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Abbey's Christmas Selection 2003

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Welcome to Abbays' Christmas Selection.

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.

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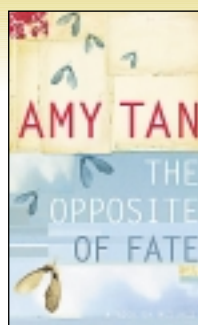
The Opposite of Fate

Amy TAN

A collection of non-fiction pieces from the acclaimed novelist, this is an extended meditation on fate and its effect on her life. Influential alternatives include choice, chance, luck, faith, forgiveness and philosophy. This book provides valuable insights into her life, her stories and her writing processes. Whether relating her family's secret histories, her traumatic but loving relationship with her mother, travels in China or in Stephen King's rock band, close encounters with the spirit world or the reason she has not been able to write these past few years, this is an absorbing and enjoyable book.

Lindy

HB \$35.00



Bond

Alan BOND
& Rob MUNDLE

We all think we know Alan Bond – larger than life, a flamboyant tycoon and a man who went from being Australia's bona fide hero for winning the America's Cup to a man brought down by corporate fraud. At his peak, his business interests included the mining of gold, nickel and diamonds, breweries, retailing, newspapers and television stations. He even started his own university. At his lowest, he was declared bankrupt and imprisoned. From his own perspective, finally, the real story behind Alan Bond and his rise and fall.

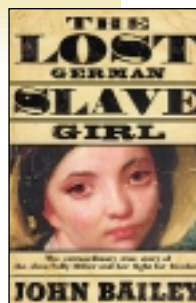
HB \$45.00



The Lost German Slave Girl

John BAILEY

In mid-19th century New Orleans, several German families attempted to prove that a black slave called Sally Miller was actually a free German called Salome Müller. More than simply an account of the legal proceedings surrounding this case,



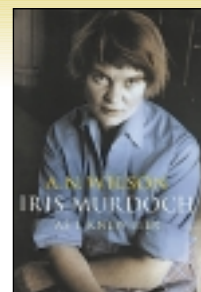
Iris Murdoch As I Knew Her

A N WILSON

Having known Iris Murdoch for 30 years, Wilson is uniquely placed to restore her reputation as a novelist, philosopher and woman of fierce intelligence. Deeply offended by the memoirs of Murdoch's husband – and the resulting film – which portrayed her as a pitiful victim of Alzheimer's, this controversial and insightful biography is written with love and respect. The anecdotes and intimate details of their friendship are finely drawn and it is difficult not to relish the asides and tangents that Wilson takes as he revisits the past, breathing wonderful life into this somewhat eccentric and unconventional woman.

Cara

HB \$59.95



Sir Keith Murdoch The War Correspondent Who Founded an Empire

Ronald YOUNGER

Founder of the Murdoch media empire, Keith Murdoch came from humble beginnings as the son of a Scottish minister. He began his journalistic career on a Melbourne newspaper and first made a name for himself when reporting on the withdrawal of troops from Gallipoli, after writing about the dreadful conditions and failure of the operation. A dedicated journalist and a remarkable entrepreneur, he was also passionate in his support of libraries and the visual arts. This portrait highlights the remarkable extent of his influence, revealing the true face of the man behind the empire.

DUE DECEMBER

HB \$49.95



Bailey has crafted a compelling read that explores American conceptions of slavery, both legal and social. The story also describes the economic conditions in Europe that led to the migration of families like the Müllers. Halfway between history and suspense, this is a fascinating, if occasionally discomforting, story of slavery in ante-bellum America.

Sarah

PB \$30.00

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Evolution's Captain

The Dark Fate of the Man Who Sailed Charles Darwin Around the World

Peter NICHOLS

Robert FitzRoy will be forever remembered as the young captain who invited the even younger Charles Darwin to accompany him on a five-year voyage in the 1830s. FitzRoy's involvement with Darwin is well-known, but there was much more to his life, as this very readable book shows. His brilliant survey work in South America, his interactions with the natives of Tierra del Fuego, his stint as governor of New Zealand and his work in weather forecasting – it's all here! The author, an experienced yachtsman, is particularly successful in describing the maritime parts of FitzRoy's life.

Dave

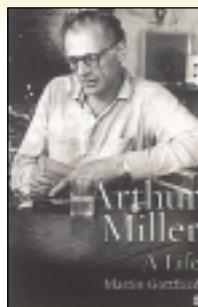
PB \$29.95



Arthur Miller: A Life

Martin GOTTFRIED

Arthur Miller has delivered powerful drama to the stage for decades with masterpieces such as **Death of a Salesman** (Pb \$16.95). Yet, remarkably, the full story of his extraordinary life has been shrouded from public view. To achieve this groundbreaking portrait, the award-winning drama critic and biographer masterfully draws on private and professional interviews throughout Miller's life, his voluminous lifelong correspondence, and annotated scripts and notebooks that reveal his creative process in stunning detail. From political and social activism on the world stage to an extraordinary professional vitality – even as he turned 88 in October 2003 – here is a literary event of the first order.



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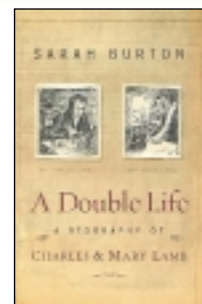
A Double Life

A Biography of Charles and Mary Lamb

Sarah BURTON

They were part of London's famous literary network in the early 19th century, but they were also siblings tied together by a horrific event. In September 1796, Mary killed her mother with a carving knife. Charles, 21 at the time, took it upon himself to care for her as she swung between sanity and madness. Meanwhile, Charles also suffered from severe depression and alcoholism, and had to admit himself to the Hoxton madhouse. This account visits London's darker corners, where poverty stalked rented rooms and madhouses concealed terrible abuse, creating the mulch for growing the literary geniuses you will meet in this book.

HB \$45.00



Oscar Wilde

A Life in Letters

Merlin HOLLAND

Wilde's conversation is lost and his autobiography unwritten, but his letters reveal him at his spontaneous, sparkling best. Fluent in style, they bear that most familiar of Wildean hallmarks – the lightest of touches for the most serious of subjects. When disgrace and imprisonment followed his short period of fame and success in the early 1890s,



(when he corresponded with many leading political, literary and artistic celebrities), even in adversity his humour did not desert him. Holland has compiled the most revealing letters, a helpful commentary and some previously unpublished photographs, which together form the closest thing we have to Wilde's own memoir.

HB \$63.95

Mortification

Writers' Stories of their Public Shame

Robin ROBERTSON

There is something about the conjunction of high-mindedness and low income that is inherently comic; something about the very idea of deeply private thoughts – carefully worked and honed into art over the years – being presented to a public audience of dubious strangers, that strays perilously close to tragedy. Here, in over 80 contributions, are stories about the audience, the fellow readers, the organiser, the venue, the 'hospitality' or the often-interminable journey there and back. Includes tales from Margaret Atwood, Julian Barnes, Louis de Bernieres, Margaret Drabble, Roddy Doyle, Kazuo Ishiguro, Norman Mailer, Colm Toibin and James Wood.

HB \$39.95



Olive Weston

The Heroic Life of a World War II Nurse

Peter FENTON

Her husband called her "the bloody Australian rebel", but the rest of the nation knew her as a heroine. The moment that war was declared in the Pacific, Olive Weston lied about her age to get into the US Army. With deep



devotion and gentle intelligence, Fenton follows her experiences as a nurse (trained in tropical maladies) and as a mother (to her intellectually challenged son), taking us on an incredible journey through the life of a compassionate, utterly selfless woman who dedicated her years to the handicapped. This biography both educates and inspires.

Diana

PB \$29.95

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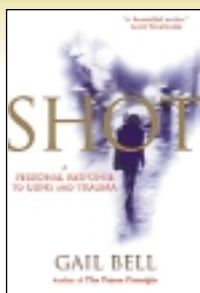
Shot: A Personal Response to Guns and Trauma

Gail BELL

At the tender age of 17, Gail Bell's life was marked so deeply by an event that it would take 35 years for her to be able to finally set it down in print. This book is a remarkable and moving exploration of the physical and psychological anguish of gun violence. Bell takes us through her own story of being shot, to the stories of victims of the Port Arthur massacre and a study of gun culture in general, to some very engaging existential ideas about trauma and the individual. Although not your typical Yuletide fare, this is truly from the heart.

Maryann

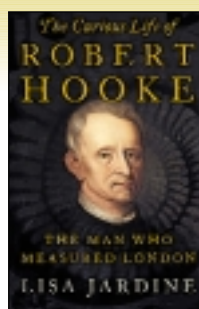
PB \$28.00



The Curious Life of Robert Hooke The Man Who Measured London

Lisa JARDINE

A brilliant, but largely forgotten, figure of the 17th century cultural and scientific revolutions, Hooke was an engineer, surveyor and scientist who became London's Chief Surveyor after the Great Fire. He worked tirelessly with Sir Christopher Wren to rebuild London throughout the 1670s, personally creating some notable public and private buildings. A dandy, a workaholic and an inveterate socialiser, he was a celebrity and an enthusiastic daily imbibor of the designer drugs of the time: coffee, tea, chocolate, tobacco, cannabis and opium. Unfortunately, after violent rows with Isaac Newton, his name was virtually wiped from the records. This book brings him back to life.



HB \$75.00

The Cruise of the Janet Nichol Among the South Sea Islands A Diary by Mrs Robert Louis Stevenson

Roslyn JOLLY (editor)

In April 1890, a steamer set off from Sydney for a three-month Pacific trading voyage. Aboard were seven white men, 40 islanders and one woman: a short-haired, barefoot, cigarette-smoking American, Fanny Van de Grift Stevenson. Her spirited personality led her into scenes and situations that few European women experienced. Her diary and its photographs offer unique glimpses into life in some of the last independent Pacific kingdoms. This extraordinary travel book is the story of an unconventional woman, her unusual marriage and her adventurous journey through a rapidly changing world. A must read!

HB \$34.95



Goya

Robert HUGHES

Hughes first encountered Goya's work while studying in Australia and this introduction forms the starting point of a journey through the artist's life in 18th century Spain. Hughes charts Goya's entire career, describing his painted and graphic oeuvre within its historical context. Particular attention is paid to Goya's patrons; his favourite themes; his criticism of the Catholic Church and encounters with the Inquisition; his fierce anti-war philosophy; and his reputation amid his contemporaries. What emerges is a picture of an artist fully committed to documenting his times with an unflinching eye for truth and injustice.

HB \$69.95



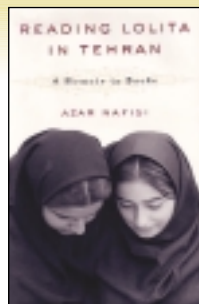
Reading Lolita in Tehran

A Memoir in Books

Azar NAFISI

After resigning as a professor at a Tehran university due to the repressive policies, Azar Nafisi invited seven of her best female students to her home to attend weekly studies of great Western literature. These books – written by Nabokov, Jane Austen and others – were officially banned by the Iranian government, so the meetings were held in secret. This is the story of the two years during which the meetings changed the lives of all the participants. Skilfully combining her own observations of the group with new insights into the literature under veiled eyes, Nafisi creates her own literature of both poetry and inspiration.

PB \$32.95



Man Booker 2003 Fiction

Absolutely not for the faint-hearted, this is social satire in the blackest of humour. Vernon is carrying the can for a high school turkey shoot that resulted in 16 deaths. As his life goes from plain ridiculous to downright bizarre, it is impossible to refrain from both empathy and laughter.

Cara

PB \$29.95

Recommended...

Samuel Pepys: The Unequalled Self

Claire TOMALINPB \$24.95

Jarhead

A Marine's Chronicle of the Gulf War

Anthony SWOFFORDPB \$19.95

Recollections of a Bleeding Heart A Portrait of Paul Keating PM

Don WATSONPB \$34.95

Between Mexico and Poland

Lily BRETTPB \$22.00

The Life of Mathew Flinders

Miriam ESTENSENPB \$35.00

Pushkin: A Biography

T J BINYONPB \$27.95

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The Secret Cure

Sue WOOLFE

How honourable is love? A man works on his memoir, trying to explain his unusual actions. Isolated by his voicelessness and his mother's teachings, he experiments with venturing out into the world. He falls into a job at the local hospital – and into love. Years later, a woman writes an extended letter explaining her illegal activities. She also fell in love, with a strangely remote but respected scientist; years later, she returns to his laboratory, disguised as a cleaner, to secretly work on a cure for her autistic daughter. A marvellous and compelling story, satisfying and beautifully written.

Lindy

PB \$30.00



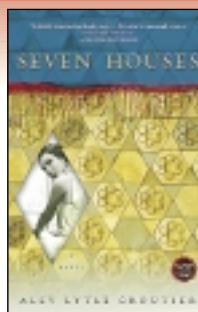
Seven Houses

Alev Lytle CROUTIER

Set in Turkey during the 20th century, this beguiling novel follows the fortunes of three generations of women through the seven houses they live in. From a beautiful waterside mansion in Smyrna, a glorious silk plantation near Bursa, humble country dwellings and jerry-built modern apartments, the stories of the women are revealed. Family secrets, desires, histories and gossip abound, beginning with Esma, who bought her house with a large sapphire. The narrative continues with the beautiful daughter she cannot raise, Aida, and her granddaughter Amber, who flees stifling conformity for America and her dreams. An unusual and lyrical novel.

Lindy

PB \$27.95



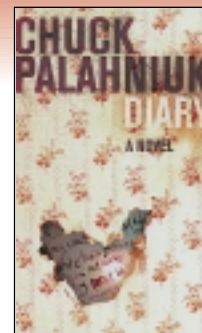
Diary

Chuck PALAHNIUK

Former cult novelist (*The Fight Club* Pb \$21.95, *Lullaby* Pb \$22.95), now literary heir apparent, Palahniuk tackles the classical horror genre in diary form. On a small island suffused with tensions between old families and new summer visitors, and from the starting point of graffitied rooms hidden by a now comatose handyman, the funny and disturbing *Diary* gathers pace. The narrative is never nasty, sitting somewhere between Poe and Polanski, and builds towards a real idea of humanity in a tale of art, anatomy and asceticism. Not only for his fans, the scariest thing is just how engrossing this novel is.

Adrian

PB \$32.95



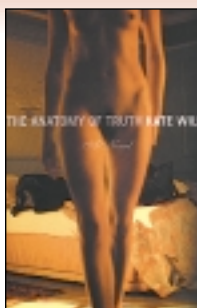
The Anatomy of Truth

Kate WILD

The daughter of the one-time town whore, Janey Hunter, has spent her life watching folk in their small town. Today she is bound and gagged on a makeshift platform, about to be 'judged' by them. An outcast, she longs for something to wake them up, to make her the centre of attention, which she contrives by turning everyone against her only friend. Fifteen years later, when the friend returns, another harrowing scene will be enacted. This gothic-style debut novel by a young Australian will keep your attention until the final page.

Lindy

PB \$22.00



The Way the Crow Flies

Anne-Marie MacDONALD

This compulsively readable novel starts in the 1960s on a Canadian air force base. Seen through the eyes of Madeleine, whose family has returned from an overseas posting, the base should be a safe environment. But there are shameful secrets, a child is murdered and a popular local teenager is charged. Meanwhile, her adored, morally upright father has his own secrets and is torn by conflicting loyalties to his family, friends and country. Years later, the past starts to interfere with her life and Madeleine has to confront her part in the tragedy. An ideal summer read.

Lindy

PB \$32.95



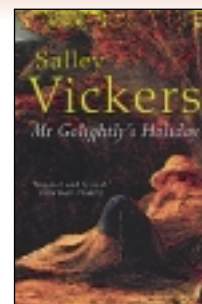
Mr Golightly's Holiday

Salley VICKERS

Mr Golightly doesn't really get the modern world. Nonetheless, he has decided to take time out from Golightly Enterprises to try his hand at writing – of all things – a soap opera. His employees have created a buffer from the demands of the everyday, but they cannot help him in the English village to which he 'escapes'. As he is drawn into its beguiling web of local mysteries and burgeoning friendships, it turns out he knows quite a lot about people and their habits. Vickers' prose is completely charming and this affable book will bind you until its mysteries are slowly unveiled.

Sally

PB \$29.95



Award-Winning Fiction 2003

Pulitzer Prize (Fiction) Middlesex

Jeffrey EUGENIDESPB \$22.95

Nobel Prize for Literature J M COETZEE

IMPAC Dublin Awards My Name is Red

Orhan PAMUKPB \$22.95

Miles Franklin Journey to the Stone Country

Alex MILLERPB \$22.95

Christina Stead Prize (Fiction) Moral Hazard

Kate JENNINGSPB \$22.00

The Clearing

Tim GAUTREAU

Set in the 1920s in the steamy cypress forests of Louisiana, this powerfully evocative novel concerns two brothers – one the lawman, the other the manager of a sawmill. The elder brother, scarred by his war service in

France, has come adrift, and the younger tries to understand what has driven his idolised brother to the edge of civilisation, and to the edge of his sanity. Caught up in a feud with gangsters who own the local saloon, both brothers have to confront and deal with their inner demons. A layered, complex novel that sucks the reader in as surely as those Louisiana swamps!

Lindy

PB \$32.95



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A War for Gentlemen

Jackie FRENCH

Narrated by his daughter, this is the tale of an Australian with itchy feet and big ideals who left Australia to fight in the American Civil War (for the Confederates). Lyrical descriptions expressing Charles Fitzhenry's passion for the natural world, especially the Australian landscape, are interspersed throughout the account of his battle experiences and his flight to a new life with his uncle's slave. The narrative moves back and forth in time, resounding with the echoes of the war in the lives of his children and grandchildren. This is an inspirational read.

Sally

PB \$29.95



The Fifth Book of Peace

Maxine Hong KINGSTON

Writing in many languages (American, Chinese, poetry, dreams, song, history, hallucination and tragedy), the question Kingston repeats is simple: "Why war, why not peace?" Her original novel, *The Fourth Book of Peace*, was destroyed in a house fire. This work re-imagines that book, the tale of Wittman Ah Sing and his family. It details Kingston's journey through fire (both real and metaphorical), follows her quest to illuminate myths regarding the Chinese Three Lost Books of Peace and, last but not least, she submits her impassioned plea to veterans of all wars to help her convey a literature of peace through their writings and hers.

Cara

PB \$32.95



The Lady and the Unicorn

Tracy CHEVALIER

Through the eyes of the delightfully arrogant painter, Nicolas des Innocents, we are taken on a journey through 15th century France. Travelling beyond bustling Paris to the idyllic Brussels countryside, Nicolas is commissioned to create a magnificent tapestry for the greedy and much feared noble, Jean le Viste. After the success of *Girl with a Pearl Earring* (Pb \$19.95), Chevalier again weaves her natural gift for lyric storytelling with a palette of romantic players to create this enchanting story.

Diana

PB \$27.95



Homecoming

Adib KHAN

This story very quickly makes you care about the life of its protagonist and, through him, about the long-term, misunderstood effects of war. It is a story about gaps between people, which lifetimes are just too short to bridge. Martin Godwin is a Vietnam veteran who lives a quiet life in Melbourne's suburbs, except that his wartime experiences return (noisily) in his dreams and, increasingly, in his waking hours. The horror of one event in particular is gradually unravelled and the narrative offers complex, and ultimately moving, portraits of Godwin's relationships with equally plagued friends and family. As always, Khan offers compellingly layered and affecting fiction.

Sally

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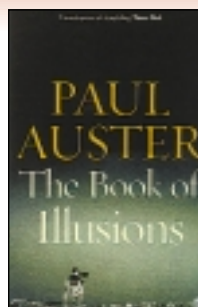


The Book of Illusions

Paul AUSTER

One man's obsession with the mysterious life of a silent film star takes him on a journey into a shadow world of lies, illusions and unexpected love. After losing his wife and young sons in a plane crash, Vermont professor David Zimmer spends his waking hours mired in grief. Then, watching television one night, he stumbles upon a lost film by silent comedian Hector Mann and he remembers how to laugh. Written with breathtaking urgency and precision, this stunning novel plunges the reader into a universe in which the comic and the tragic, the real and the imagined, the violent and the tender, dissolve into one another.

PB \$22.95



Waxwings

Jonathan RABAN

Best known for his wonderful works of non-fiction (*Coasting* Pb \$23, *Passage to Juneau* Pb \$21), Raban turns his subtle and imaginative sentences on to a fictional English writer living comfortably in a Seattle suburb and a contrasting illegal Chinese economic refugee living uncomfortably on the city's streets. The surprising plot is set at the very end of the last millennium, moving among internet start-ups and anti-globalisation rallies, from crimes personal to public, from boom to bust. As usual, it is Raban's keen observations as an understanding observer that anchor the reader. Like his non-fiction, this is about the relationship between person and place, and the pleasures and pains of having roots, or tearing them up.

Adrian

PB \$30.00



Recommended...

My Life as a Fake

Peter CAREYHB \$45.00

Middlesex

Jeffrey EUGENIDESPB \$22.95

Shantaram

Gregory ROBERTSHB \$49.95

The Final Confession of Mabel Stark

Robert HOUGHPB \$29.95

The Kite Runner

Khaled HOSSEINIPB \$27.95

Baudolino

Umberto ECOPB \$24.95

That They May Face the Rising Sun

John McGAHERNPB \$22.95

Portuguese Irregular Verbs

Alexander McCALL SMITHPB \$19.95

Want to Play

P J TRACYPB \$29.95



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Death at St James's Palace A John Rawlings Mystery

Deryn LAKE

1761, London. Famous blind magistrate John Fielding is to be honoured with a knighthood. At the investiture in St James's Palace, the audience eagerly cranes for a glimpse of the new queen (rumour has it she is ugly), while nobleman George Goward tumbles down the great staircase. Only one person witnesses anything untoward: Fielding, known to the mob as the Blind Beak. A whispered sentence and an exhalation of breath are the only clues to suggest the fall was no accident. Apothecary John Rawlings offers his investigative skills and is soon drawn into the middle of a very puzzling mystery.

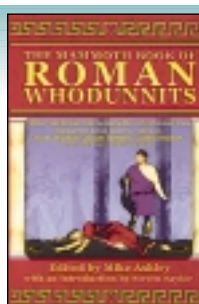


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The Mammoth Book of Roman Whodunnits

Mike ASHLEY (editor)

This is a marvellous anthology of 20 stories, some new, some rare reprints. Many of the greatest characters from one of the world's greatest civilisations are found within these pages – Hannibal, Scipio Africanus, Julius Caesar, Nero, Vespasian, Pliny the Younger and Cleopatra. Contributors include Steven Saylor, Michael Jecks, Simon Scarrow, John Maddox Roberts, Marilyn Todd, Tom Holt, Caroline Lawrence and Peter Tremayne. This is just the book for our historical crime readers, a wonderful companion for those long hot days of summer!



PB \$21.95

Ned Kelly Awards 2003 Best Novel

White Dog

Peter TEMPLEPB \$28.00

Best True Crime

Blood Stain

Peter LALORPB \$22.95

Best First Novel

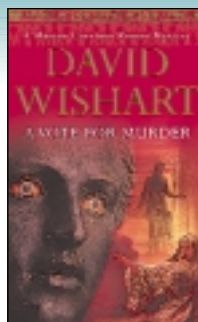
Blood Redemption

Alex PALMER.....PB \$18.95

A Vote for Murder

David WISHART

Marcus Corvinus, one of the liveliest and most engaging of sleuths, makes a welcome return in this baffling and intricate puzzle. He is spending a few days in the Alban Hills, enthusiastically patronising the local wine shop and taking a mild interest in the forthcoming consul's elections. When one of the two candidates is murdered, Corvinus is all too pleased to put his holiday on hold and help with the investigation. In a grand finale, he enters the local wine tasting competition (which, given his dedicated attitude to training, should be a walkover), only to be beaten... by a sheep!

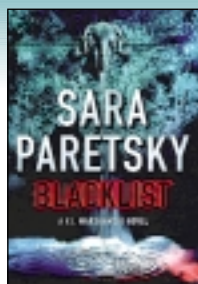


PB \$18.95

Blacklist

Sara PARETSKY

Two of Chicago's elite families have an axe to grind and bodies to bury. Vi Warshawski has her work cut out making sense of the financial, political and sexual secrets they share. Adding to the difficult nature of the job is a missing teenager, as well as possible terrorist connections and the attendant dramas of the carelessly enforced Patriot Act. History and intrigue combine to distract her from her fears about her lover's safety in Afghanistan, but is she risking her own in pursuing the Truth?

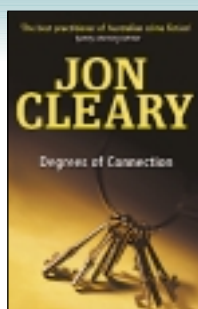


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Degrees of Connection

Jon CLEARY

Police officers Malone and Clements have both been promoted, but this doesn't stop them from getting involved in various high jinks, stepping outside their turf and ruffling other copper's feathers. Besides shonky business deals, ex-criminals and a couple of murders, Cleary offers some acidic comments on 21st century life, gadgets and lots more. Who else would start a novel with, "She's had more facelifts than the Strand Arcade"? Christopher

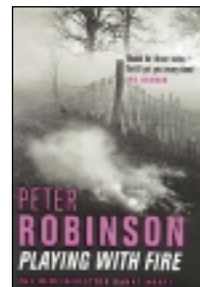


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Playing with Fire

Peter ROBINSON

Fire is horribly destructive; putting out a fire can be equally so. A conflagration of lives, evidence and motive make this 14th Inspector Banks novel the most enjoyable crime read this summer. After two old boats on the Eastvale canal are destroyed by arson, the bodies of a female smackhead and a middle-aged artist are found in the wreckage. Were the deaths deliberate? With a host of suspects to choose from, Banks' private life is suffering. As the bodies mount up, he and DI Cabbot are liable to make mistakes, especially as relations between them become more strained by the minute.



Cara

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PB \$30.00

Lethal Factor

Gabrielle LORD

Australian author Gabrielle Lord's latest book marks the return of her ex-alcoholic, policeman-turned-forensic-scientist, Jack McCain. Jack's familial tumult, while still present, takes second place to mailed anthrax, a murdered nun, Central European politics and academic plagiarism. Lord uses her story to address crime investigation in a post-September 11 world. This is further illuminated by a plot involving the aftermath of past political violence in other countries, but played out in Australia through ASIO.



As usual, she has crafted a layered story, steeped in the atmosphere of the Australian landscape.

Sarah
PB \$29.95

Edgar Awards 2003 Best Novel

Winter and Night

S J ROZAN.....PB \$17.95

Best Fact Crime

Fire Lover

Joseph WAMBAUGHPB \$19.95



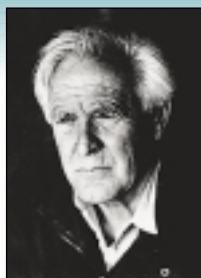
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Absolute Friends

John Le CARRÉ

Deriving its scale from **A Perfect Spy** (Pb \$20.95) and its passion from **The Constant Gardener** (Pb \$19.95), this long-awaited novel from Le Carré presents us with magical writing, characters to delight and a spellbinding story that enchants even as it challenges. Friends Ted Mundy and Sasha first meet in the late 1960s as students in riot-torn West Berlin, again in the grimy looking-glass of Cold War espionage and, most terribly, in today's unipolar world of terror, counter-terror and war of lies. This superbly paced novel, spanning 56 years, is a theatrical masterstroke of tragi-comic writing and a savage fable of our times.

DUE DECEMBER



HB \$49.95

Murder at the Fortnight

Steve SPEARS

This darkly hilarious tale of murder, greed, fame and lust – all set squarely under the bright lights of the world of show business – introduces Detective Stella Pentangeli and her sidekick, Investigator Ng. When celebrities start dropping like flies at the Playwrights' Fortnight, Stella and Ng battle media hysteria and political backstabbing in their desperate search for a killer who keeps on killing. With snappy dialogue, outrageous characters and a gripping story, this is the first in a planned 13-part series of darkly comic whodunnits collectively known as *The Pentangeli Papers*. **Murder by Manuscript** and **A Murder of Innocents** to follow soon.

PB \$22.95



At the Stroke of Madness

Alex KAVA

The fourth novel in the FBI Special Agent Maggie O'Dell series features a serial killer with a taste for grisly butchery. As bizarre as it seems, the killer appears to have an obsession with his victims' imperfections. He also likes taking souvenirs. With an Alzheimer's sufferer as the only witness, O'Dell must dig deep into her own resources to end the killer's spree. The third novel in the series, **Soul Catcher** (Pb \$16.95) has O'Dell and her partner Tully investigating two murders linked to a Reverend Joseph Everett, who is dating Maggie's mother. Both novels offer gripping suspense, convincing forensic details and a fast-paced, engaging read.

PB \$27.95

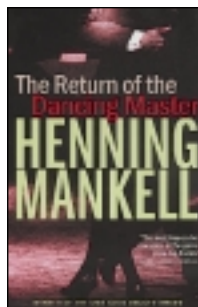


The Return of the Dancing Master

Henning MANKELL

Herbert Molin, a retired police officer, lives alone in a remote cottage in northern Sweden. He has a passion for the tango and an obsession with demons, which he believes are pursuing him. Upon his death, another off-the-job police officer, Stefan Lindman, decides to investigate. As his investigation becomes increasingly complex, it is with horrified disbelief that he uncovers links to a global web of neo-Nazi activity. As intricate as any of Mankell's previous novels, this is the first in a new series of Swedish mysteries and is a treat for all crime lovers.

PB \$29.95



Amelia Peabody's Egypt

A Compendium

Elizabeth PETERS & Kristen WHITBREAD

The Egypt that so enticed and enchanted intrepid archaeologist-sleuth Amelia Peabody in the late 19th and 20th centuries was a place of wonder, mystery, danger and the lure of antiquity. This compendium sparkles with unforgettable glimpses of the exotic and the bizarre, the unusual and the unfamiliar. With 600 black and white photographs and illustrations, plus articles by numerous experts, it is a one-of-a-kind collection that offers endless hours of pleasure for Peabodyphiles and Egypt aficionados alike. Here is a tome to cherish; a grand and glorious celebration of the life, the work and the world of the incomparable Amelia Peabody.

DUE DECEMBER

HB \$59.95



The Unknown Darkness

Profiling the Predators

Gregg McCrARY

This is a detailed and engrossing account of crime scenes and criminal investigations conducted by the FBI's Behavioural Science Unit. With over 25 years experience, McCrory took part in some of the most infamous investigations in recent history, including the Branch Davidian case. His flair for interpreting crime scenes and his talent for producing accurate profiles of the psychopaths who commit them make this a captivating read. He takes us behind the scenes, showing us how killers are caught and introducing us to the people and personalities who make it possible.

PB \$27.95



Recommended...

Haunted Ground

Erin HARTPB \$32.95

A dark tale of gothic suspense fused with modern forensics.

The Winter Queen

Boris AKUNINHB \$29.95

A gripping literary page-turner whose power and appeal is enhanced by its vividly realistic historical setting.

The Castlemaine Murders

Kerry GREENWOODPB \$19.95

Phyrne Fisher is back, as smart and sassy as ever.

Back Story

Robert B PARKERHB \$59.95

Taut, tense and expertly crafted, this is Robert B Parker at his storytelling best. His 30th suspense novel.

The Verge Practice

Barry MAITLANDPB \$29.95

Brock and Kolla are an impressive team who deserve to become household names.

The Golden One

Elizabeth PETERSPB \$21.95

The latest Egyptian murder mystery (the 14th in the series) featuring Amelia Peabody.



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Star Trek: Nemesis

Set a course for a galaxy of unparalleled action and adventure! In the wake of the wedding between Riker and Troi, Picard receives another reason to celebrate: the Romulans want peace. But as the Enterprise heads towards the Romulan Empire, a brilliant villain awaits, harbouring a diabolical plan of destruction and an unimaginable secret that will give Picard his most fearsome challenge. Special features include Director's Commentary, A Star Trek Family's Final Journey, New Frontiers: Stuart Baird on Directing Nemesis, A Bold Vision of the Final Frontier, Red Alert: Shooting the Action of Nemesis, Photo Gallery and Deleted Scenes.

VHS \$17.95 DVD \$35.95

Star Trek: Deep Space Nine (Limited Edition)

Presented in innovative, highly collectable packaging for Star Trek fans who want an attractive library of the entire series, these box sets feature newly remixed Dolby digital 5.1 surround sound and exclusive retrospective featurettes. Seasons 1 to 4 are available now and Seasons 5 to 7 will arrive in 2004.

DVD Box Set \$233.95



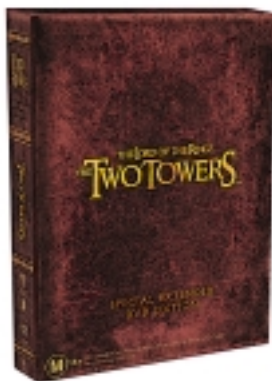
Farscape Season 3

This 6-disc set includes all 22 episodes of Season 3 including the conclusion to last year's cliff-hanger, *Season of Death*, the heart-wrenching *Self-inflicted Wounds II* and the hilarious animated episode, *Revenging Angel*. Bonus features include audio commentaries from cast and crew, concept art, storyboards and a game.

DVD Box Set \$144.95



The Lord of the Rings The Two Towers (Special Extended Edition)



One of the year's most anticipated releases, this edition of the film contains over 40 minutes of extra footage. The 4-disc DVD box set includes an astounding amount of bonus features including four separate audio commentaries, a visit to the Weta Workshop, a featurette on actors' sword practice and a digital effects featurette.

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Special Extended VHS Edition	\$29.95
Special Extended DVD Edition	\$79.95
Collector's DVD Gift Set	\$149.95

The Adventures of Indiana Jones The Complete Movie Collection

From the groundbreaking excitement of *Indiana Jones and the Raiders of the Lost Ark* (1981) to the sinister *Indiana Jones and the Temple of Doom* (1984) to the father-son adventures of *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* (1989), all the chills, spills and heroics of 'The Man in the Hat' have never looked or sounded better than they do here. All three films have been restored and digitally remastered, and are now presented for the first time in 5.1 surround sound. Includes over three hours of bonus material including Making the Trilogy, The Light and Magic of Indiana Jones, The Stunts of Indiana Jones and The Music of Indiana Jones.



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24 Seasons 1 & 2

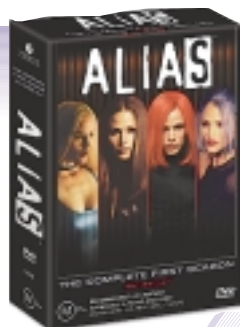


Filed in 'real time', this groundbreaking TV series follows Jack Bauer, special agent in the Counter Terrorist Unit. In Season 1, Jack tries to foil an assassination attempt on a senator who is running for President. Includes alternate ending. In Season 2, there is more trouble for Jack as he is called upon by the President to stop a terrorist plot. This box set contains over five hours of bonus features, including a cast audio commentary.

Season 1	DVD Box Set	\$126.95
(order before Xmas and pay only \$88)		
Season 2	DVD Box Set	\$126.95
Seasons 1 & 2	DVD Box Set	\$179.00

Alias Season 1

The complete first season on 6 discs with special features including audio commentary and deleted scenes, plus a peek at Season 2. The aim of the producers was to make the equivalent of a James Bond movie every episode and they mostly succeed — plenty of action, fireworks and convoluted storylines that leave you guessing. And a very surprising science fiction twist halfway through the season. Not to mention Jennifer Garner. No more reasons needed! The perfect Christmas gift for fans of this explosive series.



DVD Box Set \$120.95

Christmas with the Simpsons

Due in December — just in time for Christmas — here are five great Christmas-theme episodes from this popular cartoon family including *Simpsons Roasting on an Open Fire*, *Miracle on Evergreen Terrace*, *She of Little Faith*, *Grift of the Magi* and *Mr Plow*. The DVD includes a featurette on Mr Burns' greatest moments.

VHS	\$18.00
DVD	\$35.00



The Simpsons Season 3

This 4-disc gift set comprises all 24 episodes, plus bonus features including audio commentaries for each episode, storyboards, musical segments, Easter eggs and more. Revisit great episodes including *Treehouse of Horror II*, *Radio Bart*, *Homer at the Bat* and the return of Sideshow Bob in *Black Widower*. This attractively packaged set is the ideal Christmas gift and will be highly sought after by fans.

DVD Box Set \$92.00



Muppet Busts



It's time to light the lights on these lovingly detailed busts, designed by Sideshow/Weta, makers of *The Lord of the Rings* busts and figures. Re-live the days of *The Muppet Show* with your favourite characters, including Kermit the Frog, Dr Bunsen Honeydew, Beaker, Rowlf the Dog, Gonzo, Statler, Waldorf, Sam the Eagle, Janice, Scooter, Swedish Chef, Link Hogthrob, Fozzie Bear, Lew Zealand, Beauregard and Zoot.

\$115.00

Futurama Season 3



This 4-disc set includes all 22 episodes of Season 3 and plenty of bonus material such as episode commentaries, deleted scenes and how-to-draw galleries. Revisit the Futurama version of *Fantastic Voyage* as the Planet Express crew try to rid Fry of super-intelligent parasites; Fry returns to his past to find his lucky clover, then learns the truth about his brother; Nibbler speaks for the first time to help Fry defeat the Brains who are attacking the planet and making everyone stupid.

DVD Box Set \$92.00

The Simpsons Duff Can and Playing Cards

If you're looking for a gift with a difference this Christmas, you can't go past these great playing card sets featuring favourite characters from the shows. The Simpsons cards are housed inside a very realistic Duff beer can. Duff beer not included...doh!

\$18.95



The Complete Farside: 1980-1994

Gary LARSON

Here is every syndicated *Farside* cartoon in chronological order (over 4,000), plus another 1,100 never before published, plus cartoons Larson created after retiring. Complete with complaint letters, fan letters and queries from puzzled readers.

Slipcased HB \$275.00



Books make the perfect gift...

Rare Beasts (Edgar & Ellen #1)

Charles OGDEN
(illustrated by
Rick CARTON)

Every town has a 'wrong side of the tracks' and Nods Limbs is no exception. Siblings Edgar and Ellen live there, plotting gruesome deeds to execute upon the hapless townsfolk. One day, they decide to kidnap all the town's pets and transform them into exotic animals so they can sell them back to their rightful owners and make thousands of dollars. This is a wacky little gothic story – a cross between Edgar Allan Poe, the Addams Family and Tim Burton – and the illustrations are wonderfully gloomy. Fans of Lemony Snickett should also enjoy it.

David

HB \$17.95



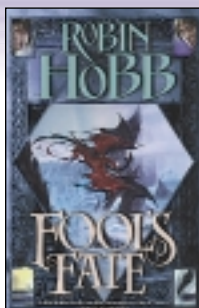
Fool's Fate (Tawny Man #3)

Robin HOBBS

Prince Dutiful is on his way to the Outisland islands to slay the mythical dragon Icefyre for his bride to be. What motivates Peotter and the Narcheska to send him on such a quest? FitzChivalry's daughter Nettle is becoming increasingly more powerful in her Skill ability, while Fitz and the Fool must face their final fate and the Pale Woman's schemes come closer to fruition. An extremely satisfying conclusion to this story (following **Fool's Errand** Pb \$19.95 & **Golden Fool** Pb \$18.95) by one of the best modern fantasists.

Adam

HB \$54.95 PB \$29.95



Barry Trotter and the Unnecessary Sequel (Barry Trotter #2)

Michael GERBER

This sequel to **Barry Trotter and the Shameless Parody** (Hb \$19.95) takes place after the wizard Trotter has saved Hogwash School. Barry and Ermine Cringer are now man and wife. They also have two children, one of whom has become a great magician, but the other doesn't seem to have any magic powers at all. Could he be a Muggle? A clever send-up of the Harry Potter books, this will delight fans of humorous fantasy and anyone wanting to have a laugh at the whole bestselling phenomenon.

David

Hades' Daughter and God's Concubine (The Troy Game #1 & #2)

Sara DOUGLASS



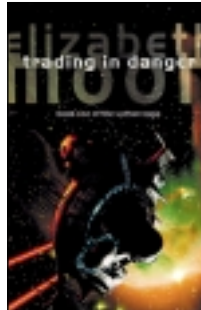
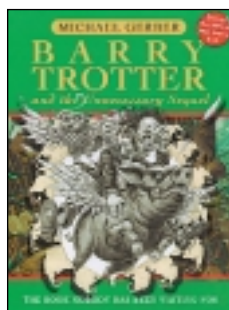
Ariadne wreaks revenge on her lover Theseus for his betrayal by ending the Game (the protection of the ancient Greek cities by magic), bringing destruction to Greece and pulling down the gods themselves. Generations later, her descendant, Genvissa, tries to restart the Game in ancient Britain. In her thoughtless quest for power, she brings disaster to those around her, damning them to relive the horror in other incarnations. Douglass uses different techniques to tell this story, splicing the action in ancient Greece with scenes from 1939 London. A powerful story which spans the millennia, this is a great read and I am eagerly awaiting the next instalment.

Sian

DUE DECEMBER HB \$45.00 PB \$29.95

Wall Calendars 2004

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Brian Froud's Goblins	\$22.95
Tolkien's Return of the King	
- movie images	\$24.95
- artwork by Ted Naismith	\$22.95
Star Wars - classic images	\$23.95



The Lord of the Rings

J R R TOLKIEN (illustrated by Alan LEE)

The centenary editions of Tolkien's epic trilogy (Fellowship of the Ring, Two Towers, Return of the King) are now available in a box set of three hardbacks. Each book is beautifully illustrated by Alan Lee, one of the conceptual artists for Peter Jackson's films, which have breathed further life into the world of Middle-Earth. These books are a worldwide favourite and would make a truly magical gift for Christmas.

David

Illustrated Box Set HB \$125.00



The Amulet of Samarkand (Bartimaeus #1)

Jonathan STROUD

In an alternate London, where wizards are involved at the highest levels of politics, an extremely intelligent young boy, Nathaniel, is apprenticed to a wizard. He summons a powerful djinn, Bartimaeus, to steal an amulet from another wizard who shamed him. Little does he know what an amazing chain of events this will cause. The power in a name, the consequences of people's actions and a young boy trying to thrive in an almost loveless home all appealed to me. Don't miss the very funny footnotes. A story suited to older teens and adults.

Stephanie

PB \$27.95



Trading in Danger (Vatta's War #1)

Elizabeth MOON

This is the first in a new series of military space SF featuring former space cadet, Ky Vatta. After waking up one morning, Vatta has her whole world tipped on its head when she is asked to leave the naval academy. Assigned to fly a space ship on its final voyage to the junk yard, she seizes an opportunity to make a nice profit along the way, only to find herself caught up in an interstellar war. Highly recommended for fans of Moon and all military SF and space opera fans.

PB \$19.95



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Legends II

Robert SILVERBERG (ed)

In the Legends anthologies, Silverberg asks the top fantasy authors to write new short stories in their existing fantasy worlds. This collection contains 11 stories and is a great way to try new authors or follow some old favourites. Stand-outs include *Monarch of the Glen* by Neil Gaiman, a sequel to *American Gods* (Pb \$18.95) and a lead-in to the upcoming *Anansi Boys*; *Sworn Sword* by George R R Martin, a follow-up to *Hedge Knight* that is also set in the world of *A Song of Ice and Fire*; and *Homecoming* by Robin Hobb, a tale tied to the *Liveships* trilogy. Treat yourself to this one!

Adam

PB \$29.95



Mirror Mirror

Gregory MAGUIRE

This retelling of Snow White gives some foundation to the original fairytale. Set in Renaissance Italy, it tells the story of Vincente De Nevada, who is sent by the Borgia family to find three apples from the Garden of Eden.

His daughter Bianca is sent into the woods to die, but discovers the seven dwarves, who are truly sons of the earth, elementals born of stone and soil. Innovative use of the poison apple and magic mirror elements is particularly interesting. Maguire's writing style is lush and quite exquisite in its descriptions. Writing from the point of view of several characters, he creates an historical fantasy that expands upon and enriches the original tale.

David

DUE DECEMBER

PB \$29.95



Quicksilver

(Baroque Cycle #1)

Neal STEPHENSON

This is Stephenson's ambitious reworking of 17th century European history in a period when scientific advancement was accompanied by much political turmoil. Using well-known historical figures (Newton, Waterhouse and Captain Blackbeard), he imagines the beginning of the scientific revolution (the first 'computer', binary code and the internet), one that is strangely familiar, yet very different. A direct prequel to the phenomenal *Cryptonomicon* (Pb \$27.95), Stephenson shows a knack for bringing settings to life, aided by his in-depth research. Filled to the brim with ambitious ideas, he continues to surprise us and change the SF genre with each new book.

John

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PB \$45.00



Lyra's Oxford

(His Dark Materials Universe)

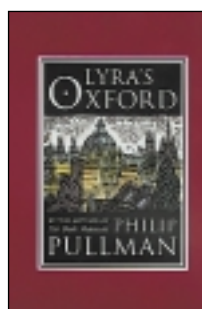
Philip PULLMAN

This beautiful book—full of woodblock illustrations by John Lawrence—is a companion to Pullman's critically acclaimed *His Dark Materials* series. It contains bits and pieces from Lyra's world, including 3 pull-out, colour maps and a postcard. There is also a short story, *Lyra and the Birds*, set three years after *The Amber Spyglass* (Pb \$16.95), in which 16-year-old Lyra and her daemon, Pan, embark on a quest set by a witch's daemon. Creating a bridge between the original series and the upcoming *The Book of Dust*, this is essential for any fan of the series.

Sian

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Doctor Who

Radio Command Daleks

The Dalek menace continues to plague the universe and the Doctor has returned to television. Now you can command your very own Dalek! These 12" remote-controlled figures are fully articulated and have seven voice commands including "Exterminate", a rotating head and flashing lights. Serious fun for serious fans. Available in red/black and silver/blue

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Paladin of Souls

(Chalion #2)

Lois McMaster BUJOLD

Now that the curse has been lifted from the royal family of Chalion, so has the madness gone from Ista dy Baocia, Dowager Royina of Chalion. But she is still treated like a child, until fate steps in and she is able to escape on a small pilgrimage. But it appears at least one of the gods wants

to make use of her talents again. Can she avoid their machinations this time? This novel contains everything I love about Bujold's work — great characters, excellent action sequences and a touch of romance. She has created an interesting fantasy world with the focus on the characters and their reactions, rather than the gravity of the amazing events in which they are involved.

Sian

HB \$59.95



Award Winner
2003

World Fantasy Award

The Other Wind

Ursula K LE GUINPB \$15.95



Books make the perfect gift...

Runes of Elfland

Brian FROUD &
Ari BERK

Bestselling fantasy artist Brian Froud has created 24 new works using the world of fairies and myth to explain the meanings of Celtic and European runes. Each work is accompanied by a story written by Ari Berk. In a similar vein to a Graham Base picture book, this has hidden runes within the pictures that can be translated using the rune alphabet at the back of the book. Be warned – runes are more than letters; they have meanings. And fairies are known for their sense of humour! A glorious picture book, reference text and fairy tale all in one, this is another beautiful offering from Froud.

Stephanie

HB \$59.95



Something from the Nightside

Simon GREEN

John Taylor is a private detective in London who doesn't solve crimes or do divorce cases, but he is very good at finding lost things. Five years ago, he fled the terrifying and deadly Nightside – a dark, hidden world that borders London.

He swore never to return, but now an extremely rich woman wants him to find her runaway daughter, who was last seen in the Nightside. Fast-paced and witty, this book is an exciting ride. With a tough, capable hero at the helm, it leaves enough loose ends to believe we will be seeing more of John Taylor. Highly recommended for fans of the *Harry Dresden* or *Anita Blake* series.

Sian

PB \$17.95



Wolves of the Calla (Dark Tower #5)

Stephen KING
(illustrated by
Bernie WRIGHTSON)

This long-awaited instalment sees Roland, Eddie, Susannah and Jake caught up in a fight that draws them from their quest to the town of Calla Bryn Sturgis, where large numbers of twins are born each year. Once every generation, the Wolves come and take one child from each pair, but now the townsfolk want to make a stand. The three gunslingers and their apprentice may be their only hope. Dark, moving and action-packed, this is fantasy at its best.

Sian

HB \$65.00



The Pythons Autobiography by the Pythons

Bob McCABE (ed)

Compiled by the author of the great Terry Gilliam biography, *Dark Knights and Holy Fools* (Pb \$35), this huge, lavish tome is a wonderful history of the fabulous comedy team.

Interviews with members, including the late Graham Chapman, and over 900 photos look back over this cultural institution with great love and care, making it possibly the best Pythons bio ever. Highly and religiously recommended for any Pythons fan wishing to bludgeon a close family member over the head ... or just to look at.

David

HB \$85.00

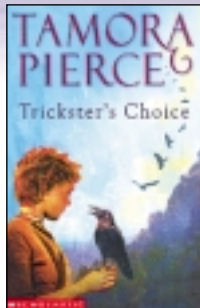


Trickster's Choice

Tamora PIERCE

Alianne is the teenage daughter of the famed Alanna, first of the lady knights of Tortall. Instead of following in her mother's footsteps, young Ally follows in the steps of her father, the King of Thieves, and becomes a spy. This is when the trouble starts. Once more, Pierce does not disappoint with a tale that zips along with her usual flair and trademark comedy, romance and action. Great fun and highly recommended for anyone from age 10 upwards.

PB \$16.95



FREE OFFER

Buy *Wolves of the Calla* before Christmas and receive the revised *Gunslinger* absolutely free! (PB normally \$19.95).



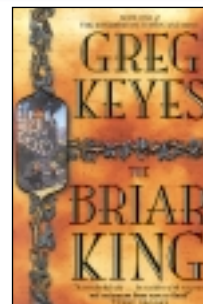
The Briar King (Kingdoms of Thorn and Bone #1)

Greg KEYES

The kingdom of Crothery is led by a seemingly stable royal family, but it has the usual political foes. Things start to go wrong when rumours spread that The Briar King – a being from an age-old myth that is used to scare children – has arisen and is terrorising the land. A woodsman, a cleric, a young knight and the king's daughters are bound to save Crothery from the approaching evil. This gripping story has strong females, surprising deaths and characters who you either want to see suffer or cheer out loud for. Fantasy doesn't get much better than this! Fans of George R R Martin will love it.

Stephanie

PB \$30.00



Ilium

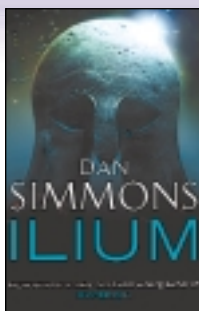
Dan SIMMONS

Thomas Hockenberry, a resurrected historian from the early 21st century, is working for the Greek Gods, checking that the Iliad is running to course. On the Jovian moon Europa, Mahmut and Orphut are

two cyber beings about to be sent to Mars to investigate quantum emissions emanating from Mt Olympus. On Earth, Daeman Uhr begins to realise that the culture he lives in is restrictive and hedonistic, a realisation inspired by the Wandering Jew, a 1,400-year-old woman. This story is as good as the author's earlier *Hyperion* cantos and is destined to become a classic.

Adam

PB \$32.95



Nebula Award

American Gods

Neil GAIMANPB \$18.95

Bram Stoker Award

The Night Class

Tom PICCOLILLIPB \$15.95

Arthur C Clarke Award

The Separation

Christopher PRIESTPB \$27.95



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THE YEAR'S TOP 10

Science Fiction

#1	Diplomatic Immunity (Vor #12)	Lois McMaster Bujold	PB	\$18.95
#2	When the Devil Dances (Posleen #3)	John Ringo	PB	\$19.95
#3	Excalibur Alternative (Excalibur #1)	David Weber	PB	\$19.95
#4	Peshawar Lancers	S M Stirling	PB	\$17.95
#5	Hominids (Neanderthal Parallax #1)	Robert J Sawyer	PB	\$19.95
#6	Shiva Option (Starfire #4)	David Weber & Steve White	PB	\$19.95
#7	1633 (1632 #2)	Eric Flint & David Weber	PB	\$19.95
#8	Speed of Dark	Elizabeth Moon	PB	\$19.95
#9	Call to Arms (Mech Warrior Dark Ages #2)	Loren Coleman	PB	\$17.95
#10	Freedom's Ransom (Catteni #4)	Anne McCaffrey	PB	\$18.95

Fantasy

#1	Crossroads of Twilight (Wheel of Time #10)	Robert Jordan	PB	\$32.00
#2	Harry Potter and the Order of the Phoenix	J K Rowling	HB	\$45.00
#3	Dragons of a Vanished Moon	M Weis & T Hickman	PB	\$16.95
#4	Wee Free Men (Discworld Universe)	Terry Pratchett	HB	\$39.95
#5	Abhorsen (Old Kingdom #3)	Garth Nix	PB	\$27.95
#6	Gates of Sleep (Elemental Masters #2)	Mercedes Lackey	PB	\$17.95
#7	Kushiel's Chosen (Kushiel #2)	Jaqueline Carey	PB	\$19.95
#8	Eye of the Labyrinth (Second Sons #2)	Jennifer Fallon	PB	\$18.95
#9	White Wolf (Druss the Legend)	David Gemmell	PB	\$32.95
#10	Legacies (Corean Chronicles #1)	L E Modesitt	PB	\$19.95

Horror

#1	Death Masks (Dresden Files #5)	Jim Butcher	PB	\$17.95
#2	Cerulean Sins (Anita Blake #11)	Laurell K Hamilton	PB	\$19.95
#3	Dhampir (Noble Dead #1)	Barb & J C Hendee	PB	\$15.95
#4	Caress of Twilight (Meredith Gentry #2)	Laurell K Hamilton	PB	\$19.95
#5	Club Dead (Stackhouse #3)	Charlaine Harris	PB	\$17.95
#6	Bitten (Women of the Otherworld #1)	Kelly Armstrong	PB	\$19.95
#7	Dark Symphony (Carpathian #9)	Christine Feehan	PB	\$17.95
#8	Winter Haunting (Dale Stewart #2)	Dan Simmons	PB	\$19.95
#9	Something from the Nightshade	Simon Green	PB	\$17.95
#10	Regina's Song	David & Leigh Eddings	PB	\$18.95

THE YEAR'S TOP 5

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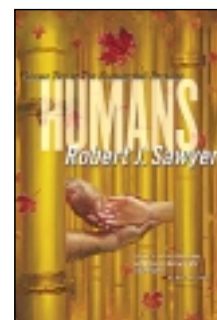
#1	Exploring the Matrix: Visions of the Cyber Future	Karen Haber (ed)	PB	\$27.95
#2	Hitchhiker: The Biography of Douglas Adams	M J Simpson	PB	\$35.00
#3	Letters of J R R Tolkien	J R R Tolkien & H Carpenter	PB	\$36.00
#4	Clive Barker: The Dark Fantastic	Douglas Winter	PB	\$24.95
#5	The Complete War of the Worlds: Mars Invasion of Earth from H G Wells to Orson Welles	Holmsten & Lubertozzi (eds)	PB	\$85.00

Media

#1	Buffy - Chosen	Nancy Holder	PB	\$16.95
#2	Skin Game (Dark Angel #2)	Max Allan Collins	PB	\$17.95
#3	Buffy - Once More with Feeling	Musical Scriptbook	PB	\$19.95
#4	Babylon 5 - Shadow Within (Passing of the Technomages Prequel)	Jeanne Cavelos	PB	\$17.95
#5	T3: The Rise of the Machines	David Hagberg	PB	\$16.95

Hominids and Humans (Neanderthal Parallax #1 & #2)

Robert J SAWYER



In contemporary Canada, an injured man is examined by Dr Mary Vaughan, a specialist in ancient DNA. She discovers he is actually a Neanderthal man, a scientist named Ponter from a parallel Earth where the Homo sapiens died out, rather than the Neanderthals. As the story evolves, we learn just how different Ponter's Earth is from our own. Wonderful characters, with science deftly applied, shift the focus from a science story to one of human interest. Sawyer has created a truly brilliant series and these are perfect books for losing yourself in.

Note: **Hominids** recently won the *Hugo Award* (popular choice) at the 2003 World SF Convention.

Stephanie

PB #1 \$19.95

PB #2 \$17.95

Monstrous Regiment (Discworld #28)

Terry PRATCHETT

The Discworld is at war and all the men of Borogravia are off to fight. News from the front is bad, so Polly cuts her hair, pulls on some pants and joins the army as a young lad named Oliver. While closely guarding her secret, she notices that her fellow recruits seem to be guarding secrets of their own. A good fun book that explores the insanity of war, the ins and outs of sexual politics, and why the best man for the job is often a woman, this is Pratchett at his best.

Nik

HB \$49.95



Night Watch (Discworld #27)

Terry PRATCHETT

Finally we get a glimpse into Samuel Vimes' dark and dirty past. As usual, Pratchett keeps you in stitches while giving you something to think about.

Sian

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The Field Guide to the Birds of Australia

Graham PIZZEY, Frank KNIGHT & Peter MENKHORST

Two staff members here at Abbey's are keen birdwatchers and we both agree that this field guide is marvellous. It has updated information on 778 species of birds, over 700 distribution maps and 250 full-colour plates (many revised for this 7th edition) showing the birds in typical poses. There are details of breeding and nesting habits, voice characteristics, habitat and range, as well as useful information to distinguish similar species. This user-friendly guide will help you identify that little brown bird and greatly add to your ornithological pleasures!

Lindy

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The Golden Ratio The Story of Phi

Mario LIVIO

Sunflowers, breeding rabbits and spiral shells share a geometrical proportion of ancient origin commonly known as 'the golden ratio' or phi. Livio takes us into the heart of this extraordinary number, giving an account of phi-obsessed individuals who have devoted their lives to discovering its secrets: from the Pythagoreans, who believed it would reveal the hand of God, to the astronomer Johannes Kepler, for whom it was the greatest treasure of geometry. Meanwhile, modern day scientists are discovering ever more remarkable ramifications of this strange, almost mystical, number. This history gives life to mathematics. Simply a must read!

PB \$24.95



Meteorites

A Journey Through Space and Time

Alex BEVAN & John DE LAETER

This book differs from other books about meteorites in two ways. Firstly, it is superbly illustrated, with full-colour images on almost every page. Secondly, since two Australians wrote it, it gives coverage to Australian meteorites that other books don't. The text is very well written and conveys in a very accessible style a large amount of information about meteorites and the part they have played in the history of the Earth. This book was good value at its original price of \$59.95, but at this price it's a real bargain!

Dave

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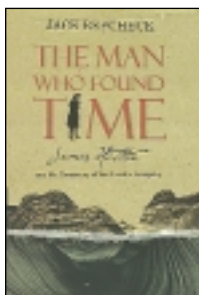
The Man Who Found Time James Hutton and the Discovery of the Earth's Antiquity

Jack REPCHECK

For centuries, according to the unquestionable authority of the Bible, it was believed the Earth was about 6,000 years old. But a Scottish gentleman-farmer and chemist observed the processes of erosion on his property and started to think deeply about the age of rocks. James Hutton was part of the Scottish Enlightenment; he knew David Hume, Joseph Black, James Watt and Adam Smith. Although highly intelligent, his writing style was convoluted, but luckily he inspired disciples, and while his theories were met with bitter controversy, they eventually became the basis for modern geology. A fine book, combining history and science in an accessible, engaging manner.

Lindy

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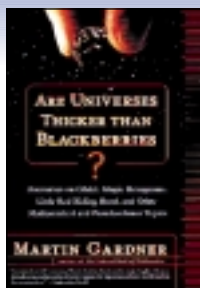


Are Universes Thicker than Blackberries? Discourses on Godel, Magic Hexagrams, Little Red Riding Hood and Other Mathematical and Pseudoscience Topics

Martin GARDNER

Debunker of scientific fraud and chicanery, Martin Gardner explores some startling scientific concepts, such as the possibility of multiple universes and the theory that time can go backwards. Armed with an expert, sceptical eye, he examines the bizarre tangents produced by Freudians and deconstructionists in their critiques of Little Red Riding Hood and reveals the fallacies of pseudoscientific cures, from Bruno Bettelheim's erroneous theory of autism to the cruel farces of Facilitated Communication and Primal Scream Therapy.

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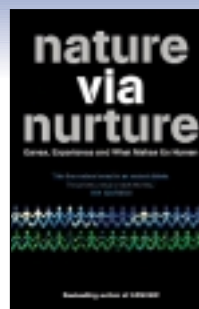


Nature via Nurture Genes, Experience and What Makes Us Human

Matt RIDLEY

In the follow-up to his bestseller, **Genome** (Pb \$26.95), Ridley attempts to answer the centuries-old question, 'Is it nature or nurture that makes us who we are?' He argues that the question itself is a false dichotomy because our environment influences the way our genes behave. He recounts the 100-year war between the partisans in this debate to explain how this paradoxical creature, the human being, can be simultaneously free-willed and motivated by instinct and culture. This is an enthralling, up-to-the-minute account of how genes build brains to absorb experience. Published 50 years after the discovery of the double helix, it chronicles a revolution in our understanding.

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The New Quantum Universe

Anthony HEY & Patrick WALTERS

This beautifully illustrated book provides an up-to-date and accessible introduction to the essential ideas of quantum physics, demonstrating how they affect everyday life. It explains quantum paradoxes and the eventful life of Schrodinger's Cat, along with the Einstein-Podolsky-Rosen paradox and Bell's Inequality. It then looks ahead to the nanotechnology revolution, describing quantum

cryptography, quantum computing and quantum teleportation, before ending with an account of quantum mechanics and science fiction. Using simple, non-mathematical language, this is essential reading for anyone wanting to appreciate how physics allows the new technologies that are changing our lives.

Dave

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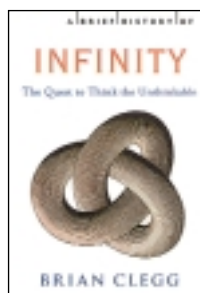
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A Brief History of Infinity The Quest to Think the Unthinkable

Brian CLEGG

Exploring some of the most mind-boggling features of mathematics and physics, this work examines amazing paradoxes such as Hilbert's Hotel, an imaginary resort with an infinite number of rooms that all happen to be occupied, while an endless coach turns up carrying an infinite number of new guests. It's not a problem, though; it's easy to prove they can all be accommodated. From Archimedes to the latest theories, we look at the people who have grappled with the idea of infinity, its place in mathematics and science, and even how some infinities are bigger than others! A challenging subject made comprehensible.



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Isaac Newton

James GLEICK

From the author of best-sellers such as **Chaos: Making a New Science** (Pb \$24.95) and **Genius: Richard Feynman and Modern Physics** (Pb \$28.95) comes this superb introduction to the life and science of arguably the greatest scientist of all time. Based on extensive reading of Newton's writings, Gleick tells the story of his life and times, detailing the huge impact that his work had on how we understand the universe.



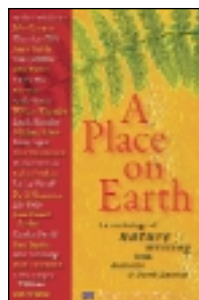
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A Place on Earth An Anthology of Nature Writing from North America and Australia

Mark TREDINNICK (ed)

From the time of Henry Thoreau, North America has been home to a rich literature dedicated to bringing places alive to readers. In Australia, where nature writing as a genre is less established, there are nevertheless outstanding writers, such as Tim Winton, Eric Rolls, Barbara Blackman and Charmian Clift, whose works are included here. Responding to places that sustain, inspire, bewilder and sometimes sadden, these pieces are propelled by passion, anger, history, ecological imagination, spirituality, despair or deep personal experience. The places considered vary as much as any on Earth, but what each piece has in common is beautiful, resonant writing.



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Seven Wonders of the Industrial World

Deborah CADBURY

This delightful book tells the story of seven major engineering feats that were achieved from the beginning of the 19th century to 1935. They are: Isambard Brunel's extraordinary ship *SS Great Eastern*, Robert Stevenson's lighthouse on Bell Rock, the Brooklyn Bridge, the Panama Canal, the Hoover Dam, the American Transcontinental Railroad and the London sewer system. The stories brilliantly capture the drama, tragedy and excitement of these incredible achievements and the single-minded visionaries who made them possible. A real page-turner!



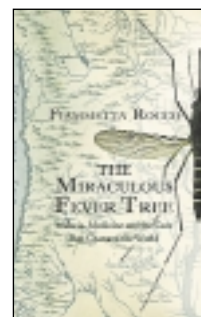
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Dave

The Miraculous Fever Tree Malaria, Medicine and the Cure that Changed the World

Fiammetta ROCCO

Malaria kills someone in the world every 30 seconds, primarily in tropical countries. However, for more than 1,000 years there was no cure, and it claimed victims throughout the world. Malaria badly weakened the Roman Empire, it killed thousands of British troops fighting Napoleon and soldiers on both sides of the US Civil War, and it brought the building of the Panama Canal to a standstill. Combining the results of her research with tales of her own encounters, Rocco traces the history of quinine from its discovery by Jesuit missionaries in Peru to its use by expanding colonial powers and its role in the development of modern anti-malaria pills.



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Life's Solution Inevitable Humans in a Lonely Universe

Simon CONWAY MORRIS

This latest offering from the author of **Crucible of Creation** (Pb \$32.95) explores the theme of convergence in evolution. Unlike Stephen Jay Gould, who believed that running the tape of life over and over would result in a different outcome each time, Conway Morris believes that certain solutions to life's problems would be (and actually have been) repeated. He is convinced that evolution – far from being a random, directionless process – shows deep patterns and perhaps even a purpose. After examining instances of convergence in the history of life on Earth, he discusses its implications for intelligent life in the universe.



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Recommended...

Galileo's Finger The Ten Great Ideas of Science

Peter ATKINS.....HB \$69.95

A Short History of Nearly Everything

Bill BRYSONHB \$54.95

Of Moths and Men: Intrigue, Tragedy and the Peppered Moth

Judith HOOPERPB \$24.95

The Octopus and the Orangutan New Tales of Animal Intrigue, Intelligence and Ingenuity

Eugene LINDENPB \$24.95

Nature's Building Blocks An A-Z Guide to the Elements

John EMSLEYPB \$42.95

Krakatoa The Day the World Exploded, 27 August 1883

Simon WINCHESTERHB \$35.00

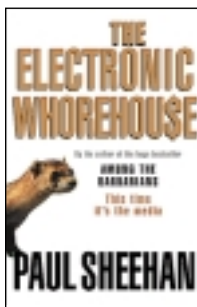


Books make the perfect gift...

The Electronic Whorehouse

Paul SHEEHAN

Paul Sheehan, author of the bestseller **Among the Barbarians** (Pb \$22.95), is one of the most controversial and thought-provoking commentators in Australia today. Here he turns his formidable intellect to the subject he knows best, the media itself. Revealing the agendas, manipulations, back-biting and herd instinct that make up much of our traditional press, he relentlessly shines a spotlight on the media's handling of some of the most heated issues debated today, including the mandatory detention of asylum seekers, ethnic crime, the Stolen Generation and Aboriginal genocide. Pyrotechnically controversial, this will be the most talked about bestseller this year.

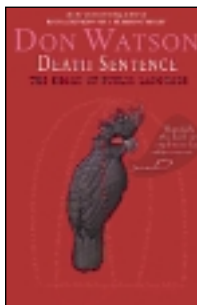


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Death Sentence

Don WATSON

Watson is deeply offended by the "lifeless sludge" that passes for public language and this is his response to years of impenetrable communiqués that have been churned out by government departments, news media, corporations and politicians (although I wonder how much of it he was responsible for himself!). He raises many valid points that bear serious thought and I applaud his endeavour, but I feel it's too little, too late. Orwell has already described the decay of language and we are now living with the consequences.



Cara

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The End of Equality

Anne SUMMERS

If you've ever wondered why equal employment opportunities for women have not lived up to their early promise, read this book. If you question the parlous state of women's affairs – politically, economically or legally – in Australia, read this book. It makes no sense that young women are afraid to be called feminists, or that working women have

The Case for Israel

Alan DERSHOWITZ

Written in his characteristic hard-hitting style, Dershowitz defends Israel and its basic right to exist, to protect its citizens from terrorism, and to protect its borders from hostile enemies. This timely and controversial analysis sets the record straight, addressing the accusations levelled against Israel by responding with hard facts and documentation. Widely respected as a civil libertarian, legal educator and defence attorney extraordinaire, the author is a passionate, though not uncritical, supporter of Israel.

Alan Dershowitz

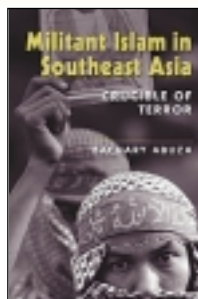
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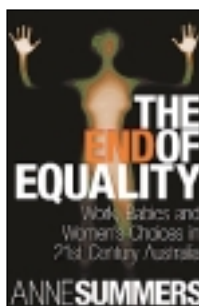
Militant Islam in Southeast Asia Crucible of Terror

Zachary ABUZA

Doggedly attempting to wade through myriad obfuscations on all sides, Abuza embarks on intensive 'on the ground' investigations and speaks with key militants to explain the emergence of radical Islamic groups in the region. He examines Al-Qaida's role as organisational catalyst and explores the responses of individual and multilateral states to the growing, and increasingly violent, Islamic political consciousness. He also thoughtfully analyses state strategies for combating, co-opting or coping with militant Islamic groups. A key question is whether state actors are trying to resolve the root causes of Muslim disaffection or merely using the war on terrorism to suppress the symptoms.



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no policy champions in Canberra. If you wish to affect meaningful change in the status of women in Australia, then read – and discuss – this book and act now.

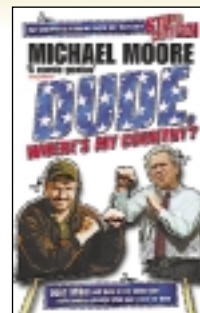
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Dude, Where's My Country?

Michael MOORE

Mike's back, this time tackling The President and promising to kick the good old boy's butt from here to kingdom come, aiming to smoke him out well before next year's election. Moore's other targets include Murdoch's media, while particularly useful are his ideas for a Green Party for men who eat red meat, a Pope who likes the ladies and a handy guide to Talking To Your Conservative Brother-in-Law. This follow-up to his successful **Stupid White Men** (Pb \$22.95) is timed to coincide with the run-up to the 2004 US Presidential election.



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Bowling for Columbine

Michael Moore's **Stupid White Men** is one of Abbey's bestselling titles ever and the gun-toting antics of Americans that he features in this film have got people talking even more. His relentless personal/political pursuit of corporate/governmental powers that have previously managed to evade responsibility has had a huge impact on the cultural imagination. In this film, you don't know whether to laugh or cry at the madcap state of affairs covered by Moore in a series of not-quite interviews and reportage. Compelling viewing indeed! DVD extras include Moore's introduction, plus various public appearances (including, of course, his Oscar acceptance speech and subsequent interviews).

Sally



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Tilt

The Skewed Tale of the Tower of Pisa

Nicholas SHRADY

This is a marvellous book for fans of Italian history, architecture and tales of bureaucracy. One of the most recognisable symbols in the world, the campanile in the Campo dei Miracoli ('the field of miracles') is a marvel of Romanesque architecture (although it took over 300 years to be finished). It is also an engineering wonder, since the degree of inclination could not be modelled on a computer without the simulation toppling! Tracing its construction and conservation, exploring its myths and gracefully narrating its effect on visitors, this book comes (literally) with a lean all of its own!

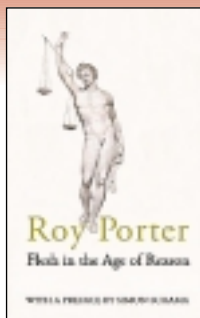


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Flesh in the Age of Reason

Roy PORTER

This book was completed shortly before Porter's untimely death. It is an immediate, important and attractive book that marks the culmination of his work on the British Enlightenment. At its core is an attempt to unravel an all-encompassing obsession: ourselves. What were the breakthroughs that allowed human beings to see themselves as modern? The mid-17th century (the world of Bunyan, Hobbes, Milton, even Newton) seems impossibly remote to us now. But during the astonishing ferment of the Enlightenment, philosophers, scientists, journalists and novelists created a whole new picture, so that by Lord Byron's lifetime, we find a world that is recognisably our own.



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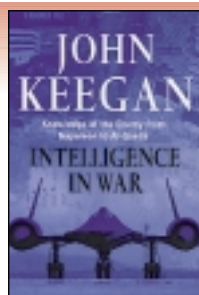
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Intelligence in War

John KEEGAN

This thought-provoking work is Keegan's finest achievement to date. His new history of war through the lens of intelligence takes the reader through many important conflicts in the development of a strong argument about military intelligence and its myriad applications. Written with characteristic perception in his inimitably wry prose, he enthral while he informs about the polymorphous issues raised through centuries of gathering 'timely information'. Everyone with an interest in history – not just military buffs – will enjoy this weighty volume.



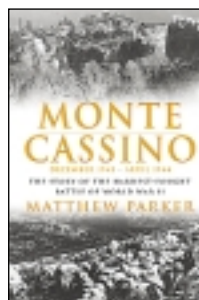
Cara

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Monte Cassino: The Story of the Hardest-Fought Battle of World War II

Matthew PARKER

Early in 1944, the Western Allies' front against Nazi-controlled Europe was Italy and the Liri Valley was their only route to the capital. Towering over its entrance was the medieval monastery of Monte Cassino, a seemingly impregnable fortress. This was where Kesselring made his stand. In a battle that became increasingly political, symbolic and personal, the virtually impenetrable German defences claimed many lives. It is a story of incompetence, hubris and politics. Over 350,000 men were killed or wounded in this six-month struggle. This is the story of their heroism.



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Drake

Stephen COOTE

The infamous Sir Francis Drake always cuts a dashing figure, yet it seems no one can agree on whether he was a hero or a scoundrel. One of the best weapons used by Queen Elizabeth I



Mawson: A Life

Philip AYRES

In the heroic age of polar exploration, Sir Douglas Mawson stands in the first rank, yet until recently there was no comprehensive or objective biography of this tall, quiet figure. In this long-awaited, most impressive and readable biography, Philip Ayres reveals Mawson's many achievements, gaining valuable insight from his personal papers, reports and correspondence, as well as interviews with people who knew him socially and professionally from as early as the 1920s. Illustrations include exquisite reproductions of early colour photographs from the Antarctic expedition of 1911-14.



PB \$34.95

Natasha's Dance A Cultural History of Russia

Orlando FIGES

A London University history professor, Orlando Figes is well regarded for his previous book, **A People's Tragedy: The Russian Revolution 1891-1924** (Pb \$50). However, this latest work is nothing if not controversial! His attempt to bring the cultural history of Russia to a more general audience met with a biting review from the *Times Literary Supplement* and sparked ongoing debate on the difference between popular and academic history. This new book covers music, poetry, dance and art, portraying the integral role these have played in Russian history. Praised by some, dismissed by others, you'll have to read it for yourself to decide where you stand.



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against the Spanish, he was celebrated during his lifetime as a hero and an empire-builder, and yet his unrelenting exploits on the high seas were tantamount to state-sponsored terrorism. This ambivalence is at the crux of Coote's analysis. His Drake is a self-made man, acutely aware of his image as the mythologised English protestant hero. A fascinating portrait of the man and his era.

Maryann

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Hitler's Scientists

John CORNWELL

Nazi Germany had a head start in the science and technologies that dramatically transformed armed conflict in the 20th century, leading to weapons of mass destruction, and also in the means of delivering them: ballistic missiles.

In this unique and epic chronicle, Cornwell sets the genius and eventual corruption of German scientists against the background of Germany's emergence as the technological powerhouse of Europe by 1910. In the final stages of his story, he asks: Have scientists behaved any better in the course of the Cold War and beyond? This riveting account probes fundamental issues regarding the moral and political responsibilities of all scientists.

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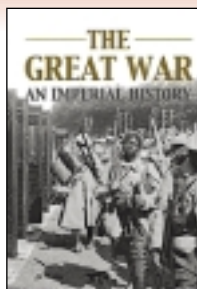


The Great War: An Imperial History

John MORROW

This definitive new history shows how worldviews – saturated in aggression and fear, and coupled with intellectual trends like social Darwinism and eugenics – unleashed such disastrous consequences. With attention to race, class and gender, this first truly global history of WWI traces the conflict from its origins to its aftermath. Emphasising the experiences of soldiers in all theatres, as well as citizens on the home front, Morrow looks beyond trench warfare and argues that the war was won not in the fields of France, but in the cold waters of the Atlantic, where blockades starved central powers into submission. Powerfully written, concise and comprehensive, it illustrates the destabilising effects of imperialism on both the colonisers and the colonised.

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The Sari

Mukulika BANERJEE & Daniel MILLER

The sari is India's most iconic garment. This book explores its beauty, its adaptability and its personality, showing why it has survived and flourished. Drawing on the experiences of a wide range of people – from villagers in Bengal to scientists in Bangalore – this book presents both an intimate portrait of the lives of women in India today and an alternative way for us to think about our relationship with the clothes we wear. Rich in individual stories and full of sumptuous illustrations, it shows how one of the world's most simply constructed garments reveals the intricate design of life in modern India.

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Hitler and the Power of Aesthetics

Frederic SPOTTS

The Hitler of this biography is not the homicidal maniac described in most volumes. Here he is someone for whom culture was not only the end to which power should aspire, but also the means of achieving it and keeping it. The centrality of the arts in his life and career has been mostly ignored, although as George Mosse said, "the fascist aesthetic reflected the needs and hopes of society, it was the means through which people grasped the message and transformed (Nazi) politics into a civic religion." This radical reassessment of Hitler is disturbing and provocative.

Cara

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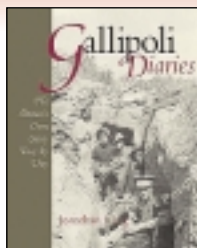
Gallipoli Diaries

Jonathan KING

King is an acknowledged expert on Australian history, with many works to his credit. In this vivid and engaging book, he brings to life the everyday experience of the Anzacs in a day-by-day account of the Gallipoli campaign. Drawing heavily on firsthand sources, including letters and diaries from the front and interviews with the last ten surviving Anzacs, he aims to capture the experience and spirit of the Anzacs and has dedicated this book to their memory. Also included is a complete, never-before-published honour roll of casualties.

Sarah

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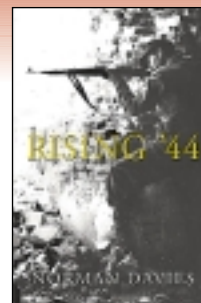


Rising '44

Norman DAVIES

In 1944, Warsaw was the Wehrmacht's last line of defence against the Red Army's march from Moscow to Berlin. When the Red Army reached the river Vistula, residents of Warsaw believed liberation had come. The Resistance took to the streets in celebration, but then the Soviets backed off, allowing Hitler to raze the city. For 63 days, the Resistance fought in the cellars and sewers. Defenceless citizens were slaughtered by the thousands and the city's monuments destroyed. It is a hugely dramatic story, vividly and authoritatively told by the leading British authority on the history of Poland.

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The Man Who Invented Hitler

David LEWIS

Hitler never rose above rank of lance corporal during WWI, before which he had been an impoverished drifter. What changed him? Lewis pinpoints the key

event in Hitler's transformation, showing how he emerged from the war with hysterical blindness, rather than blindness from mustard gas poisoning, as previously believed. He was treated by the controversial psychiatrist Edmund Forster, whose methods included telling patients they could only be cured through the strength of their own will and personality. Once Hitler found he could cure his blindness by sheer will, the next step was obvious...

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"A Problem from Hell"

America and the Age of Genocide

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"A vivid and gripping work of history"
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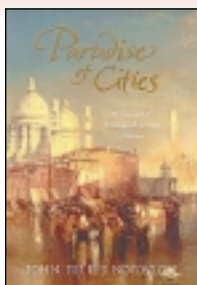


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Paradise of Cities Venice and its 19th Century Visitors

John Julius NORWICH

For this portrait of Venice, Lord Norwich has abandoned the historical approach, preferring to look at the city through the eyes of the most distinguished of its foreign visitors or residents. Napoleon, Byron, Ruskin, Browning, Wagner, Turner, George Sand, Alfred de Musset, Edward Lear and Henry James are among those who made the city their own, together with two great Anglo-American painters, James McNeill Whistler and John Singer Sargent. The survey ends with the insufferable Baron Corvo, who poisoned the life of the British colony prior to WWI, leaving Venice wide open for the new age of mass tourism. This is an engaging reflection.



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The Fate of the Romanovs

Gregory KING &
Penny WILSON

The collapse of the Soviet Union in 1991 revealed a hidden wealth of previously unpublished archival material relating to the imprisonment and eventual murder of Tsar Nicholas II and his family. Emanating from sources close to the Imperial Family, as well as from their captors and executioners, these often-controversial documents have enabled the completion of a new and comprehensive examination of one of the pivotal events of the 20th century. Based on a careful analysis of more than 500 documents and numerous photos, this book makes compelling revisions to many long-held beliefs about the final months of the Romanovs.

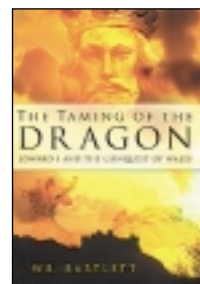


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The Taming of the Dragon Edward I and the Conquest of Wales

Wayne BARTLETT

History is full of dramatic, passionate and intriguing episodes and the story of the conquest of Wales in the 13th century is no exception! It is also full of contradictions because many Welshmen fought alongside the English against their own countrymen. Edward I, King of England, and Llywelyn ap Gruffudd, Prince of Gwynedd, were the major players in this world of power politics, but other strong characters were involved. The castles – crucial to the success of the campaigns – nearly bankrupted the English treasury. This accessible account, which draws on contemporary sources, brings this period vividly to life.

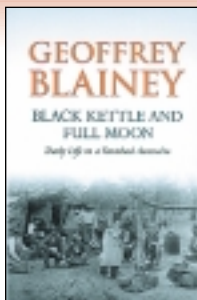


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Black Kettle and Full Moon

Geoffrey BLAINEY

This master storyteller takes us on another absorbing journey, a guided tour of a vanished Australia. Covering the years from the first gold rush to WWI, Blainey paints a fascinating picture of how our forebears lived – in the bush, in towns and cities, at sea and far inland. He looks at a host of aspects of daily life, from billycans to brass bands, from ice making to etiquette, from pipes to pubs. Further enlivened by contemporary illustrations, Blainey's wonderfully evocative writing brings to life the sights, sounds and smells of another time.

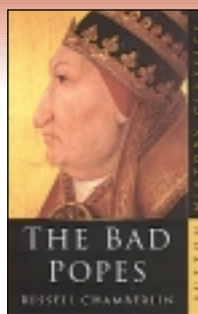


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The Bad Popes

Russell CHAMBERLIN

The Roman Catholic Church has withstood many challenges from secular enemies over the past two millennia, which is most remarkable when you consider some of its leaders were not all they should have been! This book examines the reigns of seven pontiffs who were, quite frankly, bad. They include John XII, who was probably murdered while committing adultery; Urban VI, who was responsible for the Great Schism; and Alexander VI, a great example as the father of Lucrezia and Cesare Borgia. Add a couple of Medicis and an Epicurean and you have an enlightening, entertaining account of the papal dark side!

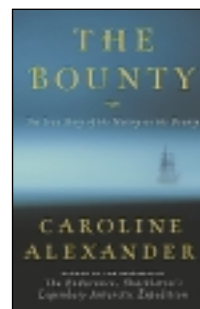


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The Bounty The True Story of the Mutiny on the Bounty

Caroline ALEXANDER

This is a history with a different take, the author seeing it first and foremost as a breaking daily news story of a trial that mesmerised a great seafaring nation. The narrative broadens to cover the events of the mutiny itself, Captain Bligh's extraordinary 3,000-mile voyage in a longboat, the fate of Fletcher Christian, and the capture, voyage and fate of the mutineers. The book gives an immediate and vivid portrait of London and Plymouth from 1789 to 1793, when the popular press was in its infancy, revolution was in the air and poets gave words to national feeling.

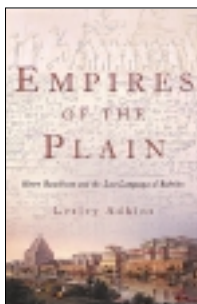


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Empires of the Plain Henry Rawlinson and the Lost Languages of Babylon

Lesley ADKINS

This is the true adventure story of a fearless soldier, sportsman and explorer who was also a brilliant linguist. Fascinated by history, he became obsessed with ancient



languages and the Middle East. An immense inscription on a sheer rock face at Bisitun, Iran was the key to understanding much of cuneiform. Only Rawlinson had the skills to brave the ascent. While racing to beat his rivals, incredible libraries of cuneiform clay tablets were unearthed in the ancient mounds of Mesopotamia. His decipherment of these inscriptions resurrected lost civilisations, proving to astonished Victorians that people and places in the Old Testament really existed.

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Rebecca STOTT

In 1847, Westminster Abbey enjoyed a sudden growth in popularity. Visitors came to see the very first marine aquarium in England. Lord John Thynne's extraordinary wife Anna, a great beauty and mother of 10 children, established it. She had, by a process of serendipity, discovered how to keep and breed her pet sea creatures in glass tanks in central London. Her invention coincided with a major philosophical turning point in history. Married to a clergyman, she found herself working in a field that cut right to the heart of the prevailing conflict about the origins and development of life on earth.

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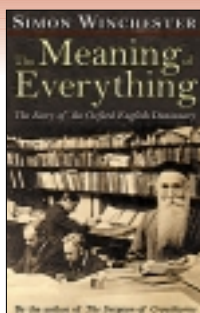


The Meaning of Everything The Story of the World's Greatest Dictionary

Simon WINCHESTER

The publication of the Oxford English Dictionary was one of the greatest achievements of the 19th and 20th centuries. Who better to tell its story than the author of **The Surgeon of Crowthorne** (Pb \$19.95)? After a potted history of the English language and the dictionaries that preceded it, Winchester details the fascinating history of this remarkable publication and the incredible cast of characters who produced it. Without doubt, one of the best books you will read all year. Superb! Note: see page 28 for our special OED offer. *Dave*

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Imagined Corners Exploring the World's First Atlas

Paul BINDING

Published in Antwerp in 1570, the *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum* did something no previous book had ever done: provided the chance to see our planet as a place of staggering variety and ultimate unity. The world's first atlas was the brainchild of Abraham Ortelius. It reflected the great vitality of the era, the prevailing zest for exploration and discovery, as well as the linked activities of commerce and map-making. It was a work born of collaborative friendships, including two key figures of the age, printer Christophe Plantin and geographer Gerard Mercator. This book vividly brings to life the Antwerp that produced Ortelius and his momentous work.

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Napoleon: His Wives and Women

Christopher HIBBERT

The continuing fascination with this gifted man is reflected in the number of books published about him since his mysterious death in 1821 – some 250,000 titles! This biography offers an authoritative, up to date account, concentrating especially on his private life. It examines all stages of his developing and extraordinary career; his character, interests and tastes; his friendships, enmities and love affairs; the impressions he made on his contemporaries away from the council chamber and battlefield; his personal life at war; his life in exile and as emperor in peacetime; and the mystery surrounding his death. In short, it reveals the man behind the soldier, the statesman and the legend.

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The Courtesan's Revenge Harriette Wilson, the Woman Who Blackmailed the King

Frances WILSON

By the time she was 15 years old, Harriette was well on her way to becoming Regency London's most sought-after courtesan. Born in 1786, she counted amongst her conquests the Prince of Wales, the Lord Chancellor, and no less than four future Prime Ministers. She entranced men with her wit as much as her beauty, but when the Duke of Beaufort put a halt on payments promised to her, she decided to avenge herself on the whole pack. This is a spectacular, salacious and scandalous new biography of the celebrated courtesan, who was famously told, by the Duke of Wellington, to "publish and be damned."

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Rifles: Six Years with Wellington's Legendary Sharpshooters

Mark URBAN

This is the story of the deadliest sharpshooters in Wellington's army, the 95th Rifles. They were also the first British soldiers to take aim at their targets, take cover when being shot at and manoeuvre tactically! After a six-year campaign, they had proved to be exceptional fighters and had created modern notions of the infantryman. Written in a witty, informal style and focused on first person accounts, we get to know the men and feel what they went through. Urban doesn't sugar-coat the truth, so besides examples of bravery and loyalty, we also see drunkenness, desertion, rape and looting.

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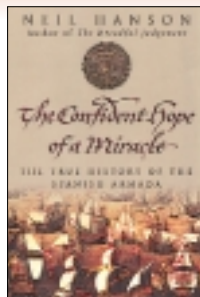
The Confident Hope of a Miracle The True Story of the Spanish Armada

Neil HANSON

In the summer of 1588, the mightiest fleet ever assembled departs Spain to reclaim a Protestant England for the Catholic

Church, castle-crowned galleons stretching for miles across the ocean. But the Armada is soon decimated by the superior tactics and firepower of the English Fleet. This triumphant combination of historical research and storytelling flair draws on little known personal papers and records to tell the epic story in vivid, living detail.

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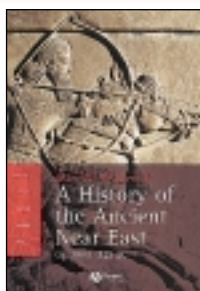


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A History of the Ancient Near East: 3000-323 BC

Marc VAN DE MIEROOP

Spanning the period from the rise of civilisation in the Near East to the coming of Alexander, this is a comprehensive guide to cultures from the Levant in the east to Persia in the west. Included are critical studies of key documents such as the Amarna letters, the *Epic of Gilgamesh* and even the *Old Testament*, with lengthy quotations. While it lacks colour plates, the monochrome reproductions of artefacts and maps are very clear. The research is up to date and the narrative is compelling. No doubt soon to be seen on many a reading list! *Andrew*

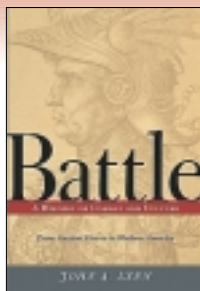


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Battle A History of Combat & Culture

John LYNN

Spanning the entire globe and the centuries, this wonderful book explores the way that ideas shape the conduct of warfare. Drawing examples from all over the world, Lynn challenges the belief that technology has been the dominant influence on combat from ancient times to the present day. In battle, ideas can be more important than bullets or bombs. Clausewitz said, "war is politics", but in this book, war is culture. The reality of armed conflict is formed by, and in turn forms, a culture's values and expectations of fighting. This book rejects fashionable notions of a 'Western warfare', replacing it with nuanced concepts of varied and evolving cultural patterns of combat.



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The Mediterranean in History

David ABULAFIA

Any story about the shores and islands of the Mediterranean Sea takes readers to the very heart of Western civilisation. This complex panorama of Mediterranean history is divided into 9 chapters, bringing together 4,000 years of history, from cultural clashes to mass tourism. It offers a chance to see Mediterranean history as a collected whole, bringing out the variety and interconnection between the states and religions that have flourished along its shores. This work of brilliant scholarship, often revising conventional views, is also beautifully illustrated with over 300 carefully chosen colour pictures.

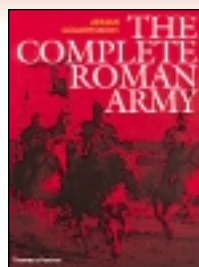


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The Complete Roman Army

Adrian GOLDSWORTHY

The Roman army was one of the most successful fighting forces in history. Its advanced organisation and tactics were unequalled and monuments to its perseverance and skill are visible today. This excellent book examines in detail not just the early imperial army, but also citizens' militias of the later empire. Every aspect is explored, from the daily lives of soldiers to major campaigns. Discussions of battles and brief biographies of great commanders bring the campaigns and personalities to life, while hundreds of photographs, diagrams and specially commissioned battle plans illustrate the many aspects of the Roman army over several centuries.

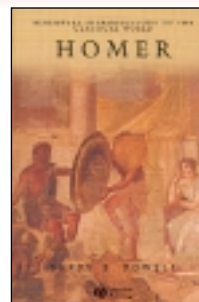


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Homer: Blackwell Introduction to the Classical World

Barry POWELL

For anyone who has ever struggled with the catalogue of ships in *The Iliad* (Pb \$14.95) or wondered what the text of *The Odyssey* (Pb \$11.95) looked like to an ancient reader, this is the book. It is an informative and approachable account of the history of the Homeric epics and poems. Ideal for newcomers to the poetry, it also offers a fresh approach to those better acquainted with Homer. Powell's relaxed and unpretentious style sets famous incidents from the text in a new light, while encouraging readers to tackle the issues of the poem with summaries of critical disputes and problems. Highly recommended. *Sarah*



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Reformation Europe's House Divided: 1490-1700

Diarmaid MacCULLOCH

Diarmaid leaves England to consider the ins and outs of the Reformation on the Continent. Aware that religious schisms are made of tougher stuff than the abstract theology of cloistered monks, he gives a fine overview of the social, political and technological milieu that gave rise to Luther. He follows the ripples of the Reformation out to their various conclusions (or continuations) today and is successful in weaving a complex, but understandable, web of ideas. With sections on its legacy in Britain and America, and the impact of ideas still in currency today, this book is a fine piece of history writing. *Andrew*



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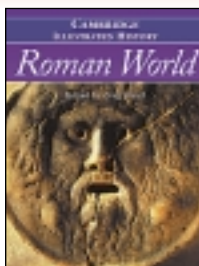
The Cambridge Illustrated History of the Roman World

Greg WOOLF (editor)

Greg Woolf, currently Professor of Ancient History at the University of Saint Andrews, was in Australia earlier this year and delivered two excellent and intriguing lectures at the conference of the Australian Society for Classical Studies. This latest work draws together a wide range of information, as well as a number of academics, to present an overview of the Roman world from 753 BC to the 5th century AD. Lavishly illustrated and integrating economic, social, architectural and military perspectives on Rome (to name but a few), this is an ideal way to explore the ancient world. *Sarah*

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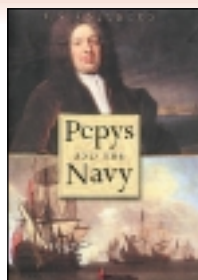


Pepys and the Navy

Charles KNIGHTON

These days Pepys is best remembered for his brilliant **Diary** (Pb \$19.95), but in his lifetime he was known as the efficient and clever chief naval official under Charles II and James II. Although his career was twice interrupted by the unstable political situation of his times, he instigated many reforms, including half-pay for officers and a shipbuilding program on a scale previously unknown. Drawing on Pepys' own library, this fascinating account underlines how important his work was in creating a permanent, professional Royal Navy. *Lindy*

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North of Capricorn The Untold Story of Australia's North

Henry REYNOLDS

The 19th century towns of Australia's tropical north – from Mackay to Broome – differed from those in the south. Closer to Asia, they contained a diverse mix of peoples: Melanesians in the cane fields, Japanese in the pearl industries, Chinese in the gold fields and businesses, Filipinos and Ceylonese in shipping and, of course, the local Aborigines. They were dynamic, multi-racial towns, which ran contrarily to the White Australia Policy, the first social legislation of the new Commonwealth. This excellent book, copiously illustrated with rare photographs, is carefully researched and reveals what Australia could have been like if Capricornia had prevailed. *Lindy*

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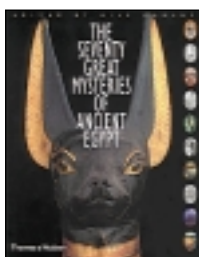


The Seventy Great Mysteries of Ancient Egypt Unlocking the Secrets of the Pharaohs

Bill MANLEY

In this new addition to the *Seventy* series, international teams of Egyptologists explore mysteries surrounding Egypt's relations with other peoples, such as the lost African kingdom of Punt; puzzles that set the ancient Egyptians apart from other cultures; and new mysteries, such as evidence of Tutankhamun's murder and unexplained shafts inside the Great Pyramid. Famous people and places are discussed, including Ramses the Great, Akhenaten, the Great Pyramid, the Valley of the Kings, as well as shadowy figures like Senenmut, Smendes and Khababash. Hundreds of photographs and specially commissioned diagrams, maps and reconstructions complement the intriguing text. *Lindy*

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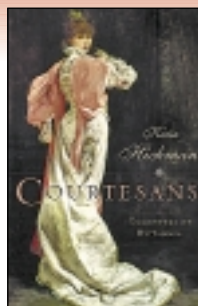


Courtesans

Katie HICKMAN

In ages past, courtesans set fashions, caused scandals and lived in unimaginable luxury. Their independence made them famous, but socially inadmissible. Aristocratic men might know them, but society women certainly did not! Five famous English courtesans are the subjects of this well written book: Sophia Baddeley, beautiful and wildly extravagant; Elizabeth Armistead, who became the beloved wife of an influential politician; Harriette Wilson of the sparkling memoirs; Cora Pearl, who lived the high life in Paris; and Catherine Wilson, consummate horsewoman and confidante of kings. All wholly different and wonderful characters. This is a great read, combining biography with social history. *Lindy*

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The Times Medieval World

Rosamund McKITTERICK

With 80 full-colour spreads, this dramatically designed and newly illustrated history covers nearly a millennium of one of the world's most formative phases. Its geographical scope is vast, treating all major cultures outside the Americas from AD 500 to 1492, including the Arab invasions of Europe, the empire of Charlemagne, the African kingdoms of Songhay and Mali, the Crusades, the Viking and Mongol invasions, the Delhi sultanate and the T'ang and Ming empires. A great introduction to a multitude of contrasting and competing cultures, many of which laid crucial foundation stones for the building of modern societies. *Lindy*

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Australia's favourite wine writer invites readers to join him for a year of travel, wine tasting and work in the vineyards. His journal traces his sojourns around the world as he judges wine shows, addresses critics and growers at exhibitions, holidays in his French country farmhouse and oversees the vintage on his Coldstream Hills vineyard in Victoria. It might seem like an idyllic life, but he sets a cracking pace, with hardly a day's rest amidst the back-to-back flights, tastings and functions, not to mention the deadlines for books, magazine articles and newspapers.



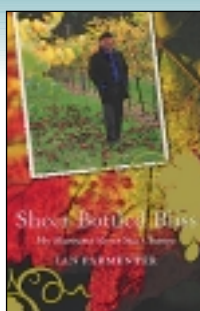
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Sheer Bottled Bliss

My Margaret River Sea Change

Ian PARMENTER

You may know Ian Parmenter from his food and wine bites on ABC-TV, which are always amusing and full of valuable information. London-born Parmenter is a naturally funny and inquisitive man, and it is through him that we experience the beauty and attractions of Margaret River and Australia. Stories are shared with neighbours and friends as he and his wife venture into creating a successful vineyard themselves. You'll find their label and website at the back of the book...I'm ordering some today! *Kath*



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Toast: The Story of a Boy's Hunger

Nigel SLATER

Top British chef and food writer Nigel Slater has written a delicious autobiography. Examining his life's journey since he was a small boy, he details all the food, recipes and cooks that have inspired him along the way. Not just a personal journey, this could be a review of how the British have eaten for the last 30 years. There are some hilariously funny episodes, such as when his family has spaghetti Bolognese for the first (and last) time, not to mention the story about a disappearing condom! Slater will have you laughing and sighing right to the end. *Kath*

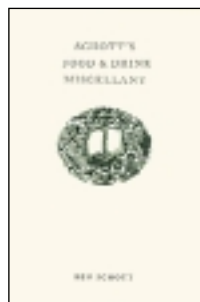


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Schott's Food and Drink Miscellany

Ben SCHOTT

An absolutely delightful collection of wonderful bits and pieces related to two of our more enjoyable pursuits, this is sure to please any reader! Discover ways to fold napkins into a pleasing array of shapes, the different terms used to order a glass of beer in Australia, which king fed his dog foie gras, the correct technique for lighting cigars (and Christmas puddings), cocktail recipes, cooking terms, historical tidbits, arcane etiquette and so much more. A feast of trivia and trifles to be savoured at leisure or devoured in chunks! Note: **Schott's Original Miscellany** (Hb \$29.95) is also still available.



Lindy

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Jeremy Oliver's Australian Wine Annual 2004

Jeremy OLIVER

In this comprehensive guide, leading wine critic Jeremy (no, not Jamie) Oliver offers advice on purchasing and cellaring Australian wines either for immediate enjoyment or long-term investment. The big questions about wines are: 'How good are they?' and 'When should I drink them?' Here is a title that lists the best (and bestselling) Australian wines by maker and vintage, offering a huge amount of information that is easily understood at a glance. Includes a full-colour image of each wine label and a pithy view of what is happening at each winery. Quite simply, a very helpful book for the astute purchaser.



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Cooking for Kings: The Life of Caramé, the First Celebrity Chef

Ian KELLY

Part biography, part Regency cookbook, this contains some of the most sumptuous menus and recipes ever created. We follow Caramé's meteoric rise from Parisian orphan to international celebrity, through the turmoil of the French Revolution to the kitchens of the Brighton Pavilion and beyond. He knew the favourite dishes of George IV, Rossini and the Romanovs. He knew Napoleon's fast food requirements and why Empress Josephine suffered halitosis. The wonderful recipes he created bring the very taste and smell of the early 19th century alive. It was Caramé who first coined the phrase, "You can try them yourself."



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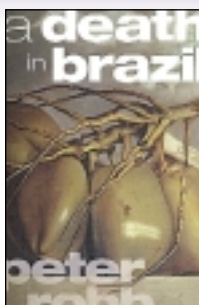


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A Death in Brazil

Peter ROBB

"Like everyone, I went to Brazil to get away..." Combining travel, history, literature, culture and his own memories of 20 years of Brazilian life, Robb delves into the past and present. He takes us on a journey into a sensual and frightening world, describing the remarkable rise of Lula da Silva, Brazil's first working class President, and her predecessor Fernando Collor and his sinister bagman Farias, who looted Brazil of billions. Robb shows how their successes and downfalls, along with murder, ambition, sexual drama and family jealousy, surreally mirror the stories of the TV soap operas that are watched nightly by millions of devoted Brazilians.



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The Kindness of Strangers

Don GEORGE (editor),

Preface by the Dalai Lama

Here are some wonderful stories about unexpected kindnesses bestowed upon troubled travellers in times of dire need, often when travelling in countries where they don't speak the language, know the culture or have any way to repay the kindness received. With contributions from notable authors including Simon Winchester and Isabelle Allende, as well as many previously unpublished writers, these tales are simultaneously heart-warming and heartbreaking, ultimately presenting us with a beautiful and rare glimpse into the kinder side of human nature.

Caroline

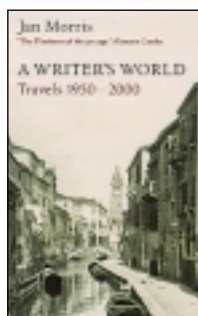
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A Writer's World: Travels 1950-2000

Jan MORRIS

In a hugely evocative collection of her travel writing and reportage from over five decades, Morris has produced a unique portrait of the late 20th century world. Ranging from New York to Venice, Oxford to the Middle East, and Wales to South Africa, she was a witness to such seminal moments as the Eichmann trial, the first ascent of Everest, the fall of the Berlin Wall and the hand-over of Hong Kong. As ever, she displays her unique and inimitable literary style – at once, funny, wise and sad.



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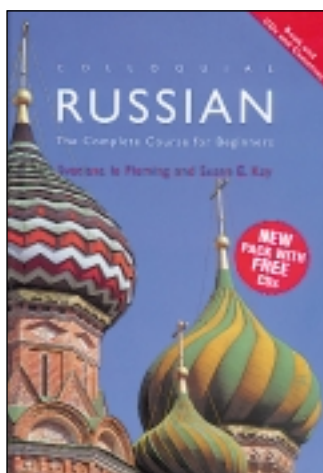
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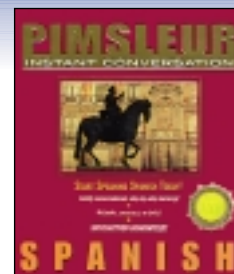


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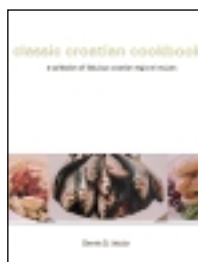


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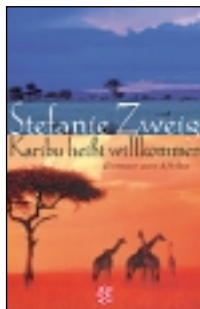


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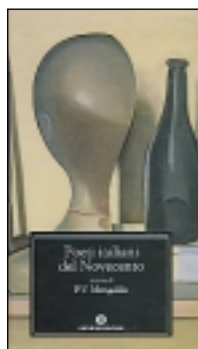
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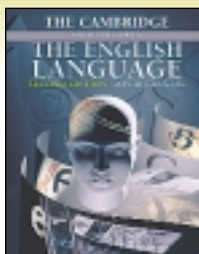
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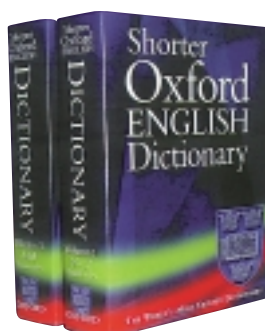
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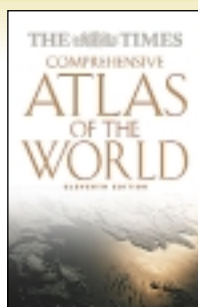
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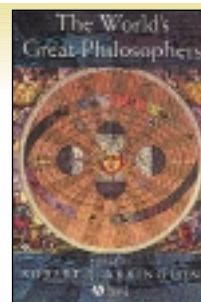


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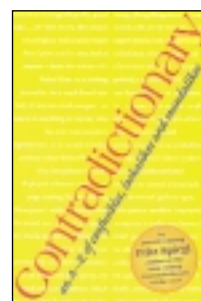


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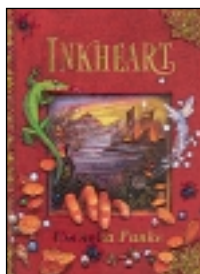
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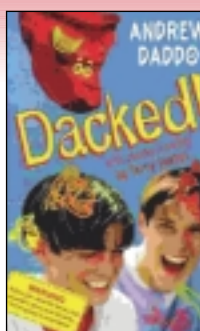
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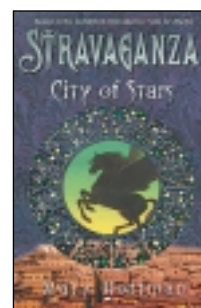
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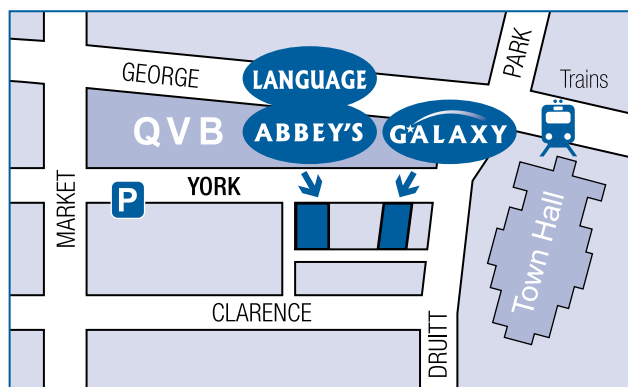
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This stunning book has its genesis in a National Library exhibition. It contains an excellent biography of Rowan, whose work was criticised on the basis that it fell between botanical illustrations suitable for museums and fanciful paintings that belonged in art galleries. Today, we appreciate them as beautiful, highly accurate works. Ellis would set off into the wilds, dressed in correct Victorian attire, to create her watercolour studies on grey paper, often under conditions that were quite dangerous. The true beauty of this book lies in the abundance of full colour reproductions — glorious botanical studies that will have you coveting the originals!



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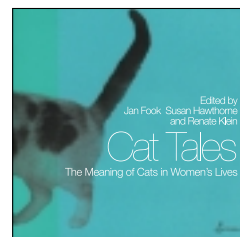
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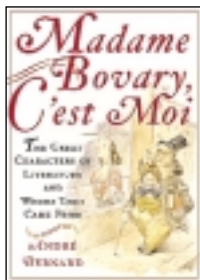
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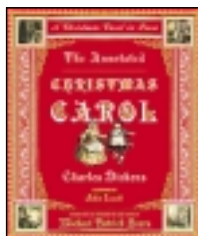


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