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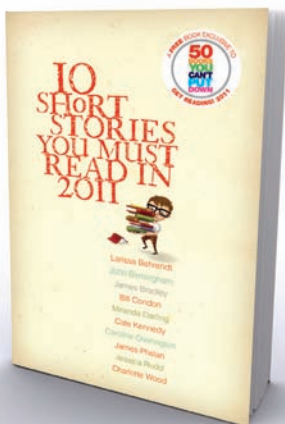
The Land of Dragons

Emily Rodda

Emily Rodda takes us on a magical journey to discover the secrets of Deltora, land of monsters and magic.

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Many of the authors involved in Get Reading! are appearing in libraries and book stores around the country during September. So get along to an event near you.



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Get Reading! just got bigger, with a new year-round author touring program. So you don't have to wait until September to see authors in your town.

Go to getreading.com.au for up-to-date information about Get Reading! author tours, events and appearances.

And look out for the new A Book You Can't Put Down sticker. It appears on current books by Get Reading! touring authors and is a sure sign of a great read.



Message from the Minister

There's nothing better than relaxing with a good book. And although we are already a nation of book lovers, Get Reading! does a great job in promoting the joy of reading to all Australians.

We are also fortunate in Australia to have a rich literary culture, with many talented authors creating works to entertain, delight and inspire eager readers.

The 2011 Get Reading! *50 Books You Can't Put Down* guide is hand-picked by booklovers, guaranteeing a great read, no matter what book you choose.

The Australian Government is proud to continue its support for Get Reading!, a month-long national program of activities that celebrates and encourages reading.

I encourage you to grab a book, relax and get reading.

A stylized, handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Simon Crean'.

The Hon Simon Crean MP
Minister for the Arts

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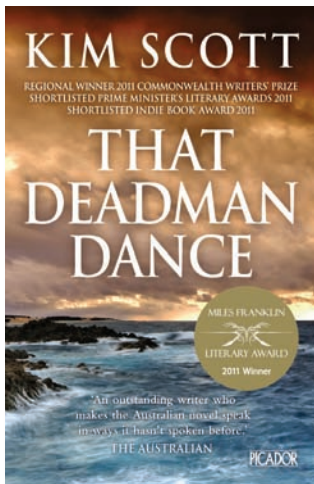




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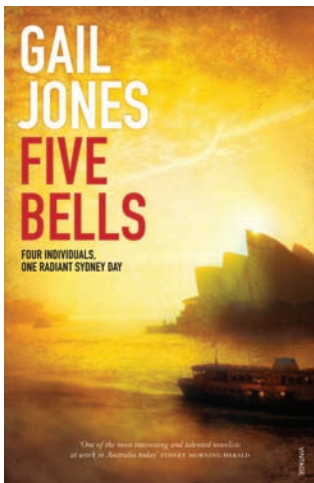


A sensational novel by the two-time Miles Franklin Award winner

That Deadman Dance *Kim Scott*

Winner of the 2011 Miles Franklin Award, and shortlisted for the 2011 Prime Minister's Award, this poetic, warm-hearted and bold novel is set in the first decades of the 19th century in what is now Albany, WA. With a rich cast of characters that includes protagonist Bobby Wabalanginy, and told through the eyes of black and white, young and old, *That Deadman Dance* explores the early contact between the Noongar people and the first European settlers.





**‘A brilliant work by one of Australia’s
finest authors’** THE AUSTRALIAN

Five Bells *Gail Jones*

On a radiant day in Sydney, four people converge on Circular Quay, site of the iconic Opera House and Harbour Bridge. Each visitor is haunted by past intimacies, secrets and guilt. A fifth figure at the Quay, a barely glimpsed child, reminds us that some patterns are imprecise and do not resolve. By night-time, when Sydney is drenched in a rainstorm, each life has been transformed. *Five Bells* is a novel of singular beauty and power by a gifted novelist.





**A new novel about the family we
first met in *The Secret River***

Sarah Thornhill *Kate Grenville*

Sarah is the youngest child of William Thornhill, convict turned Hawkesbury River landowner. A strong-willed young woman who's certain where her future lies, she's known Jack Langland since she was a child and has always loved him. But there's a secret in Sarah's family, a secret Jack can't live with. And it changes everything, for both of them. By one of our most-awarded writers, *Sarah Thornhill* is about love lost and found, tangled histories, and why it matters to keep stories alive.





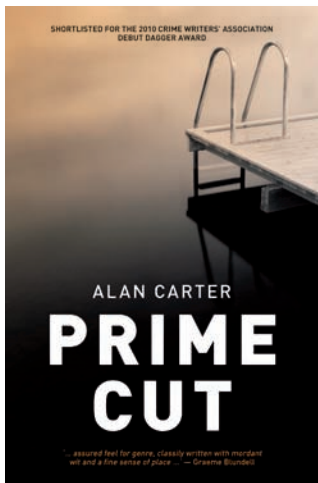
‘Crime writing of the highest order’

THE TIMES

The Snowman *Jo Nesbo*

Oslo. As the first snow of the year falls, a young boy wakes to find his mother gone. He spies in the garden a snowman, around its neck his mother’s pink scarf . . . When a second woman disappears, Detective Inspector Harry Hole’s suspicions are confirmed: he’s a pawn in a deadly game. For the first time in his career Harry finds himself confronted with a serial killer operating on his turf. Spine-chilling and brilliant, this gritty page-turner will keep you up all night.





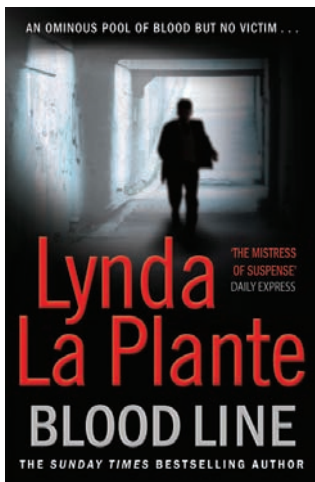
‘An atmospheric and sharply written thriller’

SATURDAY AGE

Prime Cut *Alan Carter*

The world is in economic meltdown but a mining town on the edge of nowhere is booming. With the population exploding, it's easy enough to hide a crime – or a dirty past. When disgraced cop Cato Kwong is brought in from the cold to solve the case of a torso washed up on the beach, he faces powerful opposition . . . Shortlisted for a prestigious Debut Dagger Award, *Prime Cut* heralds the arrival of a brilliant new Australian voice.



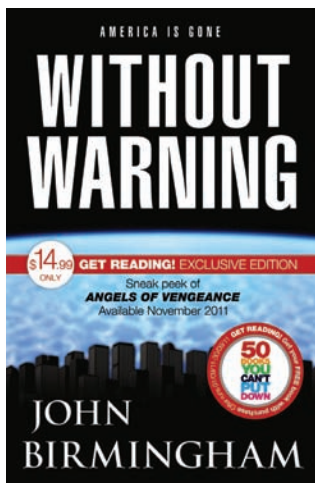


A gripping new crime thriller in the bestselling Anna Travis series

Blood Line *Lynda La Plante*

Under the watchful eye of Detective Chief Superintendent James Langton, Anna Travis is put in charge of a case for the first time. But is it a full-blown murder investigation or purely a missing person's case? An ominous pool of blood and no victim lead Anna on a desperate hunt for a man who has disappeared without a trace. As Anna becomes obsessed with seemingly irrelevant details, Langton fears she is losing control. They still have no body and Anna is under increasing pressure to make an arrest . . .





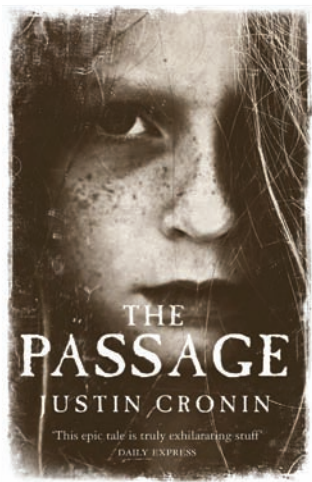
A blockbuster of full-throttle action by the acclaimed author of the Axis trilogy

Without Warning *John Birmingham*

The year: 2003. As coalition forces ready their assault on Iraq, a massive energy wave envelops America. Quickly dubbed the Disappearance by confused onlookers, the wave mysteriously obliterates all life forms within its shimmering borders. As politicians and scientists try to make sense of the anomaly, some foreign observers, including Iraqis, start celebrating.

Without Warning tells a fast and furious story of survival, violence and a new, soul-shattering reality. Here is a world without its sheriff, its Great Satan, or its saviour . . .





**The most talked-about book of the year
and now a global bestseller**

The Passage *Justin Cronin*

A security breach unleashes the monstrous product of a chilling experiment. As civilisation swiftly crumbles, two people flee in search of sanctuary. FBI agent Brad Wolgast is a good man haunted by what he's done in the line of duty. For six-year-old Amy, escaping the fallout is the beginning of a much longer odyssey to a time and place where she must finish what should never have begun . . . This suspenseful adventure chronicles human endurance in the face of catastrophe and unimaginable danger.



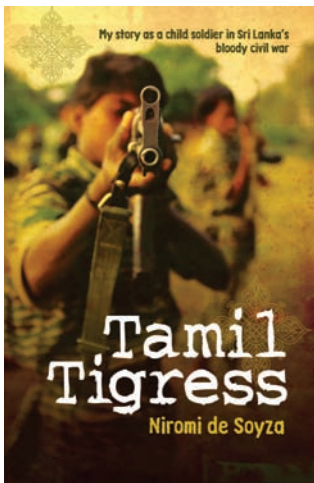


‘I just lay in bed wide awake thinking about it . . . amazing’ STEPHENIE MEYER

The Hunger Games *Suzanne Collins*

It's reality TV meets *Lord of the Flies*. Every year, 12 boys and 12 girls are chosen to take part in the Hunger Games. Watched by the entire nation, this is action-packed viewing at its most exciting – and most dangerous. Katniss Everdeen has grown up struggling to save the people close to her. Now she faces the biggest challenge of all – the fight for her life. Winning will make you famous. Losing means certain death. Tune into the beginning of the adventure with this first book of the series, which Stephen King ‘couldn’t stop reading’.



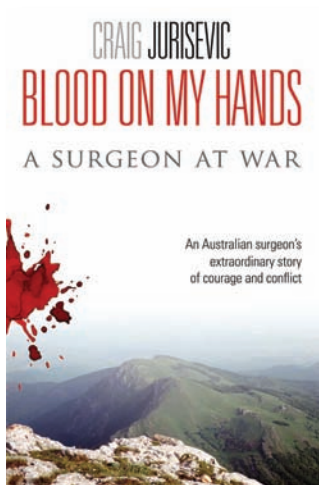


How a respectable middle-class girl became a guerilla

Tamil Tigress *Niromi de Soya*

In 1987, 17-year-old Niromi de Soya shocked her middle-class Sri Lankan family by joining the Tamil Tigers. Equipped with a rifle and a cyanide capsule, she was one of the rebels' first female soldiers. Niromi's group managed to survive on their wits in the jungle, facing not only the perils of war but starvation, illness and growing internal tensions among the militant Tigers. Today, Niromi lives in Sydney with her husband and children. This is her compelling story . . .





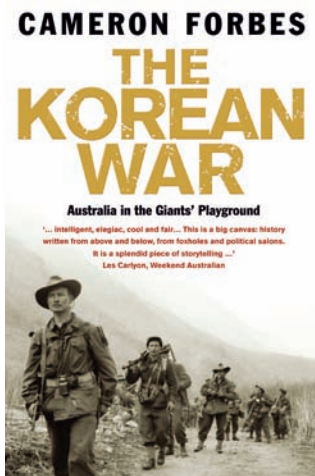
A powerful true story of the horrors and heroism of war

Blood on My Hands *Craig Jurisevic with Robert Hillman*

It's 1999 and, in the Balkans, Europe is witnessing scenes of mass murder. Leaving his family behind, Adelaide surgeon Craig Jurisevic flies to the killing fields to assist. Sickened by the horror, he joins forces with the Kosovo Liberation Army, operating on the injured at the front and leading night missions behind enemy lines to retrieve injured Kosovar villagers.

Blood on My Hands tells a story of terrible suffering, extraordinary heroism, and the savagery that lies coiled in the human heart.



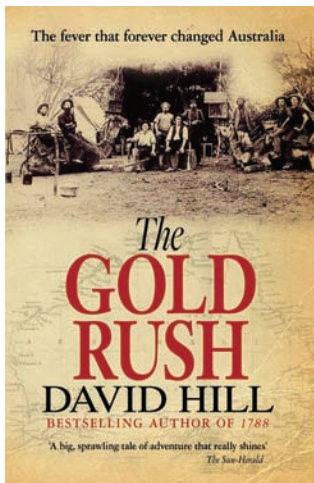


The definitive history by the acclaimed author of *Hellfire*

The Korean War *Cameron Forbes*

The Korean War is the story of a conflict that has never really ended. Fought at the height of the Cold War between US-led forces and Communist forces led by Mao Zedong's China, the war had dramatic consequences. From the letters and diaries of those diggers who battled across Korea's unforgiving hills and mountains to the grand strategies formulated in Washington, Moscow and Beijing, *The Korean War* reveals the conflict on all its levels – human, military and geopolitical.



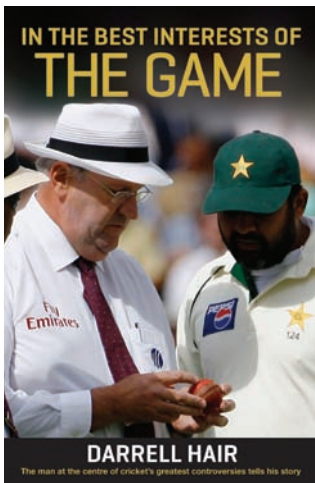


How a precious metal changed the course of our nation

The Gold Rush *David Hill*

Edward Hargraves' discovery of gold in Australia in 1851 heralded the country's first gold rush. Ultimately, it changed everything, putting an end to convict transportation, challenging the British class system, laying the foundations for Australian egalitarianism and playing a key role in the birth of the nation. In *The Gold Rush*, the bestselling author of *1788* weaves together an array of sources, including letters, diary entries and newspaper reports, to bring to life the characters, great and ordinary, who helped make history.



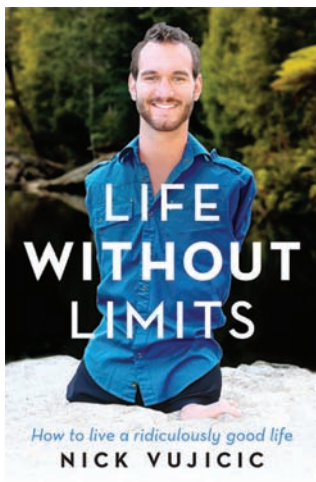


The truth behind that Test match from cricket's most controversial umpire

In the Best Interests of the Game *Darrell Hair*

The year: 2006. England and Pakistan are locked in battle at the Oval, the fourth day into the Fourth Test. When umpire Darrell Hair charges Pakistan with ball-tampering, what follows reads more like a John Le Carré novel than a sports narrative, with refusals to play, accusations flying and a dramatic chain of events that culminates in Hair's premature retirement. Much more than a recollection of runs, wickets and anecdotes, this is a unique story from the man at the centre of some of cricket's biggest storms.



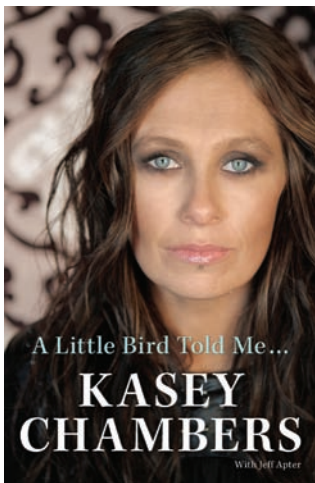


The inspirational, laugh-out-loud true story of a genuine Aussie battler

Life Without Limits *Nick Vujicic*

Born without arms or legs, Nick Vujicic has faced more than his share of challenges. In *Life Without Limits* he tells of living in his 'Chesty Bond' body; his visit to Africa at the age of 20, where he gave away \$20,000 and raised another \$20,000 on the side; and how he learned to surf, skateboard, dive and more. Noting that 'perfection isn't always perfect', Nick encourages everyone to find their life's purpose and go for it.





The fascinating story of one of Australia's most beloved singer-songwriters

A Little Bird Told Me . . . *Kasey Chambers with Jeff Apter*

She's won eight ARIA awards, ten APRA's and sold more than one million albums. But the journey of this phenomenally successful singer-songwriter began a long way from the stage. From a gypsy childhood camping under the stars on the Nullarbor Plain with her music-loving parents to her triumphant latest album, Kasey Chambers shares her personal and professional highs and lows with warmth and honesty in this revealing portrait of an extraordinary woman.





‘Utterly believable and compelling’

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

I Came to Say Goodbye *Caroline Overington*

Single parent Med Atley is devastated when his 16-year-old daughter Donna-Faye (Fat) falls pregnant to a man ten years older and with a serious criminal history. Med and Fat struggle to do the right thing in tough circumstances, but their lives begin to unravel. Intriguing and compelling, *I Came to Say Goodbye* shines a light on hot topics such as when should a child be taken from its family, the madness of our adoption laws, and the treatment of mental health patients.





‘Destined to be a modern classic’

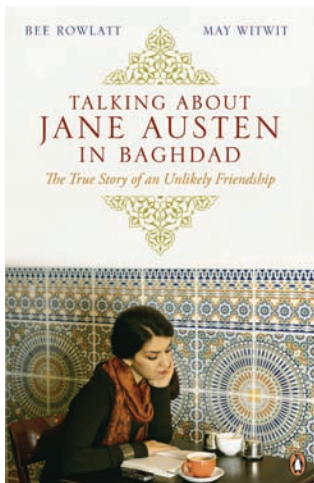
DAILY MIRROR

One Day *David Nicholls*

‘I can imagine you at forty,’ she said, a hint of malice in her voice. ‘I can picture it right now.’ 15 July 1988. Emma and Dexter meet for the first time on the night of their graduation.

Tomorrow they must go their separate ways. So where will they be on this one day next year? And every year that follows? Now a major motion picture, *One Day* is about the often heartbreaking gap between the way we were and the way we are.





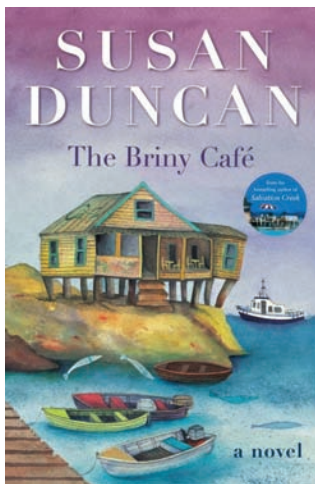
The true story of two women, two worlds and an unlikely bond

Talking About Jane Austen in Baghdad

Bee Rowlatt & May Witwit

May is a tough-talking lecturer in English. She's also an Iraqi from a Sunni-Shi'ite background living in Baghdad. Bee is a London mum of three juggling work and family. They should have nothing in common, but when a chance email brings them together, they develop a connection that overcomes their differences. Together they hatch a plan to help May escape the bombings . . . This engaging true story is a revealing insight into the lives of innocent Iraqis affected by war.



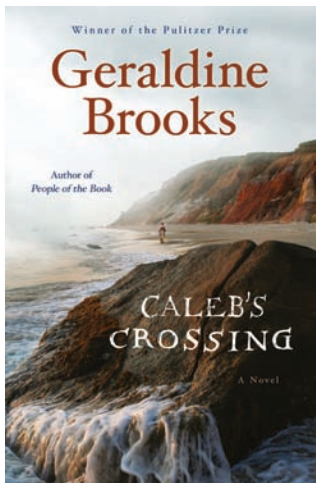


**A delicious tale of friendship and love by
the bestselling author of *Salvation Creek***

The Briny Café *Susan Duncan*

Ettie Brookbank may be the heart and soul of Cook's Basin but she can't help wondering where her dreams have disappeared to. So when she's offered the Briny Café for a knockdown price, it's an opportunity too good to miss. But it's a mammoth task, and she'll need a partner. Enter Kate Jackson, the enigmatic new resident of the haunted house on Oyster Bay . . . Could a ramshackle café and its endearingly eccentric customers deliver the new start both women so desperately crave?



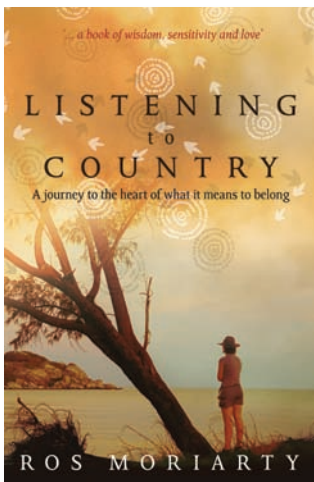


A beautifully realised historical novel from this Pulitzer Prize winner

Caleb's Crossing *Geraldine Brooks*

Caleb Cheeshateaumauk was the first native American to graduate from Harvard, back in 1665. From the few facts that survive of his extraordinary life, Geraldine Brooks has woven a luminous tale of love and faith, magic and adventure. Caleb forges a secret friendship with Bethia Mayfield, daughter of a Puritan minister, as she becomes entangled in his struggle to navigate a course between their two cultures. Brooks brings to life a shard of little-known history and explores the intimate spaces of the human heart.





‘A story of great love and resilience, but also of profound sorrow’ SUNDAY TASMANIAN

Listening to Country *Ros Moriarty*

Ros Moriarty is a white woman married to an Aboriginal man.

Listening to Country is her intimate diary of an eight-day pilgrimage in 2006 to the Northern Territory’s remote Tanami Desert with the matriarchs of her husband’s family to perform ceremony. Interwoven with personal and family stories and full of warmth and honesty, the book takes the reader into the world of traditional Aboriginal Australia, where nature is all-sustaining, family is paramount and relationships are enshrined in the comfort of ancestral traditions.



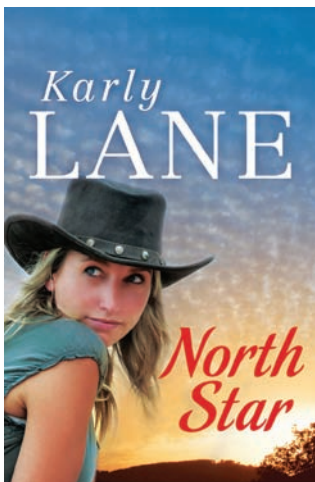


Australia's funniest working mother tells her story

Me of the Never Never *Fiona O'Loughlin*

Stand-up comedian and mother of five Fiona O'Loughlin is on the road for most of the year, performing live and making regular appearances on shows such as *Good News Week* and *Talkin' 'bout Your Generation*. In this funny, moving book, she tells of growing up in a large Irish-Catholic family, the joys and tribulations of parenting five kids, how she made it in comedy and her struggle with the demon drink. It's a tale of a woman living her life on her terms.



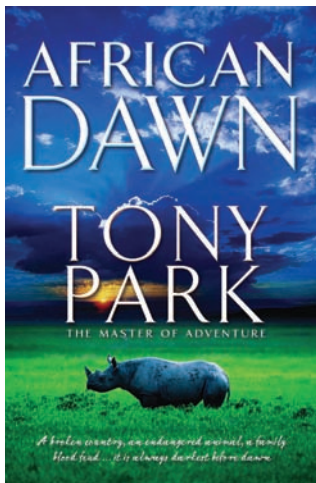


Romance meets suspense when a single mum moves to the Australian outback

North Star *Karly Lane*

Fresh from a tricky divorce, Kate Thurston is struggling to heal her broken heart and family. The chance for a new start comes just when she needs it most, in the form of North Star, a huge, rundown outback homestead she inherits after her grandfather's death. But starting over brings its own challenges, among them a property in need of some serious love, and the return of a gambling ex-husband . . . Can Kate face her demons and find happiness and her true destiny?



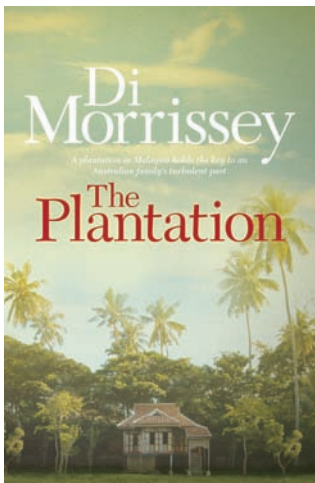


The latest adventure thriller from a writer who knows and loves his subject

African Dawn *Tony Park*

In the broken nation that is Zimbabwe, three families share a history as complex and bloody as the country itself. Conservationists Paul and Philippa Bryant struggle to save their farm and a herd of endangered black rhinos from corrupt government minister Emmerson Ngwenya. Twin brothers Braedan and Tate Quilter-Phipps join the fight, but when they fall in love with the same woman, their rivalry puts many lives at risk. Blood feuds, colourful characters and a gripping showdown make this a fast-paced winner.



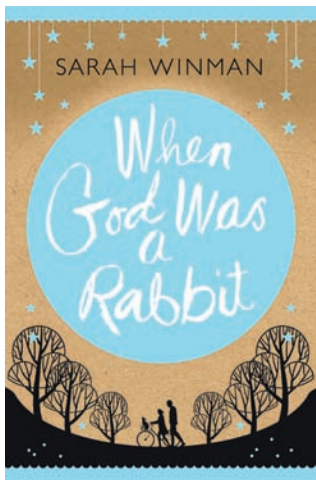


**A powerful and moving new novel
by Australia's first lady of fiction**

The Plantation *Di Morrissey*

When Julie Reagan discovers a book written by her great aunt about Malaysia in the 1970s, she's intrigued, not least because her grandmother never spoke about the sister who disappeared from the family 60 years earlier. What could have caused such a severe rift? Julie visits the Malaysian plantation founded by her great grandfather in a bid to uncover the truth . . . Love, tragedy, the past and the present are intertwined in this rich and layered novel by one of our most popular writers.





‘Beautifully true, with a child’s unsentimental clarity’ THE TIMES

When God Was a Rabbit *Sarah Winman*

In a childhood peppered with extraordinary moments, Elly’s one constant is her brother, Joe, and a rabbit called God. Twenty years on, Elly and Joe are still close, until a single, earth-shattering event threatens to destroy their bond forever. Spanning four decades, *When God Was a Rabbit* is both hilarious and devastatingly moving. It’s a story about childhood, eccentricity, the pull and power of family ties, loss, life and love, in all its forms.





**A breathtaking debut from a major
new voice in Australian literature**

Past the Shallows *Favel Parrett*

Harry and Miles have lived with their father, an abalone fisherman, on the wild Tasmanian coast since their mother died. Every day their dad battles the unpredictable ocean to make a living. He's a hard man, a bitter drinker who harbours a devastating secret, and the boys are forced to live under the dark cloud of his mood . . . Hauntingly beautiful and told with an elegant simplicity, this is a story about how secrets can destroy one person and, ultimately, a family.





‘His most deeply felt novel yet’

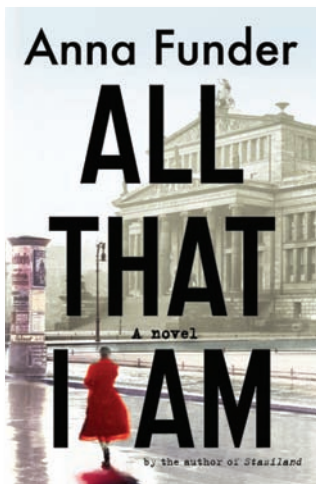
NEW YORK TIMES

Freedom Jonathan Franzen

Walter and Patty Berglund were ideal neighbours. But in the new millennium, they’ve become a mystery. Why has their teenage son moved in with the Republican family next door?

Why has Walter taken a job working with Big Coal? What exactly is Richard Katz – outré rocker and Walter’s college best friend and rival – still doing in the picture? Most of all, what’s happened to Patty? In *Freedom*, the author of *The Corrections* has produced an indelible and deeply moving portrait of our times.



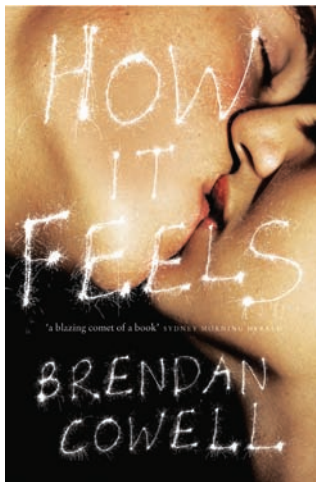


**A masterful novel of bravery and betrayal,
based on a true story**

All That I Am *Anna Funder*

Defiant and cantankerous, Ruth Becker has made an uneasy peace with the ghosts of her past, left more than half a century and half a world away in Germany. But when an unexpected package arrives, the past slips under her defences and she's back among the artists, activists and dreamers of the Weimar years, who saw the brutality of the Nazis and resisted. With this masterful and devastating exploration of bravery, betrayal and heroism, Anna Funder confirms her place as one of our finest writers.



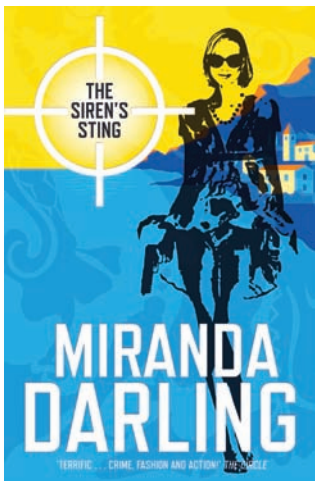


A black comedy by the celebrated actor, screenwriter and director

How It Feels *Brendan Cowell*

An old friend, a best friend, a first love and the dreamer, Neil, who connects them all . . . In the space of 12 hours, their lives change forever – friendships are broken, virginity lost, love unleashed and secrets buried. A decade later, one is dead, one is famous, two are getting married – and the truth is about to erupt. Wildly funny, brutal, tender and true, *How It Feels* is a devastating ode to youth and the darkness that moves beneath its surface.



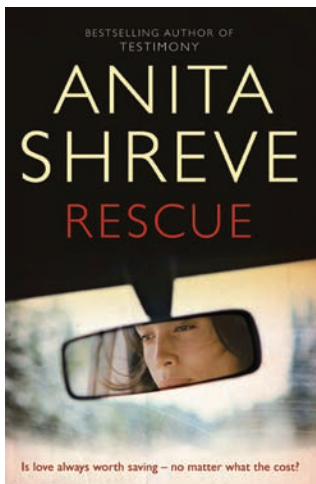


James Bond meets *Charlie's Angels* in this action-packed novel

The Siren's Sting *Miranda Darling*

Stevie Duveen leaped onto the pages of Miranda Darling's debut novel *The Troika Dolls*. Now she's back, this time minding the world's greatest and most temperamental opera star. But as Somali pirates stalk cruising mega-yachts and their impossibly rich and glamorous passengers, Stevie must play at being just another party girl on the lookout for a loaded husband, all the while on a mission to detect – and destroy – the very heart of evil.





‘Shreve is adept at describing the complicated landscape of a relationship’

HERALD SUN

Rescue *Anita Shreve*

The car crash would have killed Sheila Arsenault but for rookie paramedic Peter Webster, who not only saves Sheila but soon becomes embroiled in an intense love affair with her. Eighteen years later, raising their troubled daughter alone, Peter must seek Sheila out, although her return will unleash all the questions he's been keeping at bay. Why would a mother leave her family? How did the marriage of two people in love unravel? *Rescue* is an absorbing tale from a consummate storyteller.





**A warm and witty novel by the author
of *Bellydancing for Beginners***

Last Chance Café *Liz Byrski*

When Margot sees Dot chained to an escalator shouting about the perils of consumerism she recognises her from their time together campaigning for women's rights during the 1960s. Half a century later, Dot is in despair at the abandonment of the sisterhood, while Margot harbours resentment that her ambitions were always shelved to attend to others. Written with insight and empathy, *Last Chance Café* features a cast of fallible characters who wrestle with the challenges of ageing in a culture that celebrates youth and beauty.





The amazing story of one young Australian's incredible achievement

True Spirit Jessica Watson

I learnt that if you truly want to live life you have to get involved, pursue your passions and dream big. In 2009, 16-year-old Jessica Watson proved that anything is possible when she became the youngest person to sail solo around the world.

Here, she details her journey – the battles against sleep deprivation, gale-force winds, mountainous seas and solitude, all endured by someone who claims she's just an ordinary girl, but whom we acknowledge as a true heroine.





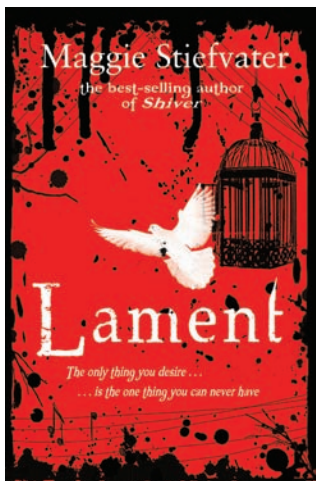
The first book in the Demon cycle from an exciting new talent

The Painted Man *Peter V Brett*

As dusk falls each evening in Arlen's isolated world, a mist rises from the ground, promising death to any who brave the darkness. Hungry demons materialise from the vapours to feed, forcing humanity to take shelter behind magical wards and pray that their protection holds until dawn. But Arlen must leave the safety of his wards to discover a different path and offer humanity a last, fleeting chance of survival . . .

The Painted Man portrays a captivating and chilling world of demons and heroes.



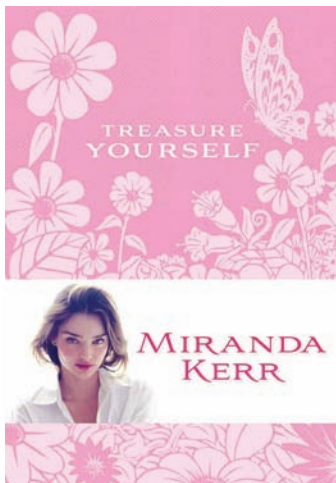


Faerie lore and forbidden love in a contemporary setting

Lament *Maggie Stiefvater*

Sixteen-year-old Deirdre Monaghan is a painfully shy but prodigiously gifted musician. When, seemingly out of nowhere, a mysterious boy enters her ordinary suburban life, Deirdre finds herself infatuated. The trouble is, the enigmatic and conflicted Luke turns out to be a gallowglass – a soulless faerie assassin – and Deirdre is his intended next mark. Deirdre has to decide whether Luke's feelings towards her are real, or only a way to lure her deeper into the world of Faerie . . .





‘We all have wings, but it is up to each one of us to have the courage to fly . . .’

Treasure Yourself *Miranda Kerr*

In this inspiring book, one-time Aussie country girl and now international model Miranda Kerr shares her story and her wisdom on how we can achieve greater health and happiness. The book begins with a parable which teaches that, just as a caterpillar struggles to be free of its cocoon so it can open its wings to fly, sometimes challenges and struggles are exactly what we need in our lives. *Treasure Yourself* also contains more than 100 affirmations from some of the world's most inspirational writers.



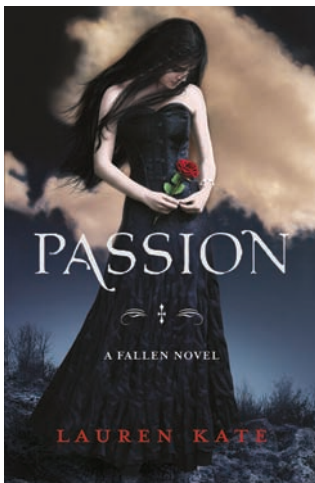


The No 1 international bestselling Vampire Academy spawns a stunning new series

Bloodlines *Richelle Mead*

Sydney is an alchemist, one of a group of humans who dabble in magic, protecting vampire secrets – and mortal lives. When she's ordered into hiding to guard Moroi princess Jill Dragomir, she doesn't expect to be sent to a private school in Palm Springs. And although the school is the last place anyone would look for vampire royalty, Sydney finds the drama is only just beginning. *Bloodlines* explores all the romance, battles and betrayals that made the phenomenally successful Vampire Academy series so addictive.





The third instalment in the incredible Fallen series

Passion *Lauren Kate*

'Every single lifetime, I'll choose you. Just as you have chosen me. Forever.' Luce would die for Daniel. And she has. Over and over again. Throughout time, Luce and Daniel have found each other, only to be painfully torn apart. Now, certain that something – or someone – in a past life can help her, Luce embarks on the most important journey of this lifetime, going back eternities to witness first-hand her romances with Daniel in a bid to finally find the key that will make their love last . . .





**The first in an exciting new series by
the bestselling author of the Camp
Half-Blood books**

The Lost Hero *Rick Riordan*

Jason, Piper and Leo have crash-landed at Camp Half-Blood, the only safe place for children of the Greek gods – despite the monsters roaming the woods and demigods practising archery with flaming arrows and explosives. But rumours of a terrible curse – and a missing hero – are flying around camp. It seems Jason, Piper and Leo are the chosen ones who must embark on a terrifying new quest, which must be completed by the winter solstice. In just four days' time . . .





**‘Dark and wildly imaginative . . .
packed with hair-raising twists’**

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The Left Hand of God *Paul Hoffman*

Lost in the Sanctuary’s huge maze of corridors, his age uncertain, his real name unknown, the boy Cale is strange, secretive, witty, charming – and violent. When he opens the wrong door at the wrong time he witnesses an act so horrible he must flee. But the Redeemers will go to any lengths to get Cale back. Not because of the secret he has discovered but because of a more terrifying secret that lies undiscovered in himself . . .





**The first in a major new series by the
New York Times bestselling authors**

Troubletwisters *Garth Nix & Sean Williams*

When their home mysteriously explodes around their ears, twins Jack and Jaide are sent to stay with a grandmother they have never met, in a town they have never heard of. Portland might seem boring and quiet, but it soon becomes apparent that Grandma X is more than a little eccentric, and there are very strange happenings in the town. Talking cats, swarms of cockroaches, a miniature tornado trashing their room – the twins are about to find out what it means to be a troubletwister!





The first in a gripping trilogy that's taking the world by storm

Museum of Thieves *Lian Tanner*

Goldie Roth lives in the city of Jewel, where impatience is a sin and boldness is a crime. Both bold *and* impatient, Goldie runs away to the mysterious Museum of Dunt, where she meets a boy named Toadspit and discovers dangerous secrets. A monstrous brizzlehound stalks the corridors, and only a thief can find the way through its strange, shifting rooms. Luckily Goldie and Toadspit have a talent for thieving . . . This thrilling tale of action and adventure is the first in The Keepers series.





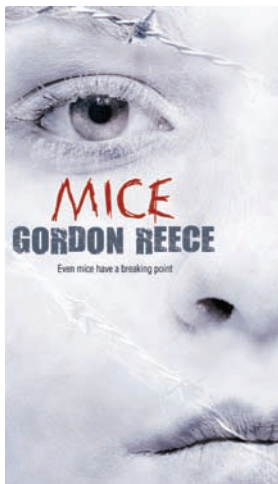
The first of a brilliant new series by the bestselling author of Deltora Quest

The Golden Door *Emily Rodda*

The walled city of Weld is under attack from ferocious flying creatures that raid in the night, bringing death and destruction. The Warden calls for Volunteers to find and destroy the Enemy who is sending the invaders. Rye is too young to go, but his brothers are among the lost, and he must find them . . .

This is the first in an exciting and magical new series by the award-winning author of the modern classic Deltora Quest.



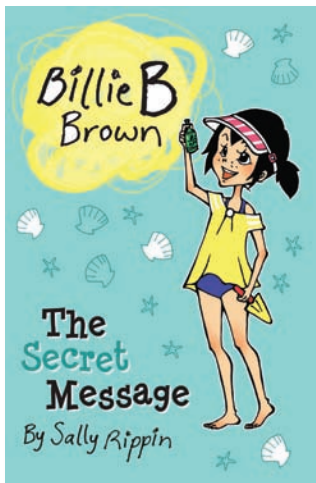


An electrifying and controversial suspense thriller with an almighty twist

Mice *Gordon Reece*

What would you do if you were pushed to the limit? Shelley and her mum have been bullied long enough. When they retreat to an isolated cottage in the country, they think their troubles are over, but one night an intruder disturbs their peace and something inside Shelley snaps. What happens next will shatter all their certainties. This compelling read will take you on a psychological rollercoaster ride that raises some powerful moral questions. Even the meekest of mice have their breaking point . . .





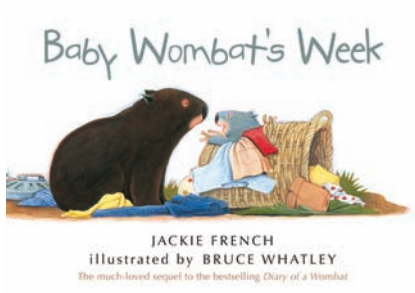
The perfect series for emerging readers keen for some real-life adventure

Billie B Brown: The Secret Message *Sally Rippin*

Billie B Brown's family are off to the beach! But when they get there, Billie's mum and dad just want to nap. Will this be the most boring holiday ever? Brave, brilliant and bold, Billie B Brown is for girls who are desperate to read but despair of those daggy school books filled with children who say 'bother'.

Billie's real-life stories of sleepovers, soccer, friendship, school and more, will resonate with and capture the imagination of young readers.





The bestselling sequel to *Diary of a Wombat*, now a bub-friendly board book

Baby Wombat's Week Jackie French & Bruce Whatley

He sleeps. He eats. He gets bored. He creates havoc wherever he goes! He's Mothball's baby – and he's even cuter, naughtier and more determined than his mum. From the award-winning creators of the international bestseller *Diary of a Wombat*, this cheeky, cheerful picture book relates the adventures of the newest little wombat with attitude. Following on from the enormously popular hardback, this durable board book will withstand even the roughest little mammals.



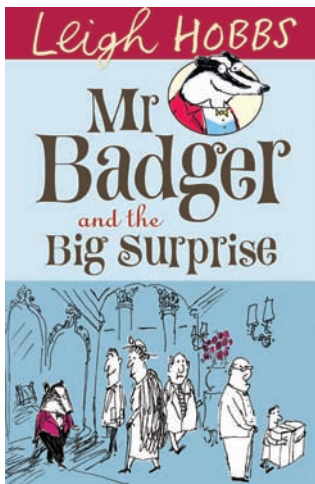


**A whimsical picture book that will change
the way you think about music**

The Flying Orchestra *Clare McFadden*

Some days are so windy that even the angels lose their balance from the top of City Hall. It's always a day like this when the Flying Orchestra blows into town . . . Whether we're feeling up or down, at work or play, or just going about our day, the magical Flying Orchestra knows just what music to play. This beautifully illustrated book will inspire young readers to listen for the music that's always accompanying their lives.





**An endearing new character from a
Children's Choice Awards favourite**

Mr Badger *Leigh Hobbs*

Mr Badger is the Special Events Manager of London's Boucles Grand Hotel and is in charge of parties, weddings, balls – anything, really, that is a special occasion. Calm, charming and utterly professional at all times, he faces his fair share of challenges. This is the first in an entrancing series from the much-loved author-illustrator behind Old Tom, Fiona the Pig and Mr Chicken. It brings a genteel London to life and a touching hero into our hearts.

