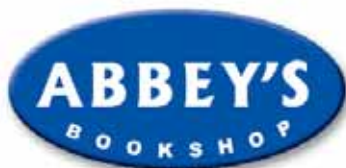


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Books for Christmas

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Welcome to Abbey's Christmas selection for 2005. These books have been chosen by our specialist booksellers from all three stores – Abbey's Bookshop, Language Book Centre and Galaxy Bookshop – to provide a selection of interesting and unusual books that are available in our stores this Christmas and beyond.

You can browse and order online at our websites, which offer over 75,000 titles in stock, or visit our stores in York Street, Sydney – opposite the Queen Victoria Building and less than 100 metres from the Town Hall trains. We are open 7 days.

Happy Reading!

Cover art by Bill Leak, cartoonist for *The Australian* (see above for his collected works, *Moments of Truth*).



Where gift ideas grow!

Abbey's Bookshop has an extensive range of titles in many subject areas, in addition to the subjects featured within these pages. So from philosophy and mathematics to travel and the classics, Abbey's is the first and last place you'll need to visit to find whatever you read.

Dave, Manager

Moments of Truth

Bill Leak
Hb \$39.95

"My cartoons make good toilet paper. I know this because I had one sent back to me after someone had used it for this purpose and, presumably, had no need for a second copy. Being keen on recycling, I appreciated the effort. Sadly, most of the complaints I receive are not funny. Mostly abusive, accusing me of all manner of well defined and obscure sexual practices and casting slurs on my parentage. It's a rare thing to draw a cartoon and receive a genuinely humorous critique. Funny that." – Bill Leak

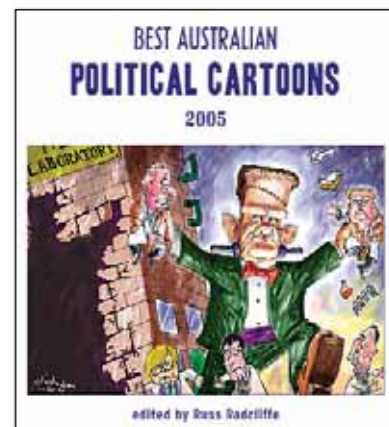


Best Australian Political Cartoons 2005

Russ Radcliffe
Pb \$27.95

Not just a collection, more a history of the past year, the third edition in this bestselling series finds Australia's funniest and most subversive political cartoonists at their sharpest and wittiest, including Dean Alston, Michael Atchison, Warren Brown, Matt Davidson, Andrew Dyson, Fiona Katauskas, Chris Kelly, Mark Knight, Jon Kudelka, Sean Leahy, Bill Leak, Alan Moir, Peter Nicholson, Vince O'Farrell, Bruce Petty, David Pope, Geoff Pryor, David Rowe, John Spooner, Ron Tandberg, Andrew Weldon and Cathy Wilcox. Guaranteed to keep everyone laughing this Christmas!

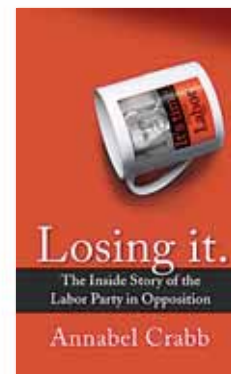
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Losing It

Annabel Crabb
Pb \$25

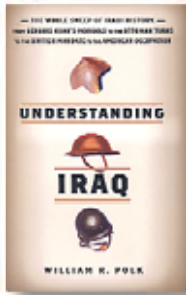
In 1993, Paul Keating won the federal election. Since then, the change in the Australian Labor Party's fortunes has been diabolical, with the leadership changing from Beazley to Crean to Latham and back to Beazley. Crabb is a journalist who has spent years in the Canberra press gallery watching the Labor Party trying to scabble its way back into power. Here she reveals a party that has lost its way, abandoned many of its ideals and values, and foregone the trust of many Australians.



Understanding Iraq

William Polk
Pb \$29.95

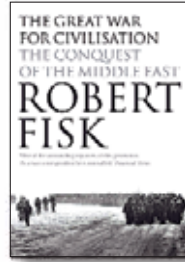
Everything you need to know about Iraq. It takes you from the first Sumerian settlements to the Babylonians, the dramatic advent of Islam, the destructive invasion of the Mongols, centuries of Ottoman rule and today's experiments in Western styles of democracy. Polk culminates in a damning indictment of the US for failing to learn the lessons of Iraq's history. Due December



The Great War for Civilisation

Robert Fisk
Tp \$39.95

Fisk has been based in the Middle East for the last 25 years and this is his personal account of the tragedies and bloodshed that have marred the region over the last 50 years. Taking in the Palestinian-Israeli conflicts, Iran under Ayatollah Khomeini, the first Gulf War, right up to current events in Iraq, this is an impassioned narrative of the Middle East and an account of growing hatreds towards the West. Not comfortable reading, but perhaps very necessary. *Lindy*



Rough Music

Tariq Ali
Pb \$17.95

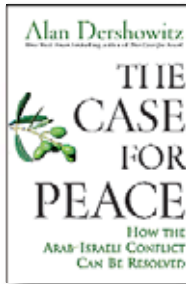
On 7 July 2005, the murderous mayhem that Blair's war has sown in Iraq came home to London in a devastating series of suicide bombings. Two weeks later, with apparent impunity, security forces shot dead a young Brazilian electrician on his way to work. This book is Tariq Ali's white-hot response to these events.



The Case for Peace

Alan Dershowitz
Hb \$34.95

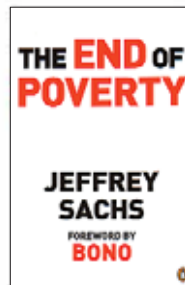
Dershowitz identifies 12 geo-political barriers to peace, then explains how to nullify them, proceeding to peace in our time. His analyses are deceptively simple, well-argued and sure to be as controversial as his *The Case for Israel* (Pb \$19.95).



The End of Poverty

Jeffrey Sachs
Pb \$24.95

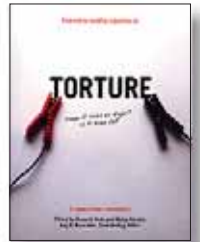
Speaking from his experience as adviser on economic development and poverty reduction in over 100 countries, Sachs provides acute analysis by drawing a conceptual map of the world economy and explaining how - over the past 200 years - wealth and poverty have diverged and evolved across countries, and why the poorest nations are unable to escape the poverty trap. He acknowledges how daunting the world's problems are, but insists they are solvable, and that making the effort is both our moral duty and in our own interests. *Cara*



Torture

Kenneth Roth & Minky Worden
Pb \$29.95

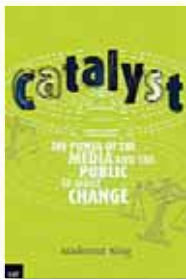
These passionately written essays explore the morality and legality of torture within the context of world politics. All 15 essays are well researched and argued, discussing the use of rape as both torture and precursor to genocide, long-term consequences for survivors of torture, advances in prosecution for war crimes and the consequences of choosing *not* to torture in these dangerous times. In the foreword, Geoffrey Robertson QC offers his personal perspective based on experience in Human Rights Watch torture proceedings. *Cara*



Catalyst

Madonna King
Tp \$29.95

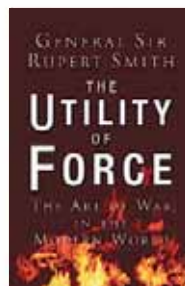
In this compelling book, 11 stories show how one person can be a catalyst for change. A Victorian mother overturns a law that prevents her family from receiving compensation for her asbestos-related disease. A South Australian grandmother campaigns for tougher break-and-enter laws after a spate of home invasions. A Queensland father inspires new legislation for victims of crime. The accounts chronicle individual triumphs against outdated state legislation, especially when the fights have sparked media interest... and the survival instincts of politicians!



The Utility of Force

General Sir Rupert Smith
Hb \$49.95

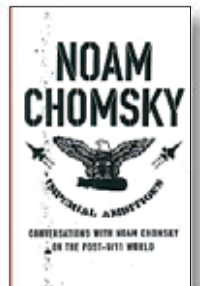
Smith's central thesis is that "industrial war" (the all-out sort of struggle that disfigured the 20th century) is dead; instead, we fight "among the people". He reconfigures the Clausewitzian trinity: army, state and people, since the balance between the three has changed. Military force wins the military battles, but fails to solve the political problems (hardly news!) because the force(s) used lack utility. Wars are now fought for the people, among the people, and it is the people who are the prize and strategic goal. Whereas aggressors once aimed to eliminate a state, now they want to eliminate a people. Smith combines profound thought with practical experience, discussing workable strategies for a complex world. *Cara*



Imperial Ambitions

Noam Chomsky & David Barsamian
Hb \$29.95

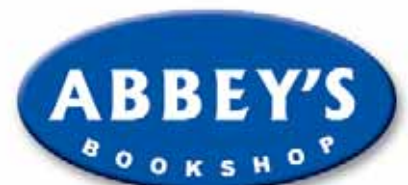
Chomsky is one of the world's leading thinkers and he has plenty to say here about many issues, including the 2004 American Presidential campaign and election, the increasing threat of global warming and the new dangers presented by the ever-deepening entanglement of the US in Iraq. Turbulent times call for clarity of thought and economy of expression, two things Chomsky continues to deliver without fail. If you're not familiar with his work, this is an excellent starting point. *Cara*



Our Common Interest

Pb \$12.95

The Commission for Africa was formed to define Africa's most serious health and welfare challenges, and to provide practical recommendations for reducing poverty. The conditions for a strong, prosperous Africa can only come about through the continent's ownership of its development and through the sustained action of leaders working for the common good. *Cara*



Consuelo and Alva

Love, Power and Suffrage in the Gilded Age

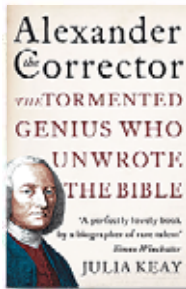
Amanda MacKenzie Stuart
Tp \$32.95



Consuelo was a Vanderbilt heiress; Alva her scheming socialite mother who forced her beautiful daughter to marry a penniless British aristocrat. Melodramatic enough? Wait, there's more! Consuelo loved another, her husband was cold-hearted and, to compensate, she threw herself into childcare and good works, particularly of a social and political nature. Eventually she left her husband to become a prominent suffragette. This is a fabulous read, full of wonderful details and vastly entertaining. *Lindy*

Alexander the Corrector

Julia Keay
Pb \$24.95



Alexander Cruden is famous for his *Concordance*, a work four times the length of the Bible and yet to be superseded after 300 years. A lonely man, his career was dogged by scandal, as he had been incarcerated in an asylum as a young man for reasons he refused to reveal. Indeed, he was committed twice more, once by a rival and once by his landlady. Tragic, talented and misunderstood, this is the story of a remarkable individual. *Lindy*

Billy Hughes

Aneurin Hughes
Tp \$29.95



Full of contradictions and infamous for his tantrums and outbursts, Hughes was a most colourful Labor Prime Minister. This biography delves as much into his private life as it does into his political life, painting a well-rounded picture of a complex man.

Hoi Polloi

Craig Sherborne
Pb \$27.95



Describing the world of seedy pubs, horseracing, sex, crime and new money, young Sherborne's journey begins in 1968 in Heritage, New Zealand, where a curious only child is exposed to violence, drinking and murky racial politics. His parents, eccentrically known as Winks and Heels, sell their hotel and move to Sydney. To their minds, Australia is New Zealand's England, offering boundless wealth, prestige and social opportunities. The family begins a love affair with the racing scene and attempt to groom the ever-rebellious Sherborne into a member of the upper crust. An often hilarious story.

Also Recommended...

Fortune's Daughters

The Extravagant Lives of the Jerome Sisters

Elisabeth KehoePb \$26.95

Admiral Lord Nelson

David Cannadine
Hb \$59.95



Admiral Lord Horatio Nelson was a colourful and complex character whose supremely successful naval career attained legendary status. Having already lost an arm, and blind in one eye, he returned to war and spent a further two years at sea before dying at the battle of Trafalgar in 1805. Two centuries after his death, the 'immortal memory' of Nelson endures.

Clarice Cliff

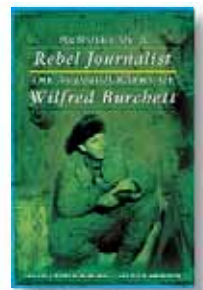
Lynn Knight
Hb \$49.95



The work of Clarice Cliff is avidly collected as the epitome of Art Deco style. The woman behind the work - inspired equally by ancient colours, contemporary European design and cottage flowers - was full of contradictions. A thoroughly modern career woman, she lived with her parents for years in the family terrace where she had grown up; she was a public figure who had a longstanding and clandestine affair with her married boss; she designed for women at home, but was a workaholic who rarely took a day off. An engrossing look at a brilliant woman who didn't let her circumstances get in the way of her work.

Memoirs of a Rebel Journalist

George Burchett & Nick Shimmin
Hb \$59.95



As the first journalist to describe the aftermath of the atomic bomb in Hiroshima, Wilfred Burchett has been widely recognised as one of the most important war correspondents in Australian history. For most of his working life, Burchett chose to report from 'the other side'. His unorthodox views and activities caused him to be labelled a traitor by many and he was forced to live in exile. At a time when so much international reportage is dominated by spin and propaganda, this compelling autobiography resonates with the issues facing journalism today.

House of Mitford

Jonathan GuinnessPb \$24.95

Leonardo da Vinci The Flights of the Mind

Charles NichollPb \$27.95

Frank Hardy

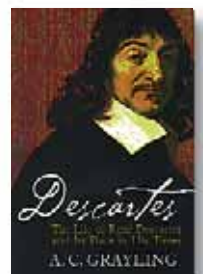
Jenny Hocking
Hb \$39.95



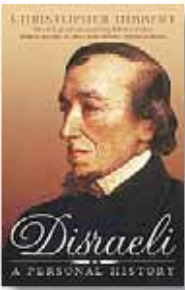
Hardy was as famous for being a Communist as he was for being a writer. This absorbing study of the man and his politics brings to life a time when idealism had some place in the intellectual thought of this country. It looks at the background to *Power Without Glory*, as well as his other books, his relationships with comrades, friends and family, and his work with the Gurindji people in the 60s. A complicated man all round, but a very interesting character, well served by this book. *Lindy*

Descartes

A C Grayling
Hb \$39.95



Rene Descartes has been called 'the father of modern philosophy'. His most famous maxim was "Cogito, ergo sum" (I think, therefore I am). He was also a scientist, mathematician, traveller, soldier and spy. The archetype of a Renaissance man, his life coincided with the extraordinary advances in knowledge of the 17th century. Draws on new research and Grayling's insights into philosophy to present a fascinating portrait of Descartes and his times. Due December



Disraeli

Christopher Hibbert
Pb \$27.95

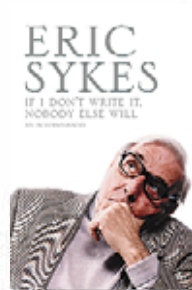
One of the more interesting politicians of the Victorian age, Disraeli had a varied and interesting life before he turned to politics, where he succeeded despite prevalent anti-Semitism. A dandy, novelist, failed newspaperman and uninterested lawyer, he married for money, as his wife said often, but as she added, he would marry her again for love. Queen Victoria's favourite minister, he was a gifted parliamentarian and twice Prime Minister. Well researched, drawing widely on his personal correspondence. *Lindy*
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February House

Sherill Tippins
Hb \$34.95

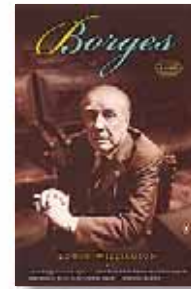
During 1940-41, W H Auden, Benjamin Britten, Carson McCullers, Jane and Paul Bowles, George Davis and Gypsy Rose Lee shared a house in Brooklyn. People such as Aaron Copland, George Balanchine, Kurt Weill and Salvador Dali were regular visitors to this fabulous salon. The inhabitants were inspired to their best works by the extraordinary creativity generated at 7 Middagh Street and this wonderfully written book unfolds the tale of this feverish time - lively, bohemian and full of insights. *Lindy*



If I Don't Write It, Nobody Else Will

Eric Sykes
Pb \$29.95

An extraordinary life is revealed in this autobiography. Having worked with many of the greats of comedy and entertainment, and despite increasing deafness and eventually blindness, Sykes has appeared on stage, radio and TV for over 50 years. His comedy has always been based on warm observations of the human situation, avoiding bad language, and this book shows why he has been such an enduring performer.



Borges A Life

Edwin Williamson
Tp \$29.95

Revealing the passionate, human Borges – the most important Spanish author of the 20th century – this definitive biography weaves his life and writings together with critical insights, creating a compelling portrait. Exhaustively researched and meticulously detailed, no fan can afford to be without it! *Cara*

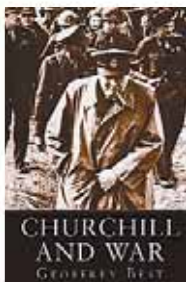


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Churchill and War

Geoffrey Best
Hb \$49.95

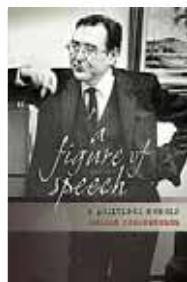
Winston Churchill's war involvements stretched over a far longer period than WWII and were one of the main themes of his long life. Cavalryman at Omdurman, infantry colonel in the trenches, First Lord of the Admiralty and wartime Prime Minister, he wrote copiously about war as both journalist and historian. Geoffrey Best follows Churchill's career from his early days as a hussar in India to his attempts to control the threat of the nuclear bomb.



A Figure of Speech

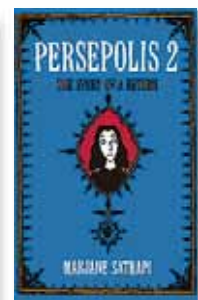
Graham Freudenberg
Hb \$44.95

This eagerly awaited memoir of Australia's renowned political speechwriter tells of Freudenberg's career at the top level of Australian Labor politics. Bringing fresh insights to a broad range of issues that have affected Australians, his keen wit ensures there is never a dull moment.



Persepolis & Persepolis 2

Marjane Satrapi
Both Hb \$39.95

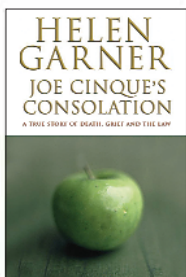


This 2-volume memoir of growing up in Iran during the Islamic Revolution is blackly comic and devastatingly sad. The first volume is Satrapi's child-eyed view of the human cost of war and political repression. The second is an even stronger condemnation of religious fundamentalism, as Satrapi flees to Austria as a teenager, only to return to Iran after graduating, despite the state-sanctioned chauvinism and repression. Searingly honest, this is graphic autobiography in the style of Art Spiegelman at his finest. *Cara*

Joe Cinque's Consolation

Helen Garner
Tp \$30

This exploration of Joe Cinque's murder, and the appallingly light sentence received by his killer, makes utterly compelling reading. The yawning chasm between the law and ethics, within the context of responsibility and the almost non-existent ideal of duty of care, is hauntingly framed around a senselessly cruel murder that defies rational explanation. *Cara*



The Year of Magical Thinking

Joan Didion
Hb \$39.95

What does it feel like when your world completely changes in a tiny space of time? Just before Christmas 2003, the only daughter of Joan Didion and her husband John Gregory Dunne fell seriously ill. A little over a week later, Dunne died instantly of a massive coronary. This powerfully affecting book is Didion's attempt to make sense of this wrenching time, her spare meditations on marriage, death, children and sanity. *Lindy*



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BIOGRAPHY



The Life of George Bass

Miriam Estensen
Hb \$49.95

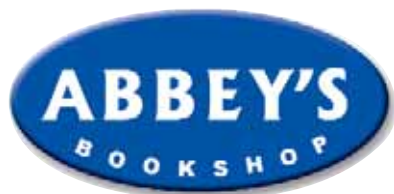
Bass embodied the Enlightenment. A complicated and charismatic character, he literally sailed into the unknown in 1802 and mysteriously disappeared. A talented surgeon, promising naval officer, intrepid adventurer and skilled navigator, he was admired (and occasionally detested) by many. This beautifully produced volume is thoroughly researched and immensely readable – a fine testament to a man who was anything but ordinary. *Lindy*



Far from a Still Life

Meg Stewart
Hb \$49.95

Margaret Olley is arguably Australia's most loved living artist, as well as being one of the country's most generous benefactors to public art galleries. This intimate biography begins in the 1920s in the tropical wet of Tully, North Queensland, unfolding her lifelong love affair with painting. Well travelled, her adventures in Europe eventually led her back to Australia in the late 1950s, where her bitter struggle with alcoholism was hard fought and won.



Also Recommended...

Mao

The Unknown Story

Jung Chang & Jon HallidayHb \$59.95

Morris West

A Literary Maverick

Maryanne ConfoyPb \$29.95

Monash

The Outsider Who Won a War

Roland PerryTp \$34.95

Hawkwood

The Diabolical Englishman

Frances Saunders.....Pb \$26.95

The Spiral Staircase

Karen ArmstrongPb \$24.95

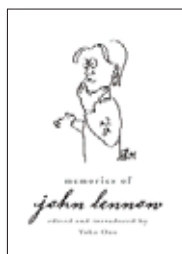
We'll Always Have Paris

Sex and Love in the City of Light

Jon BaxterHb \$49.95

A Man's Got to Have a Hobby

William McInnesTp \$32.95



Memories of John Lennon

Yoko Ono Hb \$39.95

Yoko Ono has gathered tributes and intimate glimpses of Lennon's life from many and varied people. In words and drawings, poems and photos, from his childhood to his murder, his life is celebrated by friends, family, fellow musicians and fans. This memorial contains the complete photos taken by Annie Liebovitz at the historic final session.

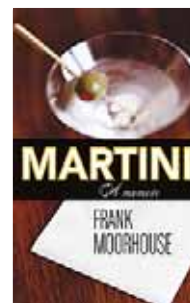
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Notebooks 1970-2003

Murray Bail Tp \$34.95

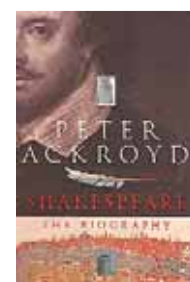
Australia's acclaimed author of *Eucalyptus* (\$23.95), *Holden's Performance and Homesickness* (both \$22.95) opens his working heart within these pages, which encompass three continents over three decades. His musings on art, literature and landscape are beautifully observed in this feast of beautiful words and intriguing thoughts. *Cara*



Martini A Memoir

Frank Moorhouse Hb \$35

Ah yes, the aesthetics of martini lore as seen through the driest of prose. This celebration of that most elegant of cocktails is also a stirring ode to friendship and loves won and lost. Who wouldn't enjoy a martini or three with the elegant Mr Moorhouse? *Cara*



Shakespeare

Peter Ackroyd Hb \$65

Just when you thought there was nothing left to say about Shakespeare, along comes the incomparable Mr Ackroyd! 16th century Stratford and London spring vividly to life as the context of Shakespeare's personal and professional life is illustrated using his circle of patrons and managers, actors and fellow writers, friends and loved ones. Intuitive and exhaustively researched, with 20 pages of notes and 22 pages of bibliography. *Cara*



Two Lives

Vikram Seth
Hb \$49.95

This beautifully written tale is part biography, part memoir, part history and an altogether extraordinary love story about Seth's uncle Shanti and his German Jewish wife, Henny. From India in the late Raj to Berlin during the Nazi years and on to Britain, then North Africa, Palestine and back to England, their lives and complex love are played out against the most violent of centuries. Seth's homage to his beloved relatives is his own gift of love. *Cara*

An Accidental Terrorist



Steven Lang
Pb \$22.95

This is an engrossing literary thriller set on the beautiful south

coast of NSW. The very topical issues of terrorism and environmental activism form the backdrop to this dramatic story of self-discovery. Through the unlikely relationship between Kelvin, a former runaway, and Jessica, a lawyer, we see the complexity of the issues at hand. The story builds to a tragic climax as the couple struggle to make sense of life-changing events and the consequences of their actions.

I Am No One You Know

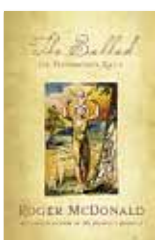


Joyce Carol Oates
Tp \$27.95

A collection of 19 new short stories from a master writer. Whether telling

of an adulterous relationship, revelations of dark family secrets, reactions to catastrophes, mistakes in responding to others or the sudden thrill of recognising a famous star, Oates ranges far and wide in topic and style. This is writing with passion and compassion.

The Ballad of Desmond Kale



Roger McDonald
Tp \$32.95

Rich in the characterisations and earthiness of its early 1800s setting,

this is an inspired recreation of the early days of Anglo-Australian settlement. It tells the tale of the escape of Desmond Kale – an Irish political prisoner and sheep breeder – and the vengeance of his rival, the wildly eccentric parson magistrate, Matthew Stanton. *Cara*

The Butterfly Effect



Susan Hawthorne
Pb \$24.95

The 'butterfly effect' is the concept of physics in which small actions

can have enormous consequences: the flap of a butterfly's wing in one part of the world can lead to devastating storms on the other side. Hawthorne explores this idea by looking at the effect of the word 'lesbian', which can destroy families and bring down governments, and denotes a force full of vitality and world-changing creativity. Her poems fold in on themselves, exploding through concentric circles of meaning. Intense, new and very enjoyable. *Shelley*



Evil
Diane Bell
Tp \$24.95

This breathtaking novel moves through a maze of convention,

contempt, kinship, cohorts and language. Connecting the dots to reveal the cryptic codes of everyday and esoteric rituals, and stripping back layers of silence, Bell examines the pervasive power of religion, the conservatism of university culture, the violence of discrimination and the strength of women. This is a novel for now. Full of hope, humour and intrigue, it taunts, twists and teases the intellect.

The Book Thief



Markus Zusak
Tp \$32.95

The book thief is a young girl growing up in Nazi Germany. As an escape

from the poverty, struggle and death around her, she turns to books as a means of finding some meaning in life. Told through the eyes of a morose and over-worked Death, who in turn uses her life as a means of distracting himself from his own burdens. A book about books, indulgent but fun. *Christian*

FICTION

SPECIAL PRICE



The Final Unfinished Voyage of Jack Aubrey

Patrick O'Brian
Hb \$19.95 (usually \$49.95)

At the time of his death, Patrick O'Brian had begun writing a novel to follow *Blue at the Mizzen* (Pb \$22.95), about the final voyage of Jack Aubrey and Stephen Maturin – perhaps the greatest friendship of modern literature. The chapters he had written are presented here both as a facsimile of his manuscript (including his marginal notes) and in typescript (including his final corrections).

Espresso Tales

Alexander McCall Smith
Hb \$34.95

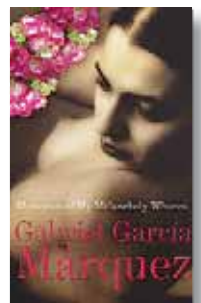
This is the sequel to the author's daily novel, the popular *44 Scotland Street* (Pb \$22.95), which appeared over 110 episodes in *The Scotsman* newspaper in early 2004. This new book gives Scotland Street aficionados a chance to catch up with the occupants of what must surely be Edinburgh's most well-known literary address.



Memories of My Melancholy Whores

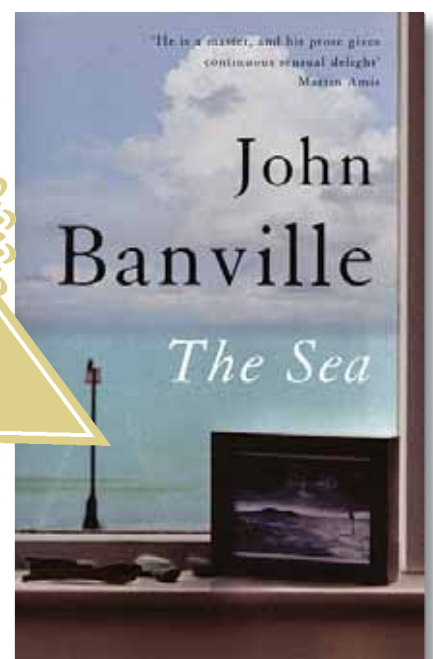
Gabriel Garcia Marquez
Hb \$32.95

This charming novella is narrated by an elderly writer who has never loved nor been loved; consequently his many physical encounters have cost him both money and integrity over the years. This memoir is his literary legacy, a recollection of his 90th year and his first foray into the realm of love for love's sake. Garcia Marquez avoids sugary sentimentality and creates a poignant and amusing tale of an old dog learning new tricks without succumbing to vulgar gymnastics of the horizontal kind. Delightful! *Cara*



Man Booker Prize 2005

Tp \$30



FICTION

Captain Alatraste

Arturo Perez-Reverte
Tp \$29.95

I love a rollicking tale of swashbuckling adventure: the ring of swords, sinister conspiracies and a (more or less) honourable hero in over his head. This gives a good feel for Spain in the 1600s and fits seamlessly into the genre.

Like me, the author must have had a serious love affair with Dumas. My only complaint: too short. *Christian*



Desperate Husbands

Richard Glover
Pb \$24.95

You know Mr Glover from his Saturday column in the *Sydney Morning Herald*. Here you get to read more about the hapless Richard, his fabulous, formidable wife Jocasta and their two sons Batboy and Space Cadet. Their amusing, ever-so-slightly absurd household world is one

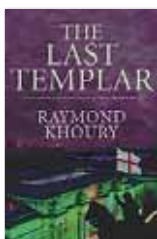
where appliances have a mind of their own, dead insects leave messages and fathers do ballet in the hallway! Wickedly amusing.



The Lambs of London

Peter Ackroyd
Pb \$23.95

Restricted by a demented father and a hostile mother, the solace of Mary Lamb's life is her brother Charles, an aspiring writer. She falls for a bookseller's son, antiquarian William Ireland, from whom Charles has purchased a book that once belonged to William Shakespeare. In this world of scholars and entrepreneurs, no one quite knows what or whom to believe. A gripping novel of betrayal and deceit.



The Last Templar

Raymond Khoury
Tp \$32.95

The Knights Templar are a fertile topic for conspiracy fiction and this title is a fun example of the genre. An archaeologist witnesses some modern-day Knights ransack a museum and it puts her on the path of an ancient mystery. This will appeal to fans of *The Da Vinci Code* (\$19.95). *Christian*



Kafka on the Shore

Haruki Murakami
Pb \$24.95

This extraordinary novel is narrated by a teenager living in the shadow of an Oedipal curse. It's a journey across time and space you hope will never end, peopled by some wonderful characters. This tale is love-song and elegy, urban fantasy and ultra-contemporary fairytale. A man who talks to cats and an intriguingly erotic librarian are matched by the most erudite of library assistants and a fate so crazed it owes as much to the Greek Furies as to the First People's Trickster myths. This is a brilliant novel; you'll want to re-read it every year for pure pleasure. *Cara*



This successful series of editors' choice compendia of the year's best poetry, fiction and essays are a great introduction to how the creative intelligentsia of Australia fares in these xenophobic times. *Shelley*

Food, Sex and Money

Liz Byrski
Tp \$32.95

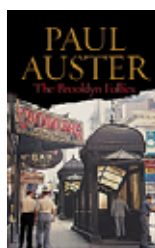
Bonnie, Fran and Sylvia were best friends at convent school, but 40 years have passed since they last met. When the recently widowed Bonnie returns to Melbourne to live with her mother, she re-establishes contact with the others. Fran is a freelance food writer, struggling with her weight, a mortgage and adult children; Sylvia is trapped in a loveless marriage with an ambitious cleric. When Sylvia discovers her husband is having an affair, the old ties of friendship are rewoven. An entertaining novel about women in their 50s who finally find the strength to be themselves. *Lindy*



The God of Spring

Arabella Edge
Tp \$32.95

The French Revolution and its political and social aftermath form the backdrop to this exquisitely detailed novel. Loosely based on the life of French artist Theodore Gericault, the story hangs upon the genesis of his 1819 masterpiece, *The Raft of the Medusa*. Gericault's passionate and illicit affair with his uncle's young wife comes undone in the face of his obsession with the 'truth' regarding the survivors of the wrecked frigate *Medusa*. The pace and tension never slacken, and the horror and pity of war vie with sybaritic delights of the flesh. *Cara*



Brooklyn Follies

Paul Auster
Tp \$29.95

Nathan Glass, retired insurance salesman, divorced and in remission from cancer, is looking for a quiet place to die. He moves to Brooklyn, where his life finally begins. It turns out his long-lost nephew Tom lives nearby; he is hiding away from life and his failed academic career while working for a flamboyant bookshop owner. A series of encounters and both men re-engage with life and love. A wonderful story full of unexpected tenderness and light, with touches of humour and warmly wise meditations on literature and the human condition, this is the sweetest of Auster's novels. *Lindy*



Forest of the Pygmies

Isabel Allende
Pb \$22.95

The final volume in the trilogy that began with *City of the Beasts* (\$21.95) and *Kingdom of the Golden Dragon* (\$22.95). Alexander knows that wherever his grandmother Kate is, adventure is not far away. On assignment to Kenya, Kate is approached by a missionary who asks for help in solving the mysterious disappearance of his companions. Kate, Alexander and Nadia discover a tribe of pygmies and a conspiracy involving poaching, slavery and deep corruption. In great danger themselves, they set out to restore the natural order of things...

The Best Australian Essays 2005

Robert Dessaix (editor)

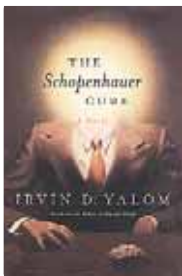
The Best Australian Stories 2005

Frank Moorhouse (editor)

The Best Australian Poems 2005

Les Murray (editor)

All Pb \$24.95



The Schopenhauer Cure

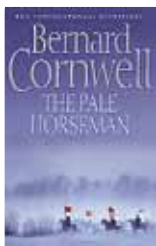
Irvin Yalom Pb \$32.95

Novelist and master psychotherapist Irvin Yalom gives the world its first accurate group-therapy novel: a mesmerising story of two men's search for meaning, exploring philosophy, therapy, love, sexual addiction, meditation and relationships. They strike a Faustian bargain: Julius agrees to tutor Philip in psychotherapeutic techniques, provided Philip joins his therapy group. In return, Philip offers to tutor Julius in the work of Schopenhauer. Yalom elegantly weaves the true story of Schopenhauer's psychological life throughout the narrative, knitting together fact and fiction to form a compellingly readable tale.

The Polished Hoe

Austin Clarke Pb \$22.95

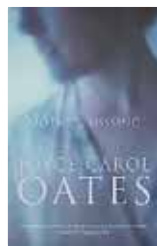
Mary-Mathilda is a respected woman, once the mistress of the powerful manager of the Caribbean sugar plantation that dominates her local village. One night, she summons the police to confess a murder, and over the course of that night, a tale of racism, oppression and brutal revenge is revealed. Full of the rhythms of Caribbean English, this is a powerful novel testifying to the strength of the human spirit.



The Pale Horseman

Bernard Cornwell
Tp \$29.95

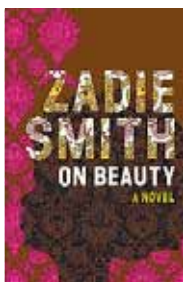
Fans have been waiting for this, the sequel to *The Last Kingdom* (Pb \$18.95). Uhtred was raised a Viking, married a Saxon and is an ally of Alfred, who faces the biggest challenges of his life and leadership. The Danes have overrun his country and Alfred retreats to the marshes of Athelney, where he conceives an audacious plan to wrest back his kingdom. But will Uhtred, who is crucial to his success, join him? Thrilling adventure that drops you right into the Dark Ages! *Lindy*



Mother, Missing

Joyce Carol Oates
Tp \$29.95

Nikki Eaton visits her mother, worried as she hasn't heard from her lately. So when she discovers her mother's murdered body, her life unravels from its carefree, self-absorbed state. In the following year, she discovers secrets from her family's past, mourns intensely for the loss of her mother and unexpectedly finds love and the strength to cope and move on. From one of America's most prolific and candid chroniclers.



On Beauty

Zadie Smith
Tp \$29.95

Smith's long-anticipated novel takes us to New England. Howard Belsey is an Englishman abroad, a long-suffering Professor at Wellington College and a Rembrandt scholar who doesn't like Rembrandt. His marriage is faltering and his children are seeking their own meanings of life. It is when they become involved

with the Kipps family that things get interesting. Shortlisted for the 2005 *Booker Prize*, Smith's latest novel is a comic and honest look at family life and marriage. *Kath*



You Gotta Have Balls

Lily Brett
Tp \$32.95

Ruth Rothwax, whom you may know from Brett's last novel, *Too Many Men* (Pb \$25), takes issue with the lack of support women give each other. She feels too much effort is spent tearing women down, professionally and personally, and has decided to create a women's group to foster integrity and intimacy. While trying to round up several like-minded friends and acquaintances, she loses her focus as the reality of Edek – her father – living in New York really sinks in. His new life has her emotionally and linguistically drained; she doesn't want to be "that kind" of Jewish mother, but is unable to stop treating him as a child, albeit one who is 87! Ruth's natural propensity for a state of permanent anxiety, fretful worry and free-floating complaint is exacerbated by her husband's six-month absence in Australia, pursuing his art. The arrival of Walentya and Zofia from Sopot, Poland into the all-encompassing embrace of Edek is enough to drive any woman crazy, particularly when octogenarian sexuality and a whole lotta "balls" are added to the mix. Brett's novel is close to perfection – affectionate and wonderfully funny as she pokes gentle fun at her characters, while inserting some pointed social commentary. Even as you laugh out loud, you are considering her point(s) of view and looking forward to discussing them. *Cara*



The Possibility of an Island

Michel Houellebecq
Tp \$32.95

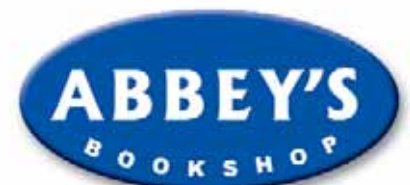
Nihilism doesn't come any hipper than this! Houellebecq's lack of regard for the human race comes through loud and clear. A satirical tale of our inability to understand what we consider to be the human condition is illustrated through the eyes of clones Daniel24 and Daniel25. The emotionally neutral, intellectually beige future that passes for life as Daniel knows it is thrown into stark relief by the philosophical musings of his unfulfilled predecessors. Nothing is sacred; ennui by slow-motion implosion is the order of each of the days of his cloned lives. *Cara*
Due December



The Highest Tide

Jim Lynch
Tp \$29.95

Miles O'Malley is almost 14, short for his age, and a lonely, only child. He can quote Rachel Carson by heart, is in love with his ex-babysitter and his best friend is an eccentric, elderly psychic. Having often explored the shores of Puget Sound around his home, he is an expert on sea life. One night, he stumbles across a giant squid and, before he knows it, becomes a celebrity – both for his knowledge of the natural world and his perceived wisdom. An absolute delight from start to finish – sweet without being sentimental, quirky without being pretentious, and beautifully formed. *Lindy*

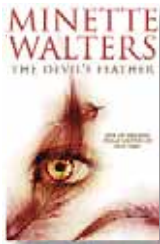


The Devil's Feather

Minette Walters
Tp \$29.95

Connie Burns, a Reuters correspondent in Sierra Leone, becomes convinced that the vicious murders of five women have nothing to do with the civil unrest she is covering. Two years later in Iraq, she tries to uncover the identity of the foreigner whom she suspects is using war to play out his brutal fantasies against women, but she is forced to retreat to Dorset to plan her ultimate confrontation with the killer. All the great writing you expect from Walters, combined with international colour and suspense.

Lindy



One False Move

Alex Kava
Pb \$18.95

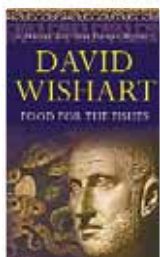
In this edge-of-your-seat action thriller, Melanie, a single mother, is caught up in the dangerous world of robbery and criminals, until she decides that it's time to get out... but only after this one last job! Everything is planned, all arrangements are made and then the unthinkable happens: everything goes horribly wrong. Six people wind up dead and Melanie's son, Charlie, may have been the one responsible. Forced to go on the run to save him from prison, she is doubly afraid when he refuses to say what happened.



Food for the Fishes

David Wishart
Pb \$19.95

This is the ninth book in the wonderful Marcus Corvinus series and if you enjoyed *Germanicus* or *Old Bones* (both \$19.95) you will want to read this one as well. We follow Marcus and his clever wife Perilla as they try to solve the murder of the unpopular Licinius Murena, entertained along the way with accounts of pisciculture and a handy guide to Twelve Lines, the Roman precursor of backgammon.



Dark Harbour

David Hosp
Tp \$29.95

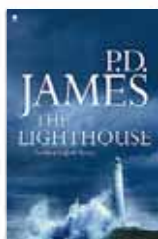
This debut thriller has everything you could want of a summer beach read – political corruption, scandal and intrigue by the bucket load! Scott Finn has worked hard to escape Boston's mean streets and is now a rising star at a law firm. When the disembowelled body of colleague and ex-lover Natalie Caldwell floats to the surface of Boston Harbour, he takes over the billion dollar lawsuit she was working on. Battling despair and exhilaration, he is soon in mortal danger... and might well be better off dead! *Cara*



The Lighthouse

P D James
Tp \$29.95

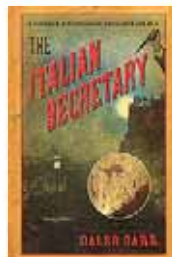
Fans will be thankful there is a new Adam Dalgleish novel for summer. Dalgleish and his team are called to Combe Island, a private retreat offering soothing luxury for over-achievers who can afford it. A nasty murder has occurred and management want it discreetly investigated. When a second murder occurs, Dalgleish finds himself in danger. Intricately plotted, sensitively characterised and vividly evoked, this is James at her finest! *Lindy*



The Italian Secretary A Further Adventure of Sherlock Holmes

Caleb Carr
Hb \$29.95

It is early 1900 and two of the Queen's servants have been murdered. The grotesque details recall the assassination of David Rizzio, secretary and dancing master to Mary Queen of Scots. Local gossip blames his ghost and who better to take charge at Holyrood House than the supreme exponent of scientific materialism, Sherlock Holmes? *Cara*



Under the Knife

Tess Gerritsen
Pb \$24.95

For David Ranson, it begins as an open-and-shut malpractice case. As attorney for a grieving family, he's determined to hang a negligent doctor. Then Dr Kate Chesne storms into his office, daring him to seek out the truth: that she's being framed. When another body is discovered, David becomes suspicious. Somewhere in the Honolulu hospital, a killer walks freely among patients and staff. And now David is asking the same questions as Kate: who is next and why?



The Man Who Smiled

Henning Mankell
Tp \$32.95

Succumbing to alcohol-fuelled depression after killing a man in the line of duty, Inspector Kurt Wallander quits the force for good. Completely disillusioned, he dismisses out of hand an old acquaintance's request to investigate the strange circumstances of his father's death. But when the solicitor is murdered, he returns to work to head a double murder case. The only common denominator is an enigmatic business tycoon, hiding behind an entourage of brusque secretaries and tight security. Someone is on his trail... and closing in fast *Cara*



The Butterfly Man

Heather Rose
Pb \$24.95

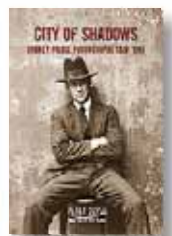
If Lord Lucan escaped his past, what was his future? On 7 November 1974, a young English nanny named Sandra Rivett was murdered in London's West End. Her employer, Lord Lucan, was named as her attacker, but he disappeared that very night and has never been seen since. Henry Kennedy lives on a mountain on the other side of the world. He is not who he says he is. Is he a murderer or a man who can never clear his name? And is he the only one with something to hide?



City of Shadows Sydney Police Photographs 1920-1950

Peter Doyle
with Caleb Williams
Hb \$65

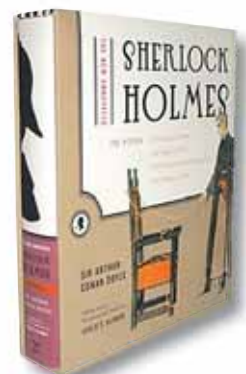
Prepare yourself for a blast into the past with this extensive collection of forensic photographs of crime and accident scenes and mugshots for the three decades after World War I. Meet the thieves, breakers, 'magsmen', dope users, prostitutes and murderers who comprised Sydney's shadowy underworld, and observe in extraordinary detail their physical milieu – the kitchens, bedrooms and parlours, pubs, corner shops, back lanes and streets of an eerily familiar Sydney. This will entice the general reader and enthral the enthusiast.



The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes The Novels

Sir Arthur Conan Doyle
Hb \$69.95

Inside this beautifully produced and illustrated companion volume to last year's *The New Annotated Sherlock Holmes: The Complete Short Stories* (Hb \$115.95) you will find: *A Study in Scarlet*, *The Hound of the Baskervilles*, *The Sign of Four* and *The Valley of Fear*.

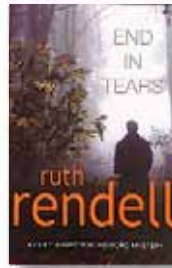




**Rebus's Scotland
A Personal Journey**

Ian Rankin
Hb \$49.95

This is the book for all Rankin fans, particularly if you're a fan of his dour policeman, John Rebus. It is partly autobiography, as Rankin explains how he came to write, his country background, his inspirations, how Rebus appeared (and still surprises him in each new novel). Full of revealing insights into his characters' world, firmly grounded in contemporary Scotland. Illustrated with over 120 atmospheric photographs, this is an essential companion to the novels. *Lindy*
Due December



End in Tears

Ruth Rendell
Tp \$32.95

Taking an unobtrusive poke at politically correct philosophy – theory and practice – Rendell has Inspector Wexford off on tangents that may prove to have little or no bearing on the case of two murdered young girls. In the meantime, his wife is righteously angry with their daughter, who plans to give her baby away to a former lover and deprive the Wexfords of a grandchild. Hardly ethical behaviour, she feels, but the Inspector could have told her there's a dearth of it these days! *Cara*



A Thing of Blood

Robert Gott
Pb \$27.95

I love this new series. There is something quite enjoyable about this inept detective, who really shouldn't! Sinking deeper and deeper into the quagmire, eventually the truth outs, due more to the contempt of the murderer than to the abilities of William Power. I've devoured both titles in this Australian series (#1 *A Good Murder* \$26.95) and can't wait for more. *Christian*



The Usual Suspect

Duncan McNab
Tp \$33

In this colourful, compelling and minutely researched biography of Abe Saffron, Duncan McNab explores the life and times of one of Australia's most famous – or infamous – names. In doing so, he comes to a very different conclusion about the man popularly known as 'Mr Sin'.

Also Recommended...

Death by Water Kerry GreenwoodPb \$19.95

Broken Shore Peter TempleTp \$29.95

The Take Martina ColeTp \$32.95

The Power of the Dog Don WinslowTp \$32.95

Fire Sale Sara ParetskyTp \$32.95

Dead Simple Peter JamesTp \$30.00

Serpent on the Crown Elizabeth PetersHb \$49.95

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Marshal BrowneTp \$32.95



Midsomer Murders

Boxed Set Series 1 \$59.95

Beneath the tranquil surface of sleepy village life, there are dark secrets, scandals and downright evil. Murder, kidnap and blackmail are commonplace among Midsomer's eccentric inhabitants. This award-winning British TV series is based on the award-winning Inspector Barnaby novels by Caroline Graham, described by the *Sunday Times* as "the best detective writer since Agatha Christie". There are five episodes, each ideal for lovers of the traditional English crime story. John Nettles makes a wonderful Barnaby.
Due December



Inspector Rex

Boxed Set Series 1 & 2 \$59.95 each

One of the most popular shows on SBS-TV, the key to this detective series is the canine assistant, Inspector Rex! A German shepherd, he is both intelligent and lovable, and invariably comes to the rescue in one way or another. He is also a devotee of ham rolls, for which he is always on the lookout. In both series, Tobias Moretti stars as Richard Moser, Rex's carer. Series 1 has 14 episodes, plus the 95-minute feature *Baby Rex*, a tale that will bring tears to even the most hard-hearted viewer! Series 2 has 15 episodes. In German with English subtitles.



The Corporation – Filmmaker's Edition

2-DVD set \$19.95

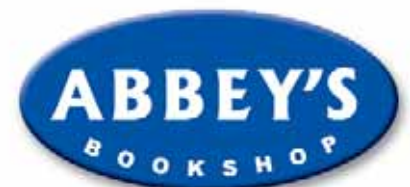
Case studies, anecdotes and true confessions reveal behind-the-scenes tensions and influences in several corporate and anti-corporate dramas. Each illuminates an aspect of the corporation's complex character. Features 40 interviews including: seven CEOs, three Vice-Presidents, two whistleblowers, a broker, a spy and the FBI's top consultant on psychopaths, while critical perspectives are provided by Milton Friedman, Michael Moore, Naomi Klein and Noam Chomsky. With over eight hours of special features, this award-winning set offers magnificent entertainment.



Shane Maloney

Boxed Set \$49.95

Including telemovies *Stiff* and *The Brush Off*, starring David Wenham as single father and true believer Murray Whelan, this set also contains an hour-long documentary on the process of transforming Maloney's novels into films. There are interviews and analysis with the author, directors John Clarke and Sam Neill, actor David Wenham, publisher Michael Heyward and producer Jay Cassells. This is a great opportunity to catch up on some great Australian drama, while also learning a lot about the process of moviemaking.



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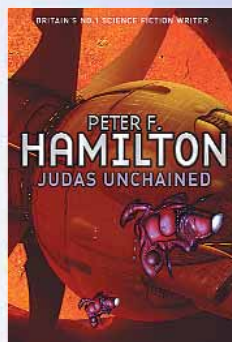
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Vattas War #2
Elizabeth Moon Pb \$19.95
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David Weber Pb \$19.85
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J Ringo & D Weber Pb \$56.00
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David Drake Pb \$18.95
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Assiti Shards
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Judas Unchained Commonwealth #2

Peter F Hamilton
Hb \$66
Tp \$32.95

Barely surviving the initial attacks from the alien Primes, the Commonwealth withdraws from the Lost 23 planets to regroup. With the mass exodus

and impending attacks threatening its existence, the Commonwealth can only pray that its new superweapons can end the war for good. Meanwhile, detective Paula Myo is closer to uncovering those who are betraying the Commonwealth from within. This novel triumphantly concludes the over-the-top space opera series begun with *Pandora's Star* (Pb \$18.95). Hamilton's spectacular world-building and stunning action sequences make him one of the best SF writers around. *John* Due November



Hammered Scardown Jenny Casey 1 & 2

Elizabeth Bear
Pb both \$16.95

Jenny Casey, former Canadian Special Forces officer, is nearing 50 and her pain-wracked, artificially reconstructed

and enhanced body is failing her. Hiding from the government and playing doctor to gang members, she figures her life is pretty much over. But she couldn't be more wrong, for her unique abilities make her perfect for a military project that takes her back among old friends – and enemies – in a completely unexpected direction. Bear won the 2005 *John Campbell Award for Best New Author* and it's easy to see why – cyberpunk, alien technology, drugs and warfare all combine neatly with solid characterisation to create a compelling, action-packed read. *Jo*



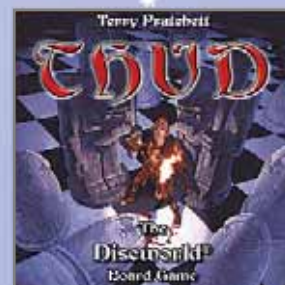
Winter Moon

Mercedes Lackey, Tanith Lee & C E Murphy
Tp \$19.95

Three new novellas about the power that rises beneath the light of the moon – magic, a curse, unrealised powers, life and

death. Lackey and Lee are two of the genre's most popular and long-standing authors. Murphy is a relative newcomer, but fast becoming a favourite.

Due December



Thud The Discworld Boardgame

\$80

This exciting game is based on the battle between dwarfs and trolls, where players take the field in an all-out attempt to defeat their opponent. The fast-moving dwarfs must form into defensive blocks as quickly as possible, before hurling their crazed, axe-wielding comrades at the trolls. The slower, more ponderous trolls must catch and clobber these whirling axe dervishes before they have a chance to get organised. This new version of the game plays in a very different manner to the original. It is an officially licenced *Discworld* product and a great way for Pratchett fans to while away the summer.

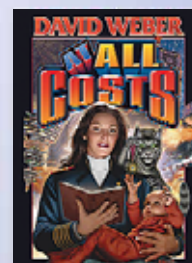


Hal Spacejock

Simon Haynes
Pb \$19.95

"Hal considered his next course of action. He could wait for the robot's battery to run out and fall 4,000 metres to his death, or he could wait for the engines to blow up and plunge

4,000 metres to his death tied to a burning ship. There had to be a better way." Written by Australian author Simon Haynes, this humorous science fiction adventure features the self-interested and amoral space captain Hal Spacejock and his robotic co-pilot Clunk as they run, stumble, fall and stagger through a bewildering array of disasters. The dialogue is witty, the pace is fast and the result is hilarious. *Raph*



At All Costs Honor Harrington #11

David Weber
Hb \$56

War has resumed and Admiral Lady Honor Harrington has been recalled to lead the

Alliance's primary offensive group, the Eighth Command. Outgunned and outnumbered, Honor has to hold it all together or face the ultimate defeat. What can we say? Weber is simply one of the masters of military SF/space opera and his popularity just keeps growing and growing. Those new to his writing can get #1 *On Basilisk Station* for only \$9.95, while stocks last. Due November

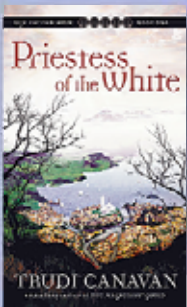


Lady Cottington's Pressed Fairy Letters

Brian Froud & Ari Berk
Hb \$39.95

A scrapbook compiled by the notorious fairy smasher Lady Cottington herself, containing 'actual' letters, valentines, calling cards and of course smashed fairies all over the pages. All about fairies, these letters contain everything from wisdom to chastisements. Froud is an award-winning artist and talented beyond words. *Stephanie* Due November

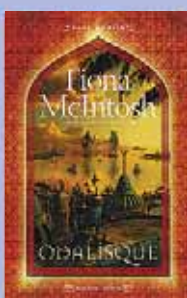
Priestess of the White The Age of Five #1



Trudi Canavan
Pb \$19.95

One of Australia's most popular authors is back with a new story set in a world of immortal sorcerers, magical races and vengeful gods. Filled with characters from diverse backgrounds, this is a much broader story

than the *Black Magician trilogy*. Packed with magic, intrigue and politics, Canavan creates a world that jumps off the page and engages the reader from the beginning, building a sense of menace as a renegade sorcerer is linked to a heathen cult that threatens from beyond the horizon. Fans of high fantasy will love this! *Mark* Due November



Odalisque Percheron #1

Fiona McIntosh
Tp \$29.95

In her trademark style, McIntosh creates a tale of intrigue and decadent luxury, filled with beautiful characters and power-hungry courtiers. The story unfolds at a breakneck pace, with lies and deceit in abundance as a new Zar takes the throne and an ancient evil stirs to set itself against the return of Percheron's rightful Goddess. Readers of the *Quickening* and *Trinity* trilogies will doubtless be up all hours racing to devour her latest masterpiece. *Mark* Due Nov

The World of Faery Art and Inspiration from the Secret Realm



David Riche
Hb \$49.95

Following the huge success of *The Art of Faery* (Tp \$34.95), the collaborators have compiled another stunning collection of fairy art from some of the best fairy artists working today. They share their new work, projects, aspirations and intoxicating love of all things Faery. A beautiful book for all fairy fans and fantasy art enthusiasts.

Looking for Jake And Other Stories



China Miéville
Tp \$32.95

From the multi-award winning author of *Iron Council* (Pb \$19.95) comes this wonderful gathering of short stories branded with the author's unique vision of the weird and fantastic. 13 pieces – one illustrated and one a *New Crobuzon* tale – and a novella, *The Tain*, round out this book, resulting in one of the year's best collections. Highly recommended for those who like their fantasy dark and dirty. *David*

Frankenstein



Margrete Lamond
Hb \$35

The seminal gothic tale by Mary Shelley reinterpreted for contemporary young adults. Ambitious and arrogant Dr Victor Frankenstein learns the secret of creating life and reanimates a creature stitched together from the remains of corpses, but he is horrified by his creation and refuses to take responsibility for it. Desiring only friendship and love, the creature is abandoned and rejected by all. Isolated and alone, its thoughts turn to violence, hatred and revenge. Lavish illustrations by Drahos Zak.

The Fairy Tales



Jan Pienkowski
Hb \$35

This is a beautiful collection of four of our most loved fairy tales: *Snow White*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Hansel and Gretel* and *Cinderella*. Translated from the original French and German, each remains true to the stories first compiled over 200 years ago by Charles Perrault and the Brothers Grimm. Illustrated throughout in stunning silhouette, this gift collection will be treasured by young and old.



A Teaspoon and an Open Mind The Science of Doctor Who

Michael White
Hb \$35

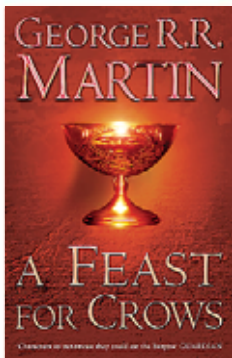
Reverse the polarity of the neutron flow? Chameleon circuits? A sonic screwdriver that can open any locked door in space and time? This may be technobabble used by scriptwriters to rescue the Doctor from countless dangers, but this book examines the science behind the much loved BBC series. Referring to current theories, White asks: Is time travel possible? How could aliens travel to earth? Could the Daleks become a reality? Can science regenerate whole bodies? But I still don't believe you can unleash death and destruction with a "megabyte modem"! *Raph*

Fantasy Bestsellers 2005

- Shaman's Crossing
Soldier Son #1**
Robin Hobb Tp \$29.95
- Harry Potter and the
Half-Blood Prince**
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J K Rowling Hb \$35.00
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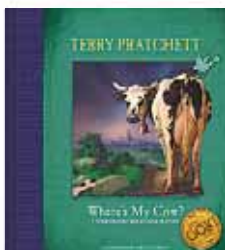
A Feast for Crows Song of Ice and Fire #4

George R R Martin
Hb \$55
Tp \$32.95

This is the only series that all our staff love and agree is the greatest fantasy epic written in the last 10 years! Martin has created a world of unbelievable depth and never fails to surprise with each new instalment. *Steph*

Horror Bestsellers 2005

- 1 **The Good, the Bad and the Undead**
Rachel Morgan #2
Kim Harrison Pb \$16.95
- 2 **Bite**
Laurell K Hamilton & Charlaiane Harris Pb \$18.95
- 3 **Sister of the Dead**
Noble Dead #3
Barb & J C Hendee Pb \$18.95
- 4 **Haunted**
Eve Levine #1
Kelly Armstrong Pb \$19.95
- 5 **Hex and the City**
Nightside #4
Simon R Green Pb \$16.95



Where's My Cow?

Terry Pratchett
Hb \$32.95

The first *Discworld* picture book by the incomparable Terry

Pratchett sees Sam Vimes telling his little boy a story with cows. Every night! So one night, Sam changes the story, moving the cows to the city and throwing in some villains for good measure. Cow villains, perhaps?



Shadow of the Giant Ender Prequel #4

Orson Scott Card
Tp \$32.95

In the final book of the series, Bean, his wife Petra and Peter Wiggins work towards creating a peaceful future on an Earth ravaged by years of war. Bean yearns to escape the fighting and political games of Earth and it seems his destiny lies in the stars. Combining emotional depth with fast-paced action, this is a well-rounded novel which fans of the original *Ender's Game* series will love.



Knife of Dreams Wheel of Time #11

Robert Jordan
Hb \$49.95
Pb \$32.95

International bestselling author Robert Jordan delivers the latest volume in *The Wheel of Time* series, a modern fantasy epic that has captivated millions worldwide. This is the book that fans have been waiting for! Jordan masterfully draws together numerous threads, and omens of the Last Battle abound, where the Dragon Reborn will challenge the Dark One as humanity's only hope. The penultimate novel in the series. This is a MUST read!

Kitty and the Midnight Hour



Carrie Vaughan
Pb \$16.95

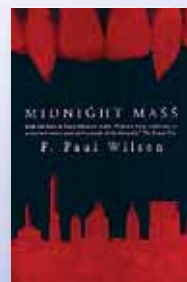
Kitty Norville hosts a popular late-night talkback radio show. Ratings are going through the roof, with witches, werewolves, vampires and other supernatural beings calling her with their problems. Then Kitty pushes the local vampire crime family too far and they hire a hit man to deal with her. Unknowingly chatting to the hit man on air, Kitty reveals she is in fact a werewolf herself... Destined to be the next big thing in the hugely popular subgenre of sassy chick, crime-solving, werewolf/vampire stories, this is a must for fans of Laurell K Hamilton, Charlaiane Harris and Jo Armstrong. Due November



Anime from Akira to Howl's Moving Castle Experiencing Contemporary Japanese Animation

Susan Napier
Tp \$29.95

Thoroughly revised and updated, this new edition of the bestselling analysis of Japanese animation looks at the history and evolution of the genre, exploring its portrayal of social and cultural themes. Includes new chapters on recent releases, including *Howl's Moving Castle*.



Midnight Mass

F Paul Wilson
Pb \$16.95

Some time in the near future, a vampirism plague obliterates Europe and sweeps across America, physically conquering humanity, psychologically aided by the human daytime hunters, the Cowboys. But a ragtag bunch of people led by an alcoholic priest fight back and pull off a few surprises of their own. Not for the fainthearted, this is no romantic vampire story! Wilson has created a rare vampire novel that is creepy, bloody, gritty and at times pushes the limits (the vampires find babies especially delicious). *Steph*
Due November



Eldest Inheritance #2

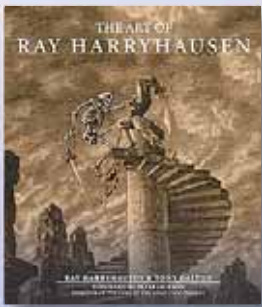
Christopher Paolini
Hb \$44.95
Tp \$32.95

Fans of *Eragon* (Pb \$19.95) will not be disappointed with this much anticipated sequel. Paolini picks up the story's thread on the very first page and once again we are sent on a headlong rush into the life of *Eragon* and his dragon, *Saphira*. Eloquently expanding on the original themes, Paolini introduces new characters from *Eragon's* home town, adding a heart-wrenching subplot during the time that *Eragon* spends learning to use his powers as a *Dragon Rider*, while the *Varden* prepare to make a final stand against the *Empire* and the evil *King Galbatorix*.

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The Art of Ray Harryhausen

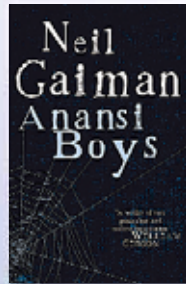
Ray Harryhausen & Tony Dalton
Hb \$59.95

This collection focuses on the hoard of works preserved by the artist in his London home and includes many pieces never previously published - preliminary sketches, elaborate drawings, carefully plotted storyboards and photos of tiny articulated models. Nick Park (*Wallace and Grommit*) and Peter Jackson (*Lord of the Rings*) both claim to have been inspired by Harryhausen's work and each has written a foreword. Due November

Anansi Boys

Neil Gaiman
Hb \$60
Tp \$32.95

Mixing the mundane with the fantastical, this award-winning author gives us the story of everyday Charlie Nancy, who discovers that his long-lost brother Spider has more than a touch of magic about him. Murder, African folk tales and romance all come together to make a fabulous novel from one of the best writers in the business. *David*



Flight of the Nighthawks

Darkwar
Saga #1

Raymond Feist
Hb \$45

After the cliff-hanger ending to his last book, Feist picks up the threads in this new epic. Pug and Tomas are back, leading a large cast of characters, both familiar and new, as Feist again weaves a story that spans worlds and cultures. Black magic and political intrigue abound in a race against time as the servants of a Dark God seek power wherever they can. Fans of the *Rift War* and *Serpent War* sagas cannot miss this. *Mark*



The Unseen University Challenge

Terry Pratchett's
Discworld
Quizbook

David Langford
Hb \$19.95

Where are the Trousers of Time? Do they need stitching? How much does a troll weigh in sheep? A must for all Discworld fans, this will test your knowledge of Terry Pratchett's wacky world, and even tell you what goes into Dibbler's infamous sausages!



Troy Lord of the Silver Bow

David Gemmell
Pb \$32.95

From the master of heroic fantasy comes the first book in an epic retelling of one of the greatest legends, replete with history and regalia, war, love and ambition.

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Star Wars Complete Locations

Richard Chasemore
Hb \$69.95

Cross-section artwork and 3-D maps covering the entire six movies, providing incredibly detailed information on every location in the galaxy. The *Star Wars* universe just got a little bigger! Due November



Star Wars The Ultimate Visual Guide

Ryder Windham
HB \$49.95

Here is everything about the *Star Wars* universe, including how the various forms of media – from movies to comics – relate to each other, plus newly commissioned maps and information.

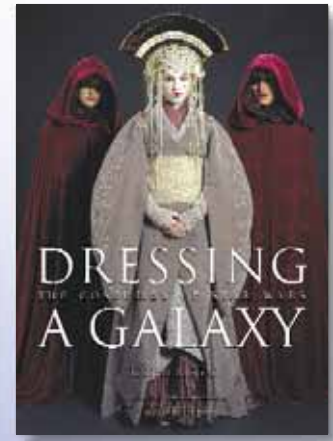
Due November



Creating the Worlds of Star Wars

John Knoll
Hb \$60

Knoll was a visual effects supervisor on episodes 1 to 3 and this is a comprehensive collection of behind-the-scenes images – hundreds of which have never been seen before – including breathtaking 360-degree panoramic shots of sets and models, concept art, props, film stills, memorabilia and trivia. Includes CD-ROM with nearly 300 navigable panoramas.



Dressing a Galaxy

Trisha Biggar
Hb \$75
Limited Edition, Numbered
\$450

The *Star Wars* saga features some of the most elaborate movie costumes of modern times. This book features every costume from all six movies, from beautiful robes to military garb, from pre-production sketches to finished garments. The limited edition includes an additional 16 pages of colour photographs, eight bound-in booklets, eight 6-page gatefolds, a replica Wookiee belt buckle and even swatches of cloth cut from the same bolts as the actual costumes (including Darth Vader's cape). An essential text for serious *Star Wars* fans... and students of fashion! Due November

This is *the* year for *Star Wars* fans!
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Our Favourites 2005

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Charles Stross Hb \$54.00

David The Stone Ship

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Commonwealth #2
Peter F Hamilton Tp \$32.95

Steph Sorcery and Cecelia

Patricia Wrede
& Carol Stevermer Pb \$16.95

Mark Feast for Crows

Song of Ice and Fire #4
George R R Martin Tp \$32.95

Raph Script Doctor

The Inside Story of Dr Who
Andrew Cartmel Tp \$47.95

Nik Iron Council

Bas Lag Universe
China Miéville Pb \$19.95

Sofia Arcanum

Thomas Wheeler Tp \$29.95



Stargate Atlantis Season 1

Boxed Set \$87.95

When SG1 discovers what is believed to be the remnants of the Lost City of the Ancients (the originators of Stargate), Stargate Command sends a new team of explorers to investigate. This 5-disc set contains all 20 episodes from the top-rating series.

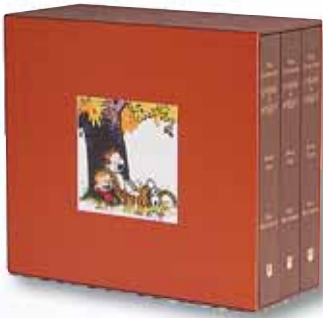
DVD
VIDEO



Battlestar Galactica The Official Companion

Tp \$32.95

One of the most acclaimed SF shows on TV is the remake of the 1970s cult classic, *Battlestar Galactica*. The official companion contains exclusive interviews, photos, secrets from behind-the-scenes and a complete episode guide to the mini-series and Season One (DVD \$59.95).



The Complete Calvin and Hobbes

Bill Watterson
3 Volumes in Slipcase \$265

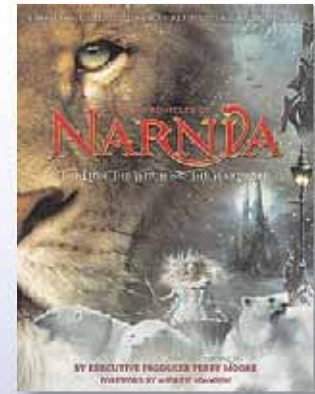
Explore the close friendship between Calvin – the wildly imaginative, thinks-he-knows-it-all young kid with the vocabulary of an English scholar – and his animal companion, Hobbes, who is seen by Calvin’s parents as a plush toy, but by Calvin and the reader as a pouncing and affable ‘real’ tiger... and Calvin’s slightly-more-grounded better half. Poignant and at times laugh-out-loud!
Adam



Beyond the Wardrobe The Official Guide to Narnia

E J Kirk
Hb \$29.95

To complement the upcoming live-action movie of *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe*, this full-colour guide contains everything there is to know about the *Chronicles of Narnia* and its author, C S Lewis. Includes never-before-seen conceptual art from the film and definitive Narnia artworks and archival photographs.
Due November



The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe The Official Illustrated Movie Companion

Perry Moore
Tp \$35

Written over 50 years ago, the *Narnia* series is a classic. The big screen adaptation, due later this year, is long overdue and this reference book on the making of the movie includes selections from the script, still shots, production photos and commentaries by producer, cast and crew.
Due November



The Lost Chronicles The Official Companion Book

Mark Cotta Vaz
Tp \$32.95

A plane crashes on a tropical island and 48 survivors are forced to fend for themselves against nature, wild boar and something BIG roaming the island. This 2005 smash hit series had millions of fans worldwide. Speculation on the internet about what is actually going on would make anyone paranoid! This detailed and fully illustrated episode guide includes behind-the-scenes notes on how the show was made, plot twists, back stories and commentaries by cast members and creator J J Abram. Includes bonus DVD of the pilot episode.



The Original Astroboy Series Boxed Set \$199.95

The original 1960s series is now available for the first time on DVD (11 discs). This collector’s set includes 51 episodes of the original series, restored in pristine detail, plus never-before-seen footage and exciting new extras including an exclusive interview with producer Fred Ladd, character profiles, original art and merchandise gallery, the history of *Astro Boy*, Osamu Tezuka biography and collector’s booklet. Packaged in a unique grey metal box.
Due November



Serenity The Official Visual Companion

Tp \$43

Writer/director Joss Whedon (creator of *Buffy the Vampire Slayer* and *Angel*) makes his long-awaited feature film directorial debut with *Serenity*, based on his cult TV series *Firefly* (DVD boxed set \$61.95). 500 years in the future, Captain Mal Reynolds and the crew of *Serenity* take on two passengers and soon find themselves in a crossfire between an invincible military force and cannibalistic savages. This full-colour companion features an in-depth interview with Whedon about the film, a full shooting script (including deleted scenes), Whedon’s production memos, stunning movie stills, storyboards and art.

First Man The Life of Neil A Armstrong

James Hansen
Tp \$29.95

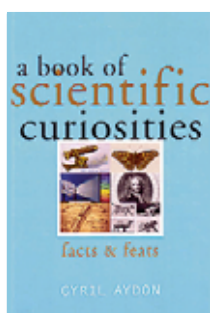
For one of the most famous people in history, Neil Armstrong is an exceedingly private person. In this authorised and detailed biography, we get to know as much as we probably ever will about this reluctant hero. It's all here – the combat missions in a fighter squadron in Korea, X-15 test pilot, the near-disaster of Gemini 8 and, of course, commanding Apollo 11. We also learn of the personal cost of fame in the modern world – a cost borne by his family as well as himself. This is a fascinating look at the most famous astronaut of them all. *Dave* Due Dec



A Book of Scientific Curiosities

Cyril Aydon
Pb \$24.95

This miscellany of scientific genius introduces us to the people behind the science, showing how the world has changed as a result of their discoveries. Retold in amusing and illuminating anecdotes, Aydon details nearly 200 famous scientists. This will appeal to both the Karl Kruszelnicki crowd and the serious non-fiction reader. *Shelley*



A Crack in the Edge of the World Great American Earthquake of 1906

Simon Winchester
Tp \$29.95

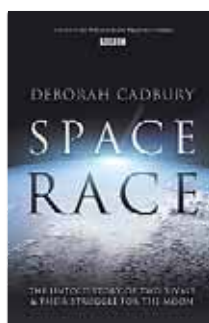
As he did with the wonderful Krakatoa (Pb \$24.95), Winchester has produced a book that is part science, part history, part autobiography and part travelogue. The result is yet another outstanding book. Using the San Francisco earthquake as his focal point, he deftly interweaves the geological history of North America with the history of California and San Francisco, showing how the theory of plate tectonics has forever changed our view of the not-so-solid ground we stand on. *Dave*



Space Race

Deborah Cadbury
Tp \$32.95

The space race between the Americans and the Soviets was one of the defining periods of the 20th century. This book is the story of that race, focusing on the two men who created the rockets – Wernher von Braun and Sergei Korolev. Writing with the same verve as she did in *The Seven Wonders of the Industrial World* (Pb \$24.95), Cadbury brilliantly captures the adventure and excitement of the contest that led to mankind's first steps in space. *Dave*

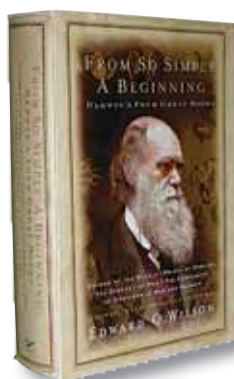


From So Simple a Beginning

Darwin's Four
Great Books

Charles Darwin
& Edward
Wilson
Hb \$59.95

Darwin's *Voyage of the Beagle*, *Origin of the Species*, *The Descent of Man* and *Expression of the Emotions in Man and Animals* are collected together for the first time in one volume. Wilson, two-time winner of the *Pulitzer Prize*, has written an introductory essay for each and also created a new index to each text, linking Darwin's evolutionary concepts to contemporary biological thought. Perhaps those who favour Intelligent Design over evolution should avail themselves of a copy! *Cara*

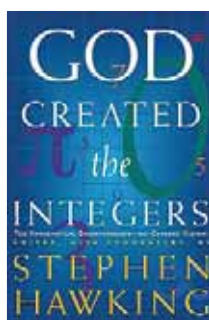


God Created the Integers

Mathematical
Breakthroughs
that Changed
History

Stephen Hawking
Hb \$49.95

Stephen Hawking explores the masterpieces of mathematics: 25 landmarks spanning 2,500 years and representing the work of 15 mathematicians, including Augustin Cauchy, Bernard Riemann and Alan Turing. This anthology allows you to peer into the minds of geniuses by providing excerpts from their original mathematical proofs and results. It also helps us understand the progression of mathematical thought and the very foundations of our present-day technologies.



Extreme Nature

Mark
Carwardine
Hb \$59.95

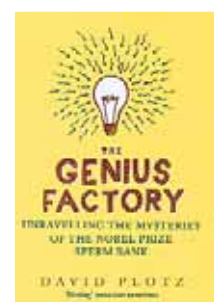
You can't take nature for granted and this lavishly illustrated book shows why! Divided into categories – Extreme Growth, Abilities, Movement and Families – we learn all about the quirky, bizarre and impressive members of the plant and animal kingdoms. A lovely mix of fascinating photographs and informative text, this is extremely entertaining and enlightening. *Lindy*



The Genius Factory Unravelling the Mysteries of the Nobel Prize Sperm Bank

David Plotz
Hb \$34.95

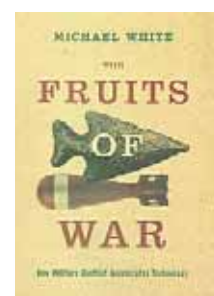
In California in 1980, an eccentric established a sperm bank hoping to breed geniuses in a rather grandiose attempt to improve the genetic profile of America. Around 200 children were born and here is the story of this bizarre experiment and some of the people involved. This book won't resolve the nature versus nurture debate, but it does provide some very interesting examples to support either side of that argument... *Lindy*



The Fruits of War How Military Conflict Accelerates Technology

Michael White
Tp \$34.95

Mobile phones, computers, radio, TV, the internet, antibiotics, financial systems, mass production, meteorological forecasts, timekeeping: all were developed with the help of military budgets. This fascinating book explores the idea that innovations are developed by the military industrial complex and eventually make their way back to society – enhanced, useful and commercial. Perfect for that hard-to-buy-for male on your gift list! *Lindy*



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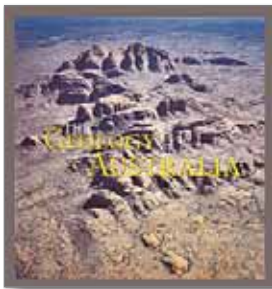
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The Fellowship

John Gribbin
Hb \$59.95

This latest offering from the prolific John Gribbin tells the story of the Scientific Revolution through the lives of the members of the Royal Society. We learn how the fellows of the Society – men such as William Harvey, Christopher Wren, Edmund Halley, Robert Hooke and Isaac Newton – used experiments and observations to change our view of the universe. These men, and the world in which they lived, are vividly brought to life and their scientific achievements are explained with the ease that we have come to expect from one of the most popular science writers of our time. *Dave*



The Geology of Australia

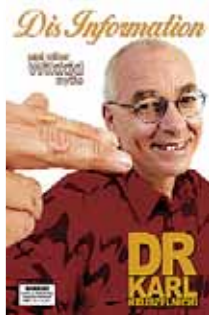
David Johnson
Pb \$69.95 Hb \$150

This superb book provides a vivid account of the evolution of the Australian continent over the past 4,400 million years. Starting with the Precambrian rocks which hold clues to the origins of life, it covers the warm seas, volcanism and multiple mountain-building episodes of the Palaeozoic, which built the eastern third of the Australian continent. The break-up of Gondwana and the development of the continental shelves and coastlines follow, with separate chapters for the origin of the Great Barrier Reef and the basalts in Eastern Australia. Essential reading for anyone interested in the natural history of our continent. *Dave*

Dis Information and Other Wikkid Myths

Karl Kruszelnicki
Pb \$24.95

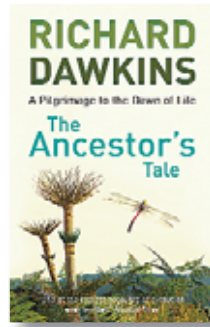
We all know Dr Karl and his bright and breezy style, which manages to convey a great deal of information in a painless way. This is his 24th book, so fans will know what to expect, as he bends his big brain on the important questions in life, of course bursting a few misconceptions along the way! *Lindy*



The Ancestor's Tale

Richard Dawkins
Pb \$29.95

Join Richard Dawkins on a walk back through time; the destination is the first replicating molecule. Along the way, we learn of many diversions and sidetracks, and are told the stories of a diverse bunch of creatures. Copiously illustrated, this book explores evolutionary biology with all the verve and interest for which Dawkins is famous, leading us like a learned guide on a long and beautiful journey. *Lindy*



Australian Landforms Understanding a Low, Flat, Arid and Old Landscape

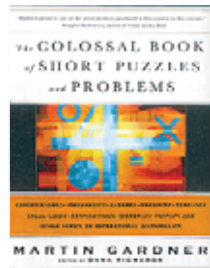
C R Twidale & E M Campbell
Lp \$59.95

If you have ever gazed on one of our many spectacular landscapes and wondered why a specific feature is the way it is, then this is the book for you! Geomorphology – the science of interpreting landforms – is a fascinating subject, well-served by this book. Clearly written, the general reader will find it accessible, the academic reader will find an excellent resource and reference, and the overseas reader will gain a greater understanding of our ancient country. Comprehensively illustrated with photographs and diagrams. *Lindy*

The Colossal Book of Short Puzzles and Problems

Martin Gardner
Hb \$49.95

The wit and elegance of these inventive puzzles is a testament to Gardner's extraordinary creativity. Their illuminating and often bewildering solutions are beautifully illustrated and there are nine new mathematical gems to ponder for those unfamiliar with his column in *Scientific American*. *Cara*



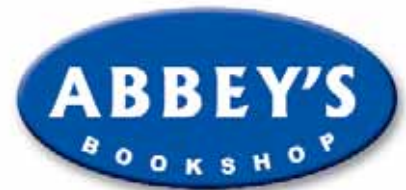
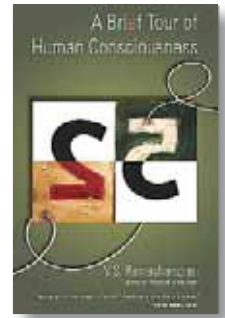
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SCIENCE

A Brief Tour of Human Consciousness

V S Ramachandran
Pb \$24.95

Based on the 2003 Reith Lectures, this looks at some of the greatest mysteries of the brain – how amputees feel pain in limbs they no longer have, how what we see determines our thoughts, why cultures the world over have basically similar notions of what is attractive, the phenomenon of synaesthesia and what all these things teach us about the mind and consciousness.



Also Recommended...

Fabric of the Cosmos

Brian GreenePb \$26.95

A Short History of Nearly Everything

Bill BrysonPb \$27.95

Australia's Volcanos

Russ FerrettPb \$29.95

Earth

An Intimate History

Richard ForteyTp \$27.95

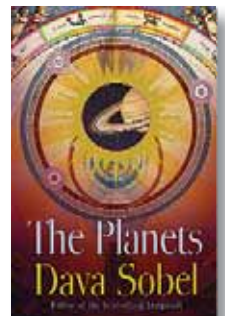
Astronomy 2006

Glenn DawesPb \$24.00

The Planets

Dava Sobel
Hb \$35

I enjoyed this book mainly because of the unusual way the author presents her subject matter. Not only is it a good introduction to the solar system and how we learnt about it, but it also covers how the planets have figured in astrology, literature and mythology. It's a beautifully presented and well-written book which I can recommend to anyone interested in astronomy or simply looking for a good read. *Chris*



HISTORY

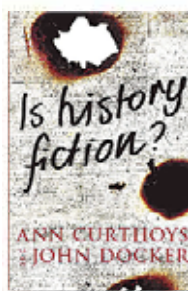


Bess of Hardwick First Lady of Chatsworth

Mary Lovell
Hb \$49.95

She was one of the most remarkable women of the Tudor era. Married at 15, then a widowed virgin at 16, she married Sir William Cavendish (a senior auditor in King Henry VIII's Court of Augmentations) and continued to gain wealth and status with her next two marriages, the last to George Talbot, Earl of Shrewsbury. His death made her the wealthiest and – next to Queen Elizabeth I – most powerful woman in the country. Her shrewdness, energy and strength of purpose were matchless, making her an ideal subject for this renowned biographer. *Cara*

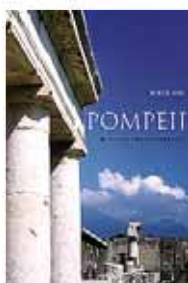
Is History Fiction?



Ann Curthoys
& John Docker
Pb \$39.95

In a wonderful journey that starts with the classical Greeks and travels through the centuries to more recent forms of history framed by Marxism, postmodernism

and feminism, the authors find that history has a double character. It is both a rigorous scrutiny of sources and, because of its narrative form, it is part of a literary world too. Such doubleness is the secret of history's fascination as an always changing, inventive endeavour – and explains why history has sometimes been a source of bitter disputes.



Pompeii History, Life and Afterlife

Roger Ling
Tp \$49.95

Pompeii is an unrivalled source of information on life in the early years of the Roman Empire.

However, as a city trapped in time, it is also partly misunderstood. Archaeologists are reluctant to dig past the surface of 79 CE, but this book attempts to examine Pompeii's earlier periods, as well as review the final years and the salvage operations after the eruption of Vesuvius. Copious illustrations enhance this scholarly, yet very readable, book.

A selection from Cambridge University Press...



A Concise History of New Zealand

Philippa Mein SmithPb \$36.95

A History of Modern Tunisia

Kenneth PerkinsPb \$49.95

A History of Modern Indonesia

Adrian VickersPb \$47.95

A Concise History of France

Roger PricePb \$49.95

A History of Nepal

John WhelptonPb \$49.95

All well-written, concise and up-to-date, these are perfect for travellers wanting more information than offered by guidebooks or anyone wanting to learn more about these countries.

The Four Musketeers A True Story of D'Artagnan, Porthos, Aramis and Athos

Kari Maund
& Phil Nanson
Pb \$44.95

The famous Three Musketeers were actually based on historical figures – men from Gascony who were part of the elite Black Musketeer regiment in the reign of Louis XIII. During the 1640s, they witnessed some of the most dramatic moments of the century, as favourites vied for the support of the dying king. Sometimes fiction just can't beat a good true story! *Lindy*



Discovering the Great South Land

Byron Heath
Tp \$29.95

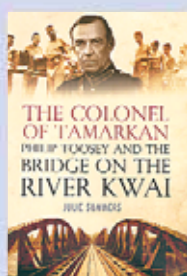
Explains how the navigational problems of Australia's huge coastline were conquered by ships that were at the cutting-edge of technology for their time. The story covers the period from antiquity until the arrival of Britain's First Fleet at Botany Bay in 1788 and highlights the rapid improvement of ship construction after the European Renaissance.



Where gift ideas grow!



The Colonel of Tamarkan



Julie Summers
Tp \$29.95

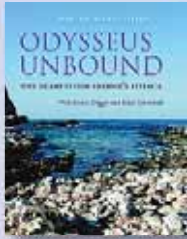
Most people know the famous movie and its Hollywood-coloured account of the Thai-Burma railway, but this compelling book reveals the real man and the real bridge. Philip Toosey refused to leave Singapore before its fall and he accompanied his men into captivity. He survived the horrors of the Japanese POW camps, showing leadership and courage in extreme conditions. The story of a decent man suffering inhumane times, who never allowed his circumstances to make him less than civilised. *Lindy*

Seeking the Sydney

Glenys McDonald
Hb \$54.95

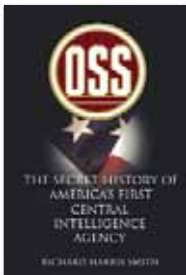
The wartime loss of *HMAS Sydney* with all hands on board remains one of the greatest riddles of modern maritime history, one that has teased authorities, naval experts and researchers for more than 60 years. This is a detailed account of how Glenys McDonald's chance brush with the past turned to obsession and how she took on an entrenched establishment in a bid to help families of the 645 lost sailors win closure. Her struggle to piece together a labyrinth of facts, theories and, in many cases, false trails makes for compelling reading in this densely woven account.





Odysseus Unbound
The Search for Homer's Ithaca
 Robert Bittlestone
 Hb \$75

Where is the Ithaca described in such detail in Homer's *The Odyssey*? The mystery has baffled scholars for over two millennia, particularly because Homer's descriptions bear little resemblance to the modern island called Ithaca. This well illustrated book tells the extraordinary story of the exciting recent discovery of the true location of Homer's Ithaca by following a detective trail of literary, geological and archaeological clues. The pages of *The Odyssey* come alive as we follow events through a landscape that opens up before our eyes via glorious colour photographs and 3D satellite images.



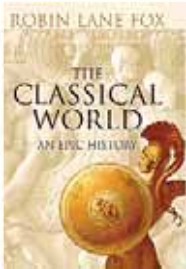
OSS
 Richard Harris Smith
 Pb \$34.95

In the months before WWII, Roosevelt prepared the country for conflict with Germany and Japan by reshuffling various government agencies to create the Office of Strategic Services – America's first intelligence agency and the direct precursor to the CIA. When he charged successful Wall Street lawyer William 'Wild Bill' Donovan to head up the office, the die was set for some of the most fantastic and fascinating operations the US government has ever conducted.

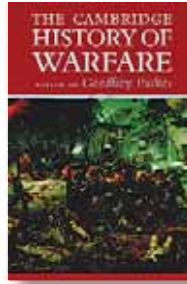
The Classical World An Epic History

Robin Lane Fox
 Hb \$59.95

This is a lively introduction to the development of classical civilisation from its origins in the 9th century BCE to the apex of the Roman Empire, including a riveting exploration of evolving views of luxury, justice and freedom. The broad sweep of ancient history, its appeal and significance, is brought to life with characteristic excellence from Mr Lane Fox. Due December *Cara*



The Cambridge History of Warfare



Geoffrey Parker
 Pb \$49.95

This detailed account of war in the West from antiquity to the present day is unique because of its controversial thesis: that war in Western societies has followed a singular path leading to Western dominance of the globe. From the Greek victory at Marathon to the Gulf War, it places in context the key events in the history of armed engagement. Readable and authoritative.

Due December

The Curious Cures of Old England



Nigel Cawthorne
 Hb \$29.95

The history of medicine in Britain is full of the most bizarre cures for all manner of ailments, from the plague to the pox. A 16th century cure for dizziness was: "Take a young swallow from her nest when the crescent moon is in Virgo; cut off the head and let the blood run into a vessel containing frankincense; then give it to the patient when the moon is waning..." But amidst all the eccentric and sometimes lethal treatments, there were some that, incredibly, seemed to work, forming the basis of many medicines we know today.

The Naming of Names The Search for Order in the World of Plants



Anna Pavord
 Hb \$79.95

Man has long tried to impose order on the natural world. It was particularly important to accurately identify plants when they were used for medicinal extracts. From Athens in the third century BCE (when Theophrastus asked how we can sort and order plants) through to Constantinople, Venice, the medical school at Salerno, the universities of Pisa and Padua, then on to 18th century Sweden, this book takes in Islamic culture, expeditions into the New World and the Indies, and even today's biological debates. Beautifully illustrated. Due December

Treasures of the Andes The Glories of Inca and Pre-Columbian South America

Jeffrey Quilter
 Hb \$59.95

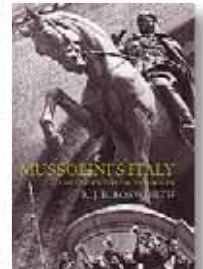
A richly illustrated book that places in context the various traditions of metalwork, ceramics, architecture and textiles, providing a detailed commentary on the underlying symbolism and beliefs of the peoples of both coast and mountains. An excellent introduction or reference to the art and culture of these important civilisations. *Lindy*



Mussolini's Italy

R J B Bosworth
 Hb \$59.95

Mussolini was Hitler's model for fascist, totalitarian rule, since terror tactics and intimidation had become the norm in Italy long before Hitler introduced them to Germany. Bitter and broke after WWI, Mussolini's Italy destroyed all potential for a peaceful future. This is an excellent follow-up to Bosworth's *Mussolini* (Pb \$32.95) and expands our understanding of Fascist Italy and the devastating result that was WWII. *Cara*



The Great Peking to Paris Expedition

Warren Brown & Lang Kidby
 Hb \$55

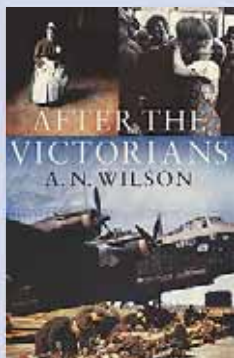
In 1907, a challenge went out: who could take a car from Peking to Paris? Considering there were no roads for much of the route, few maps and the fact that automobiles were still novelty items owned by the extremely wealthy, this amazing contest proved cars could go almost anywhere. Nearly 100 years later, some intrepid – or foolhardy – travellers set out to recreate the route. This is the story of both trips. *Lindy*



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After the Victorians



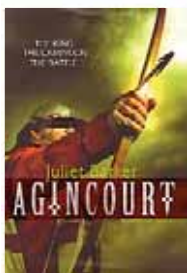
A N
Wilson
Hb \$79.95



In the reign of Edward VII, Great Britain commanded the mightiest empire the world had ever seen. Yet by the time of Elizabeth II's coronation, Britain had emerged victorious from a world war, but ruined as a world power, and thus the challenges of the 1930s and the drama of WWII dominate the central story. Wilson's gift is never more evident than in this vividly drawn portrait of the age, detailing the extraordinary advance of science and technology, the changes in fashion, art, music and literature, the rise of feminism and the changes in the class system. A worthy successor to his previous volume, *The Victorians* (Pb \$29.95). *Cara*

Agincourt

The King, the Campaign, the Battle



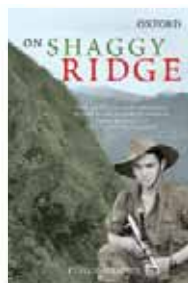
Juliet Barker
Hb \$55

Four hours after it had begun, the Battle of Agincourt had been comprehensively won by the English. It was such an overwhelming and unexpected victory that contemporaries could only

ascribe it to God, although it seems likely that for Henry V it was the culmination of a well-planned campaign, preceded by years of meticulous preparation. Divided into three parts, the first deals with the countdown to war as Henry exploited internal divisions in France and set about readying England, planning for war while talking of peace. The second part details the campaign itself, while the third looks at its impact on the English, the wider historical consequences and the literature it spawned over the last 600 years. Barker's intent was to create a balanced view of the times and the battle, and she has succeeded admirably. *Cara* Due December

On Shaggy Ridge

Phillip Bradley
Tp \$29.95

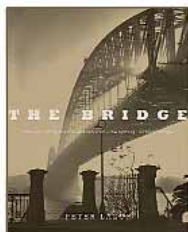


The dramatic, but little known, story of the 1943-44 Ramu Valley campaign in New Guinea follows the Australian 7th Division from the pivotal battle at Kaiapit to the final assault on Shaggy Ridge against fiercely determined Japanese defenders. Written from the soldier's viewpoint, it takes us on an unforgettable journey to the front line.

The Bridge

The Epic Story of an Australian Icon – The Sydney Harbour Bridge

Peter Lalor
Hb \$49.95



The Harbour Bridge has long been synonymous with Sydney. When it finally opened in 1932 (and the opening is a story in itself!), it had taken eight years to complete and cost millions of pounds and a number of workers' lives. This book is a hugely enjoyable history of both the structure itself and the many people involved in creating this engineering marvel. Excellent illustrations. *Lindy*

Also Recommended...

Long Summer

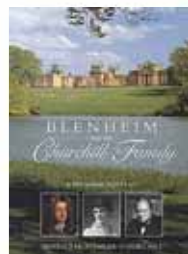
How Climate Changed Civilization
Brian FaganPb \$29.95

Zulu

Saul DavidPb \$26.95

Blenheim and the Churchill Family

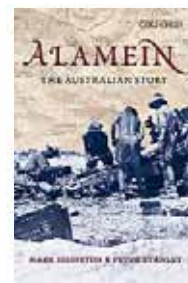
Henrietta
Spencer-Churchill
Hb \$80



One of the finest examples of English Baroque architecture, Blenheim Palace is a most magnificent house – lavishly furnished and the only palace in England still used as a family home. Written by the daughter of the 11th Duke of Marlborough, this gorgeously illustrated book (with over 150 colour photographs) is full of anecdote and intrigue, drawing upon family archives and giving the inside story of preceding generations, each of which left their imprint upon Blenheim.

Alamein

Mark Johnston
& Peter Stanley
Tp \$29.95



The story of the extraordinarily modest men of the celebrated 9th Division of the Australian Army in the crucial battles around El Alamein in 1942 has never been adequately told...until now. A remarkable history.

Francis De Groot

Andrew Moore
Hb \$39.95



Saturday 19 March 1932 was a big day for the people of Sydney. The opening of the Sydney Harbour Bridge was meant to be a festive occasion, but the coppers thought the right wing New Guard might try to kidnap the premier and stage a coup d'etat. Into the melee rode Captain De Groot, who slashed the ribbon with his sword before Premier Lang could blink, and declared the bridge open "in the name of the decent and respectable people of New South Wales". This first ever biography about the fellow who nearly brought NSW to the brink of civil war heralds not so much this troublemaker's defiance, but his considerable contribution to the cultural life of his adopted country. Well worth a look. *Shelley*

History on Trial

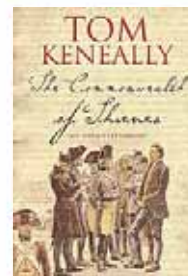
My Day in Court with David Irving
Deborah LipstadtHb \$45.00

Armageddon

Battle for Germany 1944-45
Max HastingsPb \$25.00

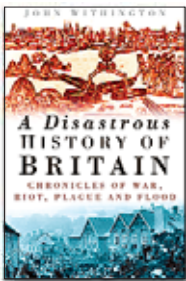
The Commonwealth of Thieves

The Sydney Experiment
Tom Kenally
Hb \$49.95



Anglo-Australia's origin as a penal settlement could have ended in a stew of murder, rebellion and starvation. That it not only survived, but flourished into a sophisticated, modern society, is the basis for this gripping and vividly drawn recreation of the first four years of 'the Sydney experiment'. *Cara*





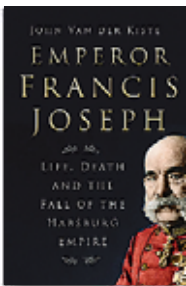
A Disastrous History of Britain

John Withington
Hb \$49.95

Admit it – history is so much more interesting when you get to read about the awful things!

Invasions, battles, rebellion and civil unrest, storms, floods and other natural tempests, plagues and outbreaks of disease, and disasters involving ships and trains – all this and a bit more awaits you in this wickedly entertaining book! *Lindy*

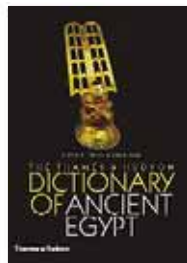
Emperor Francis Joseph



John Van Der Kiste
Hb \$49.95

In 1848, Francis Joseph became King of Hungary and Emperor of Austria. He reigned for the next 68 years, the longest reign of any modern European monarch. Written in an assured and flowing style

by an historian who has made a speciality of the European monarchy, this concentrates on Francis Joseph and his family during the turbulent events of the 19th century. *Lindy*



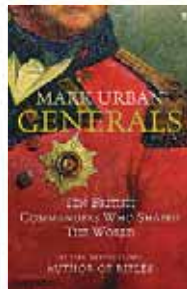
Dictionary of Ancient Egypt

Toby Wilkinson
Hb \$75

Thames and Hudson have produced the most extensive illustrated single-volume dictionary of

ancient Egypt, covering kings and dynasties, gods and goddesses, temples and tombs, and all the major archaeological sites in Egypt and the Sudan. Beautifully presented with superb illustrations, this is invaluable for anyone seeking to understand the history and culture of this great civilisation. *Kath*

Generals



Mark Urban
Hb \$49.95

Here are the stories of ten British generals, whether flawed or brilliant.

Wellington, Kitchener and Montgomery are well known and revered, but

there was one general whose incompetence led to the United States becoming political reality, and another whose ideas led to the Blitzkrieg. Each general had to work with Parliament, sometimes to their detriment, often to their frustration, but sometimes to their ultimate success. *Lindy*

Due December



Persian Fire The First World Empire and the Battle for the West

Tom Holland
Hb \$49.95

In a surprising parallel between the ancient world and our own, Holland's latest book describes the first 'clash of Empires' between East and West. Xerxes, King of Persia, led an invasion of mainland Greece in 480 BCE, which should have been an easy victory for a Persian Empire that swept across the Near East, shattering ancient kingdoms, storming famous cities and creating a sphere of influence stretching from India to the shores of the Aegean. They lost, however, and Xerxes spat the dummy. Riveting stuff! *Cara*

Also Recommended...

Atilla

A Barbarian King
and the Fall of Rome

John Man.....Tp \$39.95

Cardinal's Hat

Money, Ambition & Housekeeping
in a Renaissance Court

Mary HollingsworthPb \$26.95

Exploring the World of the Celts



Simon James
Pb \$39.95

Command of the Ocean

A Naval History of Britain 1649-1815
N A M RodgerPb \$35.00

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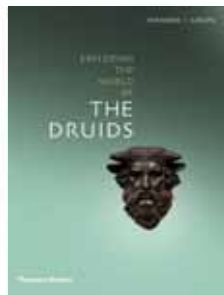
A Year in the Life of Shakespeare

James Shapiro Hb \$49.95

Terry Jones' Medieval Lives

Terry Jones.....Pb \$19.95

Exploring the World of the Druids



Miranda Green
Pb \$39.95

Now available in paperback, these two brilliantly illustrated guides chart Celtic history and culture, and Druidic myth and belief. James looks at the Celtic way of life in a timeline chronicling the history of the Celts from the 7th century BCE to the Celtic Renaissance in post-Roman times, with separate chapters devoted to their superb craftsmanship, their wars and their gods. In Green's exploration of the ancient Druids, firsthand accounts from classical writings are teamed with beautiful illustrations. Now at a more affordable price, these guides are perfect for lovers of history and mythology. *Kath*

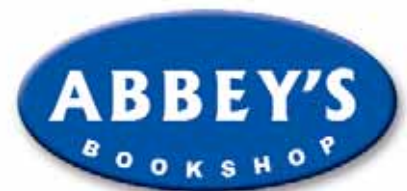
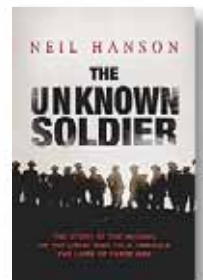
The Unknown Soldier

Neil Hanson
Tp \$35

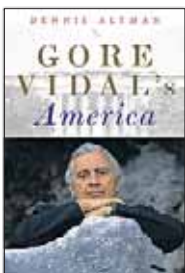
From recruitment to the appalling reality of trench warfare, followed by their deaths and unrecovered bodies, this is the story of three soldiers – one British, one American, one German – and how the grave of the unknown soldier and the ritual of Remembrance Day came into being. Reverend David Railton joined Prime Minister Lloyd George to create a symbolic burial of one Unknown Soldier, so that all who had lost brothers, sons and fathers could mourn at the grave in the hope that the Unknown Soldier was their own beloved.

Cara

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Gore Vidal's America



Dennis Altman
Tp \$41.95

Gore Vidal is one of the most significant American writers to emerge since the middle of the 20th century. Altman examines how Vidal's writings on history, politics, sex and religion throw into focus

our understanding of the United States. He also recognises Vidal's versatility and inventiveness as a creative writer on subjects ranging from his early defence of homosexuality in *The City and the Pillar* (1948) to his most recent writings on the war in Iraq. A unique perspective on the evolution of post-WWII American society, politics and literature.

Gunpowder Plots

A Celebration of 400 Years of British Carelessness with Explosives



Brenda Buchanan
Hb \$35

400 years ago this November, the attempt by Guy Fawkes and his fellow conspirators to destroy the entire British ruling class and royal family in a single, annihilating blast came close to success.

Drawing on the expertise of many different writers to bring to life the immense implications of the Plot and the strange way it has echoed down the years, this is a wonderful history of fireworks in Britain. *Cara*



Khartoum
Michael Asher
Hb \$49.95

After the massacre of the 11,000-strong Hicks Pasha column in the Sudan in 1883, British hero General Gordon was to evacuate the country, but was

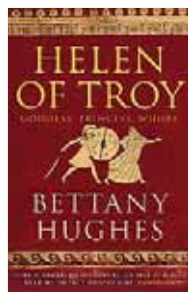
instead comprehensively out-manoeuvred and killed in Khartoum by the Mahdi's army. The relief mission arrived too late, resulting in the fall of Gladstone's government. It was 12 long years before the British reprisal, led by Herbert Kitchener, at Omdurman in 1898, defining the relations that remain in place today between Africa, the Arab world and the West. Riveting! *Cara*

Helen of Troy

Goddess, Princess, Whore

Bettany Hughes
Hb \$59.95

Using a prodigious combination of imagination and scholarly research, Hughes tracks the life – from birth to death – of Helen of Troy, an aristocrat of the late Bronze Age (1600-1050 BCE). It is a tale encompassing narrative, enquiry, analysis, myth and academic observation through time and space, illuminating all possible Helens. *Cara*

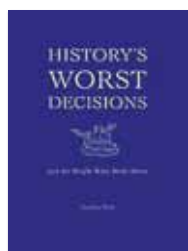


History's Worst Decisions

And the People Who Made Them

Stephen Weir
Hb \$34.95

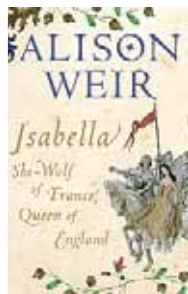
This is a cleverly written, case-by-case study of the major blunders caused by our fearless leaders throughout history. Each event and decision-maker is examined and represented as a consequence of succumbing to one (or more) of the seven deadly sins. A great gift idea for history trivia buffs or for those who just enjoy reading about other people's mistakes. *Kath*



Isabella

Alison Weir
Hb \$65

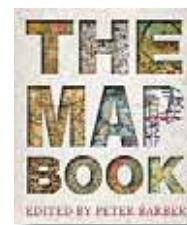
What condemned Isabella and set her apart was her sexual transgression: adultery. Although she unshackled England from a weak and vicious monarch, and helped put a strong king – her lover, Roger Mortimer – on the throne, it is for her unfaithfulness that she is best remembered. That and the accusations of murder and regicide! Commonly told stories paint a picture of a tormented, cruel and evil woman. Edward II's queen – one of the most notorious femme fatales in history – had an astonishingly colourful life and Weir's biography more than does her justice. *Cara*



The Map Book

Peter Barber (ed)
Hb \$69.95

This is one of the most beautiful books you will see this season! Arranged chronologically, it illustrates the changing perception of our surroundings, physically and politically. Using 175 colour illustrations, from the first known map and Roman examples to charts from the Age of Discovery and European maps of the Himalayas, this is a history of the world in images from every epoch. *Lindy*



Due December

The Wreck of the Batavia

Simon Leys
Hb \$29.95

When the *Batavia* – the pride of the Dutch East India Company – was wrecked in 1629 on the edge of a coral archipelago, some 50 miles west of Australia, nearly 300 men, women and children escaped drowning... only to become victims of a psychopath's bloody massacre. Acclaimed author Simon Leys details his adventure to the site of the massacre, which was all the more aberrant considering the archipelago's terrain was survivor-friendly. This remarkable tale is accompanied by Leys's elegiac essay, *Prosper*. *Shelley*

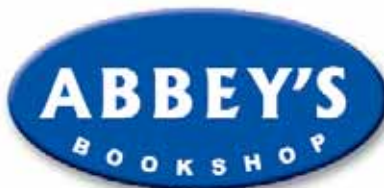


The Uncrowned Kings of England

The Black Legend of the Dudleys

Derek Wilson
Pb \$21.95

The Dudleys were scheming, ruthless, charming, talented and at the centre of the Tudor court. Edmund established the Tudor finances. John was a successful military man who got the Royal Navy started (and tried to put Jane Grey on the throne). Robert nearly married Elizabeth, while his son Robert was an audacious adventurer who for his pains got banished by James I. A fabulous read about an amazing family! *Lindy*



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Race and the Third Reich



Christopher Hutton
Tp \$65.95

Hutton identifies the central figures involved in the study of race during the Nazi regime. Although commonly associated with the idea of a superior 'Aryan race', Nazi race theorists – without

exception – denied the existence of an Aryan race. After 1935, official publications stressed that the term 'Aryan' belonged to linguistics and was not a racial category at all. But racial anthropologists played a key role in the crimes of the Nazi state by defining Jews and others as racial outsiders to be excluded at all costs.

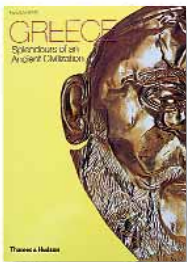
Splendours of an Ancient Civilization

Greece

Furio DurandoHb \$39.95

Rome

Anna Maria Liberati & Fabio BourbonHb \$39.95



You may remember these titles from 2002 when they were large paperbacks priced at \$70. Thames and Hudson have now reissued them as smaller hardbacks at a more reasonable price, not to mention the fact they now fit on your bookshelf! Celebrating the glories of ancient Greece and Rome with lavish illustrations, maps and reconstructions, rediscover two of the most important and influential periods of history. *Kath*



To the Ends of the Earth

Hb \$59.95

Drawing on the rich collection of maps, documents and photographs of the Royal Geographical

Society, this is a testament to the passion and enthusiasm of explorers from the early 19th century to the educators and scientists of today's Society, presenting fresh accounts of people such as David Livingstone, Gertrude Bell, Captain Scott and Isabella Bird Bishop. Including over 300 fabulous photographs, this is a stunningly beautiful celebration of the Society's 175 years.

Due December

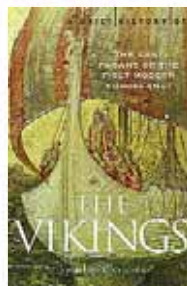


The Seventy Great Battles of All Time

Jeremy Black (ed)
Hb \$75

Here is a great book for lovers of military history! 26 military historians

reveal the decisive conflicts that have shaped our world history. From the 5th century BCE to the present, this guide covers the greatest land battles, sieges (such as Constantinople) and conflicts in the air and sea (including the Battle of Britain). With beautiful illustrations, photographs, maps and reconstructions, this is a brilliant new addition to the *Seventy* series. *Kath*



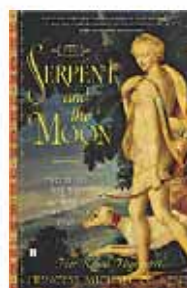
The Vikings

Jonathan Clements
Pb \$24.95

This excellent book places the Scandinavian migrations in a broader historical context. Between 700 and 1000 CE, the Vikings left Scandinavia to

trade, raid and invade European coasts. Their expeditions extended from Newfoundland to Baghdad. But were they great seafarers or desperate outcasts, noble heathens or oafish pirates, the last pagans or the first modern Europeans? Drawing on medieval chronicles, Norse sagas and Muslim accounts, and using modern research such as genetic profiling and climatology studies, this fine history includes biographical sketches of some of the more infamous Vikings. After reading this book, you will want to visit the Vikings exhibition at the National Maritime Museum (30 Nov – 18 Jun). *Lindy*

The Serpent and the Moon Two Rivals for the Love of a Renaissance King



Princess Michael of Kent
Pb \$26.95

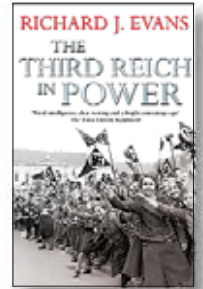
Catherine de Medici, Diane de Poitiers and Henri, second son of Francois I of France – each a fascinating character, even without considering their relationships to each

other. This is a book full of colour and meticulous detail, bringing to full and glittering life the French Renaissance court, its intrigues and concerns, and most especially the two women – total opposites – who maintained a polite friendship as long as Henri lived. A riveting historical narrative, entertaining and informative. *Lindy*

The Third Reich in Power

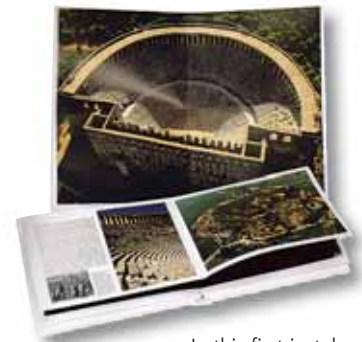
Richard Evans
Hb \$69.95

Following on from *The Coming of the Third Reich* (Pb \$26.95), this is the second volume in a planned trilogy on the origins, rise and fall of Nazism. Combining brilliant narrative, description and analysis of the changing situation in Germany from 1933 to 1939, Evans explains with deceptive clarity how the Nazis' headlong rush to war contained the seeds of the Third Reich's eventual destruction. *Cara* Due Dec



Great Monuments of the Ancient World

Henri Stierlan & Bertrand Lemoine
Hb \$60



In this first instalment in a new series from Thames and Hudson called *Unfolding History*, we are treated to aerial photographs of 29 of the world's greatest ancient sites, from Angkor to Ur. Some photographs can even be folded out, while the accompanying text provides details of site construction and history. An excellent gift idea for ancient history or travel buffs. *Kath*

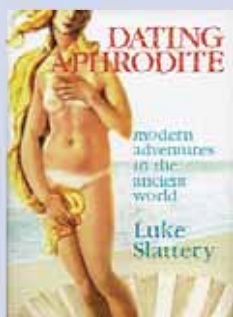
The Siege of Venice

Jonathan Keates
Hb \$59.95

Declaring herself a republic in 1848 – when the whole of Europe was convulsed by revolution – Venice was blockaded by Austria from March 1848 to August 1849. Food was scarce and cholera was rife. The cause was doomed, since without foreign help, the sad, if glorious, end was inevitable. Keates tells this story in intimate detail, setting it in the wider context of Italy's struggle for independence, full of drama and outrageous characters. *Cara*



Dating Aphrodite



Luke Slattery
Hb \$32.95

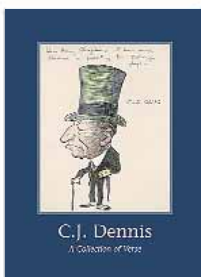
This refreshing book explains why the contemporary world still needs the classical.

A series of essays evokes the idea of a journey home to origins, exploring the messiness of the ancient world while avoiding the false allure of nostalgic romanticism, showing different ways to view antiquity. A blend of travel narrative, history, reflection and even fantasy, Slattery makes a sophisticated case for the quirky contemporaneity of the Classical world.

Lindy

A Collection of Verse

C J Dennis
Pb \$24.95



Arguably Australia's best-loved rhyme-maker, this 'Laureate of the Larrikin' achieved fame as the author of *Songs of the Sentimental Bloke*, first published in 1915. Laugh your way through the hi-jinks of 15 of his poems, including *The Bloke*, *Ginger Mick* and *Doreen* and *Digger Smith*. Delightfully illustrated with images from the National Library's outstanding Manuscript Collection.

British Tradition and Interior Design

Claudia Piras & Bernhard Roetzel
Hb \$59.95



This gorgeous book offers a glimpse into

other people's houses, both city and country, into drawing rooms and conservatories, sculleries and gardens. It also includes all sorts of interesting snippets, from how an armchair is constructed to a history of Wedgwood. A sumptuous treat for the stickybeak, interior designer and occasional historian! Outstanding value too. Lindy



Classics Books for Life

Jane Gleeson-White
Hb \$34.95

Here is a beautiful book on why the greatest works of literature matter and what they can give us today. Includes lists of the favourite classics of many contemporary authors. Cara



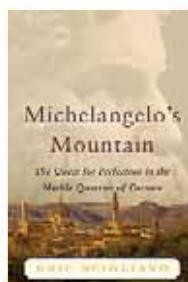
Jeffrey Smart

Barry Pearce
Hb \$120

Jeffrey Smart is one of the best known Australian artists and this glorious book celebrates his work, from his earliest paintings done in Adelaide up to last year. Over 160 full-colour plates, plus drawings and photographs, complement the extensive text (written by the Head Curator of Australian Art at AGNSW), giving an insight into both the man and his work. A truly magnificent book, perhaps the closest most of us will come to owning a Smart! Lindy

Michelangelo's Mountain

Eric Scigliano
Hb \$39.95

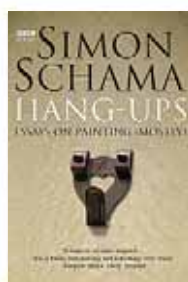


The marble of Carrara possesses unique qualities, including an ability to mimic the vitality of flesh when in the hands of a master sculptor. Michelangelo was obsessed with this beautiful material and went to fantastic lengths to source the perfect pieces he required – before his rivals could. Science, folklore, history and art come together in a satisfying whole.

Lindy

Hang-ups

Simon Schama
Pb \$29.95



Here is a wonderful selection of writing on art from one of Britain's pre-eminent art historians. It is divided into sections covering Dutch, English, Modern and Contemporary painting, as well as photography, sculpture, installations and exhibitions. There is only a small selection of photographs illustrating artworks with which you may be unfamiliar, and yet the level of detail and the passion that Schama brings to this collection is of such high quality that you feel you know the works intimately by the time you finish each essay. Cara



The Ode Less Travelled Unlocking the Poet Within

Stephen Fry
Hb \$35

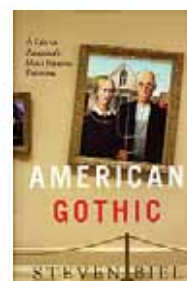
The inimitable Mr Fry provides a witty and entertaining guide to the mysteries of the Poet's Art. The aim is to enable anybody to write poetry (is this altogether wise, I wonder?), covering the full spectrum of various poetic forms, structures and techniques. Fascinating! Cara



The Root of Wild Madder Chasing the History, Mystery and Lore of the Persian Carpet

Brian Murphy
Hb \$39.95

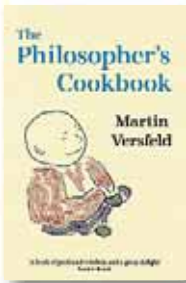
Every Persian carpet has a story to tell; the colours, patterns and designs signify age-old meanings from an area long plagued with instability. The author journeys extensively, speaking to people involved in the weaving, folklore and selling of carpets. This is a guide to the poetry contained within the physical form, but also a practical guide, informative and enlightening. The writing is every bit as magical as the carpets it celebrates! Lindy



American Gothic

Steven Beil
Hb \$33.95

This is the story of America's most often parodied painting. For 75 years, the relationship of American culture with itself has evolved as a strange and sometimes strained reflection of this complex portrait of the grim-faced farmer and his thin-lipped, unhappy wife or daughter. Beil's energetic prose and sparkling wit shows how a single object can transform and illuminate a sense of self and place across time and borders. Marvellous! Cara



The Philosopher's Cookbook

Martin Versfeld
Hb \$29.95

If you think this book might help you make that perfect dish, think again! Versfeld, a former Professor of Philosophy, is far more interested in the origin and process of cooking. How you think about what you're cooking and what you think about while you're cooking is most important, not necessarily the outcome. Precision in measurement and timing is missing the point; cooking is an art and should not be rushed or hurried. In making time to do something well, you give it the respect it deserves. *Kath*



The Accidental Foodie

Neale Whitaker
Hb \$59.95

Whitaker profiles 23 of the world's most respected food heroes including Jamie Oliver, Maggie Beer, Stephanie Alexander, Jill Dupleix and Bill Granger. Share in their insights and passions and enjoy their four favourite recipes. Stunning photographs! *Kath*



Balance Matching Food and Wine

Lyndey Milan & Colin Corney
Pb \$34.95

This is one of the most useful books you could give (or keep!) this season. The first part, written in an informative and non-pretentious style, explains basic principles and how flavours in food and wine match. The second part takes varietal wines, describing their characteristics and suggesting foods that complement the style, providing a neat summary and some workable recipes. Lovely photographs throughout add to the pleasure of referring to this book. *Lindy*



Champagne

Don & Petie Kladstrup
Pb \$29.95

Champagne, the region of France, has suffered more battles and invasions than most other places, so what a paradox that champagne, the drink, is the beverage of choice when celebrating good times and friendship! This book tells the stories of many characters – Dom Perignon, who didn't want bubbles; Claude Moet provisioning Versailles; Charles-Camille Heidsieck, who popularised it in America and got arrested as a spy; and the ordinary people who still managed to produce vintages during WWI. Santé! *Lindy*

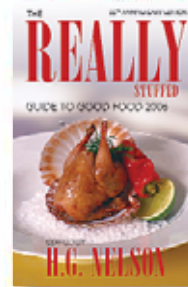
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The Food I Love Beautiful, Simple Food to Cook at Home

Neil Perry
Hb \$85.00

Neil Perry's favourite meal at home is an omelette, a salad and a glass of wine. Simple, delicious and easy to prepare. This philosophy is the backbone of Perry's home cooking manual, which contains more than 200 recipes. With straightforward advice on technique and food knowledge, this beautiful book is everything you need to cook with, learn from and enjoy. *Kath*



The Really Stuffed Guide to Good Food 2006

H G Nelson
Pb \$25

Following in the same vein as *Molvania* (\$27.95), which parodied travel guides, the naughty Mr H G Nelson has turned his talent to the restaurant industry. This comprehensive listing – from the counter lunches of your seedy local to the artistically sparse plates of high society cuisine – may offend your appetite, but you'll never go hungry again...



The Silver Spoon

Hb \$59.95

This work of enormous historical and gastronomic importance has finally been

translated into English after 50 years. First commissioned

by *Domus*, the legendary design and architectural magazine, cookery experts trawled Italy's gastronomic legacy and brought back hundreds of traditional recipes, preserving hundreds more that were in danger of being lost forever. With over 2,000 recipes, this is both practical and elegant. Buon appetito! *Cara*



Off Duty

David Nicholls
Hb \$49.95

What do those famous chefs eat at home after a session in front of the TV cameras or a hard day's work in their commercial kitchens, when they often don't want to be bothered cooking for themselves? These easy-to-prepare recipes let us in on the secrets of such luminaries as Jamie Oliver, Nigella Lawson, Rick Stein, Delia Smith and Alain Ducasse. *Lindy*

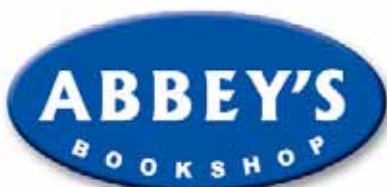


Twelve A Tuscan Cook Book

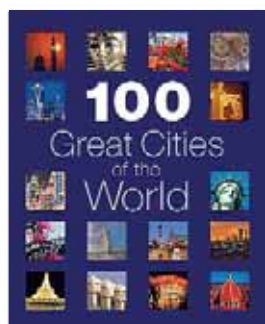
Tessa Kiros
Tp \$45

Divided into the months of the year, *Twelve* is about the food of Tuscany, seasonal cooking and the best of ingredients that we are lucky to be able to share here in Australia. This is another superb cookbook from the author of *Falling Cloudberries* (Hb \$65), a book that I use and love. Offering recipes and practical information on Italian cuisine and wine, this also provides insights into the traditional Tuscan way of eating and entertaining. *Kath*

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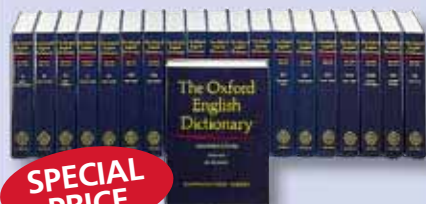


100 Great Cities of the World

A A Publishing
Hb \$39.95

A fascinating guide to 100 spectacular cities, from Delhi to Damascus, San Francisco to Sydney, Vancouver to Venice. Cities are listed alphabetically within four chapters: Europe, Asia, Africa and the Americas. Feature panels provide information on a well-known person, building, monument or festival, plus statistics, a city history and what it's like to live there now. Full of beautiful photographs, this is a tantalising invitation to travel and an essential family reference.

Oxford English Dictionary 2nd Edition



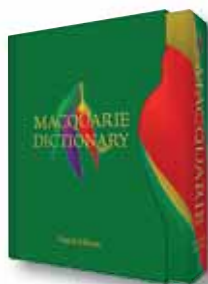
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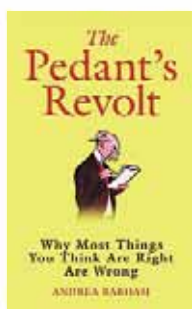
The Oxford Companion to Ships and the Sea



I C B Dear
& Peter Kemp
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The most comprehensive and authoritative reference book of its kind, this superb companion brings together more than 2,600 entries on every imaginable aspect of the seas and the vessels that sail on them, from shipbuilding, yachting, diving and marine mammals to tidal power, piracy and the literature and language of the sea. This second edition provides new material on topics that have recently come to prominence, such as oceanography and marine archaeology, plus new entries on climate change, environmental issues, pollution, pharmaceuticals and wildlife, and the Economic Exclusion Zone. Due December

The Pedant's Revolt

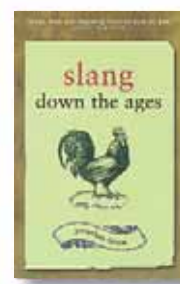


Andrea Barham
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The ultimate book to settle any pub argument, this will appeal to our modern passion for factual accuracy. Covering a wide range of diverse topics and presenting well-researched facts in a highly accessible and entertaining manner, this intriguing book sets the record straight by exposing common myths and fallacies that have become entrenched in everyday thought.

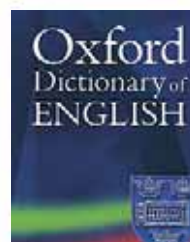
Slang Down the Ages

Jonathon Green
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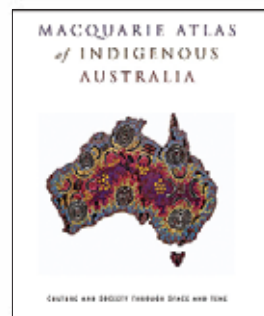
A reference book which is a lot of fun, this will have you marvelling over the ingenuity of the English language and its users.

Plenty of pages are devoted to the racier sides of life – all those marvellous terms for bits of the body not usually mentioned in polite company. Sex, drugs and money are also well represented. Thematically arranged, educational and endlessly amusing! *Lindy*



Oxford Dictionary of English
Hb \$120

This revised edition of the leading single-volume authority on the English language includes hundreds of brand new words and senses, as well as up-to-date encyclopaedic information and extensive appendices. As well as getting a superb dictionary, you also receive a free booklet, *Curious Words and Quirky Expressions*, containing lists of intriguing vocabulary. You also receive a free subscription to the online version until 31 January 2007, allowing you to search the full text of the dictionary whenever you go online.



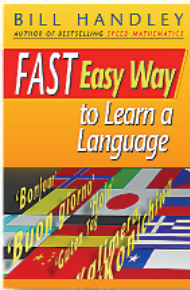
Macquarie Atlas of Indigenous Australia Culture and Society Through Space and Time

Hb \$80

This unique atlas opens a window onto the landscape of Australian Aboriginals and Torres Strait Islanders, from 60,000 years ago to the present. Each chapter has been compiled by experts and covers a wide range of aspects of indigenous life, including society, culture, economics, politics, environment, technology, land ownership and use, visual and performing arts, sport, education, health and place names. The maps are supplemented by text, diagrams and illustrations, including indigenous art.



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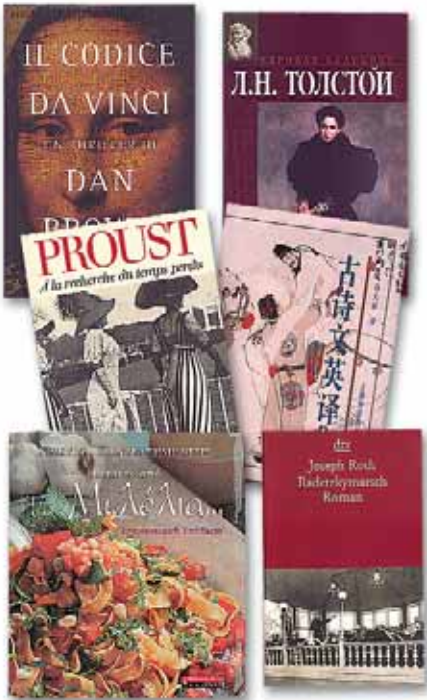


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Bill Handley
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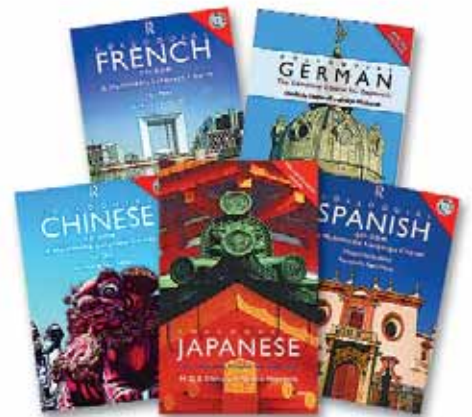
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Ranger's Apprentice The Icebound Land

John Flanagan
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What a fantastic follow-on from *The Ruins of Gorlan* and *The Burning Bridge* (both Pb \$14.95). Without giving the plot away, things are really hotting up for Evanlyn and Will, despite the frozen winter they are condemned to in Skandia. Horace learns that chivalry is observed differently when he finds himself in a foreign land, while a certain knight in Gallicia will rue the day he took on a Ranger. There are a few laughs along the way and now I'm counting the months until the release of *The Oakleaf Bearers*, the fourth book in this wonderfully imagined series for all ages. *Cara*

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This fantastic gift for lovers of Dahl has seven sections: Best Behaviour, Unlikely Creatures, Poisonous Possibilities, etc. It opens with traditional illustrations from Quentin Blake, followed by Dahl's classic tales and verse newly illustrated by Lauren Child, Satoshi Kitamura, David McKee and Geefwee Boedoe, to name but a few of the 26 wonderful artists involved. It's gorgeous and it's going fast! *Cara*



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Julie is a teenage survivor of brutal family violence. While her brother Toby finds solace in returning to the family farm, Julie's new-found love of surfing in Sydney enables her to find a path to happiness. This empowering novel for teenagers, parents, counsellors and teachers allows the issues of abuse and recovery to be understood from a young adult's perspective. Promising and hopeful. *Shelley*



Mimus

Lilli Thal
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Prince Florian is invited to the castle of his country's former enemy, only to be treacherously betrayed and apprenticed to the court jester. Mimus is sly, malevolent and cruelly intelligent, so can Florian trust him when he learns of a plot to free the captives? A fabulous book, written by a medievalist who brings the past to life while also telling a thrilling tale. *Lindy*



Little Book of Australian Children's Rhymes

Pb \$15.50

Children's folklore is an ancient tradition – one all cultures have adopted – providing localised rhymes, riddles and tales to inspire the social and intellectual development of children. While many rhymes originate in the playground, some of Australia's best-loved authors have written them for children with a peculiarly Australian slant. From C J Dennis to May Gibbs to Colin Thiele, this latest addition to the *Little Book* series is a treat for the young and the young-at-heart.



Why Do I Have to Eat Off the Floor?

Chris Hornsey & Gwyn Perkins
Hb \$24.95

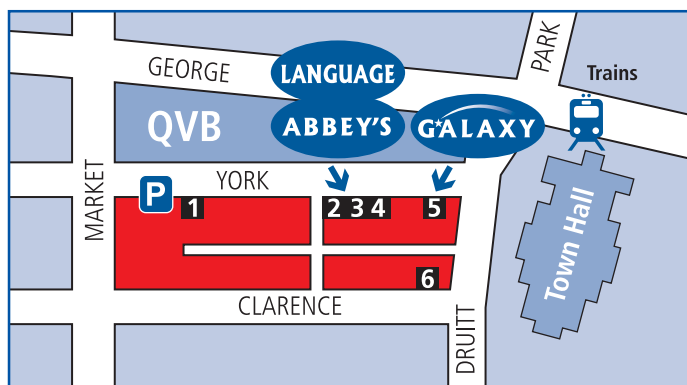
Every now and then, a children's picture book comes along that is so delightful, it shouldn't be confined to youngsters. This is one of those treasures! Murphy keeps asking questions that usually start with "why", just like any pre-schooler. The lovely twist here is that Murphy is a dog and he's asking his owner, a little girl. Witty illustrations and a charming text that begs to be read aloud. *Lindy*



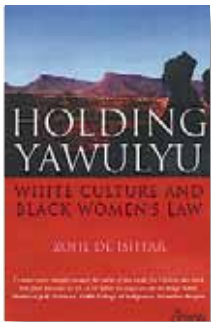
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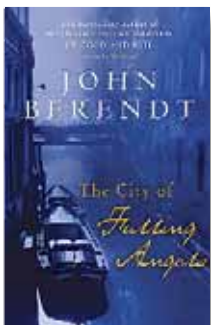


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Zohl de Ishtar
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From 1999 to 2001, Zohl de Ishtar lived and worked with a group of 13 women elders in the Great Sandy Desert to establish a vibrant inter-generational cultural knowledge transmission program. She experienced 'Living Culture' – the cultural energy created when individuals live their culture to the fullest extent, enabling them to transform their worlds. This book challenges White Australians to reconsider their relationship with Indigenous peoples. Due December

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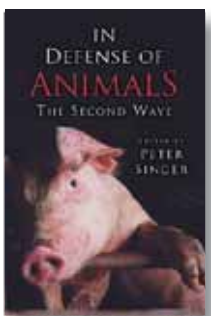


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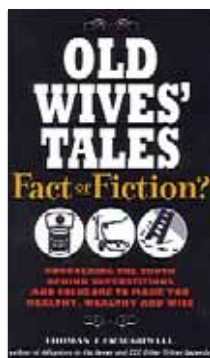


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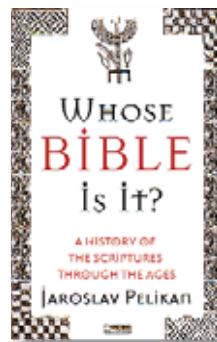
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