wellbeing. Themed chapters bring together Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal worldviews and invite you to reflect on subjects from caring for our places to the importance of story; from inspiration and resilience, to love and gratitude.



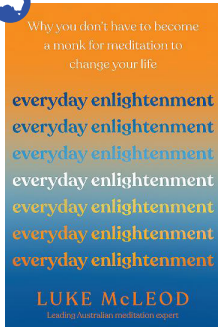
Top Walks in Australia

Melanie Ball
Hardie Grant Explore
PB \$39.99

Top Walks in Australia, 2nd Edition is a completely updated guide featuring the best

walking tracks across Australia, to suit walkers of all experience levels. Featured are some of Australia's most famous walks, including the Larapinta Trail and Overland Track, plus some lesser-known gems. For each walk there is detailed trail information, a map and photographs.

Non-Fiction



Everyday Enlightenment

Luke McLeod

Hachette Australia
TPB \$34.99

Everyday Enlightenment contains encouragement, support, guidance, advice and short

meditations to help you start, enjoy and embrace your meditation journey. Let Luke McLeod help you find some of that inner peace and calmness and show you how the secret to living an enlightened life is hidden within the ordinary and the everyday—it will be one of the best things you ever do.



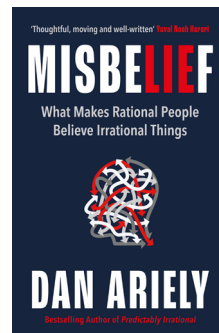
Cronin's Key Guide to Australian Rainforest Plants

Leonard Cronin

Allen & Unwin
PB \$35.00

This fully updated, comprehensive guide to the

rainforest flora of Australia is packed with information on more than 300 commonly observed species from rainforests around the continent. Each plant is beautifully illustrated and described in detail in clear, concise language, including its physical features, as well as habitat and other information relevant to the species.



Misbelief

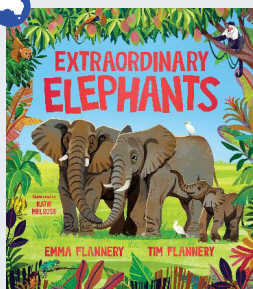
Dan Ariely

Heligo
TPB \$36.99

Misinformation affects us daily—from social media to politics and even personal relationships. Social scientist, Dan Ariely

explores the behaviour of 'misbelief' that leads people to distrust accepted truths and embrace conspiracy theories. Ariely reveals the emotional, cognitive, personality, and social elements that drive people towards misinformation. Recognising misbelief as a human problem allows us to be part of the solution.

Children & Young Adults



Extraordinary Elephants

Emma Flannery & Tim Flannery

Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
HB \$26.99

Have you heard about

an elephant's excellent memory, sense of humour or that they actually walk on their tippy toes? Come along on an exciting expedition with the world-renowned scientist Flannery and his daughter Emma and discover there's so much more to elephants than their enormous size!



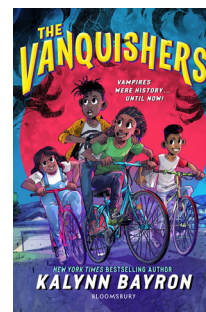
New Year Surprise!

Christopher Cheng & Di Wu (Illus)

National Library of Australia
PB \$17.99

Little Brother is too small to

help out at the Spring Festival, so Father takes him exploring through the village to discover his own special job. Christopher Cheng's story and Di Wu's traditional rice paper paintings recreate the magic of celebrating New Year in snowy rural northern China.



The Vanquishers

Kalynn Bayron

Bloomsbury Children's Books
PB \$17.99

The Vanquishers, a group of heroic vampire hunters, have been gone for decades. When one of her friends mysteriously disappears, Malika 'Boog' Wilson must reassemble the group of heroes to protect her town from the undead in this biting brilliant and feisty debut middle-grade series.



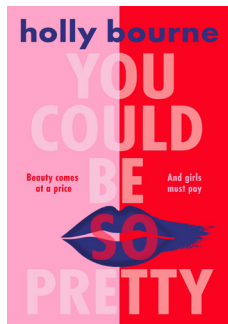
Lani and the Universe

Victoria Carless

HarperCollins Australia
PB \$17.99

Lani Scrub's life is ruined when her mum moves them to a nature-loving community called Passing Waters — how will she

ever become a world-renowned scientist now? Yet when the community's future is threatened, Lani must pitch in to help save the day by opening her mind and sharing her heart.



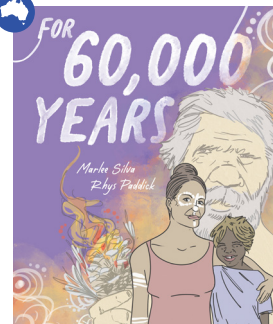
You Could Be So Pretty

Holly Bourne

HarperCollins
PB \$19.99

In Belle and Joni's world there are two options for girls: follow the rules of the Doctrine like Belle to become a

Pretty, or fight the rules like Joni and work hard to escape to the Education. *Uglies* meets *The Handmaid's Tale* for the new YA generation.



For 60,000 Years

Marlee Silva & Rhys Paddick (Illus)

Scholastic Press
HB \$26.99

Originally penned as a

poetic response to January 26th, this is an empowering illustrated story of truth, strength and community, told by Gamilaroi and Dunghutti woman Marlee Silva and illustrated by Yamatji man Rhys Paddick.