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YOUR READING GUIDE

**to the best books this season as chosen
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Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Booksellers' Choice Your Reading Guide!

Handpicked by some of the best independent booksellers in the country, this new edition brings you a selection of the most exciting releases for the season—from Australian and international fiction, to biographies, history and science, along with a wonderful collection of children's and young adult writing. With so many books to choose from you are sure to find the right book for you and the best gifts for family and friends.

Happy reading!



The Performance
Claire Thomas

Hachette Australia
TPB \$32.99

Three women watch a performance of Beckett's *Happy Days* while bushfires burn through Victoria. In the cool dark privilege of the theatre, the women reflect on their lives, their interior and exterior selves, and their plans for the future. Their different narratives unfold—20 years separate each of them—as the play does, with art as an illuminator of life. A brilliant exploration of women's lives in all their complexity.



Love Objects
Emily Maguire

Allen & Unwin | TPB \$32.99

When forty-five-year-old Nic misses their weekly lunch-date, her niece Lena travels to her house to check on her. An injured Nic is taken to hospital, and Lena sets about 'helping' clean up to prepare for her return, which starts a series of events that will prove cataclysmic for them both. This is a deeply compassionate novel about love and family, betrayal and forgiveness, and the things we do to fill our empty spaces.

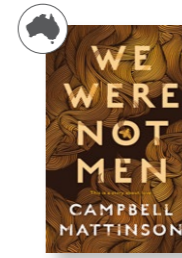


Unsheltered
Clare Moleta

Scribner Australia
TPB \$29.99

May release

Li didn't want to bring a child into this world of ferocious winds and explosive fires. But she had Matti, and now Matti has been taken by the authorities. It will take every bit of ingenuity, strength and luck, but Li has no option, she must find her daughter. She takes pursuit across the barren unsheltered country alone, scavenging her way toward Matti in a thrilling story of unconditional love and the possibility of redemption.

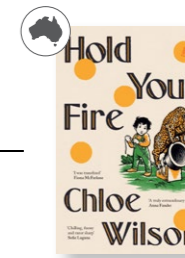


We Were Not Men
Campbell Mattinson

HarperCollins
TPB \$32.99

June release

We Were Not Men is a novel about love. About the love that nine-year-old twins Jon and Eden have for their mum, for the creek they swim in, for each other. But as the boys grow up, survive tragedy, compete with each other and fall in love with the same troubled girl, they begin to realise how complicated love can be, and how, if you take it for granted, it can slip away from you. One of the most anticipated literary debuts for 2021.



Hold Your Fire
Chloe Wilson

Scribner Australia
TPB \$32.99

Savagely funny and darkly insightful, this collection of stories takes you to the underbelly of life's mundane thoughts and everyday moments. With precise control and surprising originality, and characters that are wonderfully strange but intensely relatable, Wilson details complex humanity in every story, leaving the reader completely satisfied while also wanting just one more. *Hold Your Fire* is the debut of an unforgettable new voice in Australian fiction.



From Where I Fell
Susan Johnson

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$ 32.99

Pamela in Australia, trying to email her ex-husband in Paris, accidentally contacts Chris in Canada

and the two women begin a correspondence which lasts for a year. Chris says exactly what she thinks but is economical with personal information. Pamela is an often-self-absorbed over-sharer but they become unlikely friends over the internet showing us that perhaps the most honest friendship is between those who will never meet.



New Animal
Ella Baxter

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$29.99

Amelia's family owns the local mortuary business where she works as the cosmetician. She loves her job but not much else. Outside of work she has meaningless sex with different men unable to make emotional connections. After her mother has an accident it sets in motion a chain of events both hilarious and disastrous that force Amelia to stop running and face her feelings. A heartbreakingly funny debut.



Gunk Baby
Jamie Marina Lau

Hachette Australia
TPB \$32.99

May release

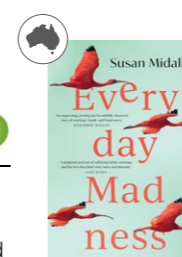
Tidy, bright and ordered, for Leen the local shopping centre is a place of comfort and consistency where she hopes to find success by opening a healing studio. Just like in the ancient Chinese art of ear-cleaning taught to her by her mother, she thinks what you can't see, you trust someone else to be able to. But what if you trust the wrong person? And what if that person is not looking to heal but to destroy?



The Ripping Tree
Nikki Gemmell

4th Estate
TPB \$32.99

A shipwreck's sole survivor left on the doorstep of a grand colonial house soaked in secrets, a family at risk of losing everything, seven days of tension and shifting alliances. Gemmell's gothic tale strips back another layer of Australia's colonial past to create a finely tuned genre-bending novel that is part horror, part historical fiction, part thriller and 100% engrossing.



Everyday Madness
Susan Midalia

Fremantle Press
TPB \$29.99

Marrying in their teens due to an unexpected pregnancy, Gloria and Bernie have never had much in common. When Gloria ends up in a clinic being treated for depression, she wonders what will happen when it is time to go home. Add their ex-daughter-in-law Meg, and her whip-smart daughter Ella to the mix, and the result is a beautifully observed novel about families, friendship, marriage—and second chances.



A Million Things
Emily Spurr

Text Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Rae is a tough ten-year-old who, after having her world turned upside down, now finds herself living alone in her house with her best friend Splinter the dog. With a terrible secret in her backyard, and shovels full of resilience, Rae must forge a new reality for herself. A moving story of loss and coping, of finding your way through grief to re-discovering love and safety in the world.



Flock
Edited by Ellen van Neerven

UQP | TPB \$29.99

May release

Award winning author Ellen van Neerven edits this collection of short stories from First Nations writers.

Roaming the landscape of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander storytelling, *Flock* showcases the work of established stars like Tony Birch, Melissa Lucashenko and Tara June Winch, and up-and-coming authors such as Adam Thompson and Mykaela Saunders. A wonderful celebration of the breadth and vitality of First Nations stories and storytellers.



A Room Called Earth
Madeleine Ryan

Scribe Publications
TPB \$29.99

A brilliant Australian debut, *A Room Called Earth* centers on a young, neurodiverse woman and the heightened sensations that she experiences at a party. She arrives, feels overwhelmed, leaves, and then returns. Minutely attuned to the people who come into her view, and alternating between alienation and profound connection, she is hilarious, self-aware, sometimes acerbic, and always honest. And by the end of the night, she's shown us something radical about love, loss, and the need to belong.



The Truth About Her
Jacqueline Maley

4th Estate
TPB \$32.99

Journalist and single mother Suzy Hamilton gets a phone call one summer morning and finds out that the subject of one of her investigative exposés has committed suicide. Suzy is horrified by this news and to cope, throws herself into her work, parenting and multiple affairs until the consequences of her actions catch up with her. This book is an intelligent, compelling, nuanced tale of guilt, culpability, pride, shame and atonement.



Bila Yarrudhang galangdhuray
Anita Heiss

Simon & Schuster Australia
TPB \$32.99

Set on Wiradyuri country in the 19th century, award-winning author Anita Heiss's latest novel follows Wagadhaany as she is uprooted from her home following a tragedy and taken to Wagga Wagga as the servant for a wealthy settler family. She longs to return to her own lands, even once she gives her heart to the Wiradyuri stockman Yindyamarra. Can she break free of her shackles and undertake the long journey home?



Grace Under Pressure
Tori Haschka

Simon & Schuster Australia
TPB \$29.99

Grace is the perfect wife, mother and cookbook author. But with another baby on the way and an absent spouse, she is almost reaching boiling point ... will the 'mummune' she starts with her friends be the solution to her problems or the start of a fresh batch of issues? An hilarious, honest and heartfelt account of modern motherhood and the nourishment of female friends.



The Last Bookshop
Emma Young

Fremantle Press
TPB \$32.99

Cait is a bookshop owner whose social life revolves around her mobile bookselling service, hand-picking titles for elderly clients and her cat. That is until a mystery shopper breezes into the shop leading Cait to think there might be more to life. It's been a tough decade for retail and Book Fiend is the last bookshop in the CBD. Will romance and the circling luxury chain stores distract her from passion for bookselling? A love letter to bookshops and the world of bookselling.



As Swallows Fly
L.P. McMahon

Ventura Press | TPB \$29.99

Orphaned teenager Malika is a mathematical genius. On arriving in Melbourne from Pakistan she is billeted with plastic surgeon Kate, whose work is her life. Both have traumas in their pasts, with Malika's resulting in a badly damaged face. As Kate organises

a team of surgeons to repair Malika's injury, the two grow closer, each finding something in the other to give them strength, while understanding that perfection should never be the ultimate goal.



Sincerely, Ethel Malley
Stephen Orr

Wakefield Press | TPB \$34.95

When Max Harris, co-editor of modernist magazine *Angry Penguins* receives a collection of poems from Ethel Malley written by her late brother Ern, he declares Ern an undiscovered genius. Determined to help publish the poems, Ethel moves in with Max and soon becomes a presence he can't understand, or control. He gets the feeling something is not quite right. About Ethel. About Ern. A darkly funny fictional take on Australia's most infamous literary hoax.



Chasing the McCubbin
Sandi Scaunich

Transit Lounge | TPB \$29.99

Set in The Pines, an outer Melbourne suburb in the recession of the 1990s, *Chasing the McCubbin* is the bittersweet story of two unlikely men becoming friends. Experienced collector Ron, and Joseph, a troubled, withdrawn and unemployed 19-year-old who knows nothing about antiques. A story of loneliness and the ageless desire for belonging, it will be the most heartbreaking yet feel-good novel you will read this year.



Smokehouse
Melissa Manning

U.Q.P. | TPB \$29.99

Smokehouse is an insightful and emotive short story collection that explores the mundanities of the everyday—family, home, love—and the ways in which our lives intertwine and affect each other. Set in small-town Tasmania, the stories overlap and connect, reminding us of the vivid inner lives of those around us. With intimacy and empathy, and powerful simplicity, these stories are at once beautiful and sad.



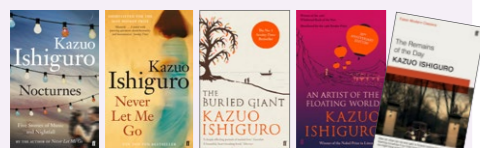
Klara and the Sun
Kazuo Ishiguro
Faber | TPB \$32.99

Past Nobel Prize winner Ishiguro sees us in familiar territory. Klara is an Artificial Friend tasked with befriending young, privileged Josie. Perceptive and empathic, Klara narrates this slowly revealed mystery with an outsiders' perspective of an eerily familiar dystopia. Notions of what it is to live and love and be human are stripped back and laid bare by the ultimate question: why are we here? Exquisitely written, unnerving and deeply affecting.

WIN a set of Kazuo Ishiguro backlist, valued at \$99.95!

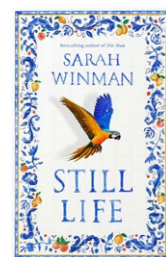
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First Person Singular
Haruki Murakami
Harvill Secker
HB \$39.99

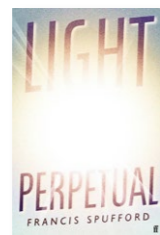
A brilliant new collection of short stories from the unique mind of Haruki Murakami. The eight masterly stories in this new collection are all told in the first person by a classic Murakami narrator. From nostalgic memories of youth, meditations on music and an ardent love of baseball to dreamlike scenarios, all with a signature Murakami twist, and occasionally, a narrator who may or may not be Murakami himself is present.



Still Life
Sarah Winman
4th Estate | TPB \$32.99

June release

It's 1944 and in the ruined wine cellar of a Tuscan villa, two strangers meet and share an extraordinary evening together. Ulysses Temper is a young British soldier and one-time globe-maker, Evelyn Skinner is a sexagenarian art historian and possible spy. These two unlikely people find kindred spirits in each other and Evelyn's talk of truth and beauty plants a seed in Ulysses' mind that will shape the trajectory of his life for the next four decades.



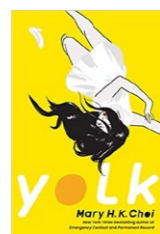
Light Perpetual
Francis Spufford
Faber | TPB \$29.99

From the award-winning author of *Golden Hill*, a novel of five everyday lives—their dramas, their redemptions, their commonplace miracles—in the ever-changing immensity of 20th century London. In 1944, five children lose their lives but what future did they lose? The only way to know is 'to let run some other version of the reel of time, where might-be and could-be and would-be, still may-be'. A sweeping and intimate celebration of the gift of life.



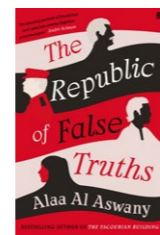
Second Place
Rachel Cusk
Faber | HB \$27.99

Rachel Cusk has finished her *Outline* trilogy and returns with a beautifully written story of a woman inviting a famous artist to visit the remote coastal region where she lives, hoping that his gaze will penetrate the mysteries of the landscape and of her life. *Second Place* is a great example of the very literary readability of Rachel Cusk. It will not disappoint.



Yolk
Mary H. K. Choi
Atom | PB \$19.99

A deeply emotional and funny story about two estranged Korean American sisters and how far they will go to save each other's life. Jayne and June could not be more unlike. Jayne is barely getting by, shuffling through fashion school, and struggling with an eating disorder she is not fully ready to confront. June, the elder, is a classic first-born with a stable high-flying finance job and a massive apartment. Then June is diagnosed with cancer and Jayne is the only one who can help her.



Republic of False Truths
Alaa Al Aswany,
translated by S. R. Fellowes
Faber | TPB \$29.99

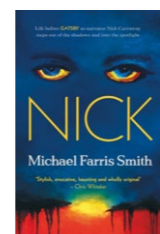
May release

This enthralling new novel from Egyptian author Alaa Al Aswany follows all the drama of the Arab Spring through a reactionary general seeking to crush the uprising. General Alwany is a pious man who loves his family. He also tortures and kills enemies of the state under the regime of Hosni Mubarak. Now the idealistic young from different backgrounds have come together to challenge the status quo. How will the old guard like General Alwany respond?



The Smash-Up
Ali Bejamine
Riverrun | TPB \$32.99

Life for Ethan and Zo used to be simple—he had co-founded a lucrative start-up, and she was a successful filmmaker—when they decided to move to a rural community for a little more tranquility. When #MeToo allegations rock Ethan's old firm and newfound political activism transforms Zo into a ball of outrage, the addition of a young and fun houseguest sees Ethan begin to question his past, his future, his marriage, and what he values most...



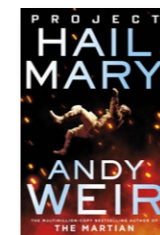
Nick
Michael Farris Smith
No Exit Press
HB \$29.99

Little is revealed about Nick Carraway, the narrator of *The Great Gatsby* in Fitzgerald's famous novel. Michael Farris Smith has considered Nick from many angles and written the story of what happened before he turned up in West Egg. After the trauma of the war in France, he drifted to New Orleans becoming involved with low-lives and violence, while trying to find a moral imperative to show who he really was and where he truly belonged.



Civilisations
Laurent Binet
Harvill Secker | TPB \$32.99

The world is a chess board and Laurent Binet is playing a new game, where Christopher Columbus is taken captive by the Incas, who in turn use his ships to reach Europe, finding a continent divided and ripe for conquering. Like *HHhH* and *The 7th Function Of Language*, Binet has created an ambitious novel that challenges the reader's concepts of history and the importance of language in establishing perceived reality.



Project Hail Mary
Andy Weir
Del Rey | TPB \$32.99

May release

Ryland Grace wakes up on a spaceship en route to the distant star Tau Ceti. He has a puzzle to solve—he can't remember who he is or what he is tasked with doing. He is miles from earth, alone with the exception of the ship AI and two corpses. As Ryland pieces together his identity and the purpose of his spaceship's trajectory it becomes clear his quest is existential, and the puzzle is an extinction-level threat. Hard sci-fi at its absolute best.



Bright Burning Things
Lisa Harding
Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB \$29.99

Sonya Moriarty was once a successful actress on the London stage but now she is a single mother living back in Ireland. Her life is spiralling out of control into alcoholism and there are blackouts and bare cupboards and the ever-present risk of losing her son Tommy forever. An immensely powerful and compulsive novel of maternal love, control and a woman at the mercy of addiction.



Common Ground
Naomi Ishiguro
Tinder Press
TPB \$32.99

A rich exploration of friendship, prejudice, racism and the power of stories. Stan, a geeky scholarship kid meets Charlie, a Traveller or Romany, on the commons. Their friendship becomes a lifeline, tested by nationalistic hatred and the complexity of simply growing up. Ishiguro writes with conversational warmth, insisting that family are the people we choose to be around and that now, more than ever, we need to find common ground.



The Committed
Viet Thanh Nguyen
Corsair | TPB \$32.99

Nguyen's long-awaited sequel to *The Sympathizer* follows the nameless North Vietnamese hero as a refugee to capitalist Paris where he embarks on a career in drug dealing. No longer in physical danger, but still inwardly tortured by his reeducation at the hands of his former best friend, and struggling to assimilate into a dominant culture, the *Sympathizer* is both charmed and disturbed by Paris. Beautifully and intelligently written, this is a blistering portrayal of commitment and betrayal.



The End of Men
Christina Sweeney-Baird
HarperCollins
TPB \$29.99

May release

This gripping, frightening and strangely thought-provoking novel, written just before the pandemic, begins with a mysterious illness as it sweeps through a hospital with deadly speed. The victims are all men. As the virus spreads to every corner of the globe killing only men, can a cure be found? A fiercely intelligent page-turner that may make us feel a little bit better about the world we live in now and how worse it could have been.



Sweet Sweet Revenge LTD
Jonas Jonasson
HarperCollins
TPB \$24.99

Victor Alderheim has a lot to answer for. Not only has he heartlessly tricked his young ex-wife, Jenny, out of her art gallery inheritance, but he has also abandoned his son, Kevin, to die in the middle of the Kenyan savanna. Back in Stockholm, Kevin's path crosses with Jenny's and they have an awful lot to talk about, not least a shared desire to get even with Victor.



The Lamplighters
Emma Stonex
Picador UK
TPB \$32.99

This book is inspired by the haunting true story of the mysterious disappearance of three lighthouse keepers in Cornwall and the heartbroken women they have left behind. Twenty years after the men's disappearance, Helen, Jenny and Michelle put aside their differences and work together to confront their darkest fears. *The Lamplighters* is an intoxicating, suspenseful and deeply moving mystery, and an unforgettable story of love, grief and obsession.



Double Blind
Edward St Aubyn
Harvill Secker | TPB \$32.99

At its heart, a story about love and friendship—St Aubyn's latest novel, *Double Blind*, covers much ground. The novel explores the themes of the pursuit of knowledge to the investigation of inheritance, determinism, freedom and the stories we tell ourselves, and the subjects of ecology, psychoanalysis and genetics. *Double Blind* tells the story of three friends over one year in which they are bound together by love and tragedy.



Ariadne
Jennifer Saint
Wildfire
TPB \$32.99

A wonderful feminist reimagining of the classic tale of Adriane and Phaedra, two sisters bound together by deceit and the shadows of their family history. *Ariadne* gives a voice to the forgotten women of one of the most famous Greek myths and speaks to their strength in the face of angry, petulant Gods. Beautifully written and completely immersive, this is an exceptional debut novel.

Gift with Purchase offer:

Purchase a book from this guide from participating bookshops to receive a free gift wrap featuring the stunning artwork from *Ariadne*. *While stocks last



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Animal
Lisa Taddeo
Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB \$32.99

June release

Animal opens with a self-inflicted gunshot to the head of an unrequited lover and becomes a road-trip to California, centring on a woman who is driven to kill by the violence of her past. Vivid and compelling, this is the first novel from the author of the internationally bestselling phenomenon *Three Women*. A depiction of female rage at its most raw.

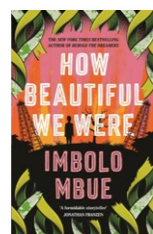


How to Kidnap the Rich
Rahul Raina

Little, Brown
TPB \$32.99

May release

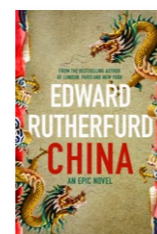
Brilliant but poor, Ramesh Kumar has pulled himself out of the slums of Old Delhi by taking exams for the sons of India's wealthy elite. When one of his clients, Rudi, places first in the entire country, Ramesh sees an opportunity to cash in. But the plot thickens fast, and Ramesh and Rudi are kidnapped, leading to an escalating series of counter-kidnappings and crimes that spiral out across India in all its complexity.



How Beautiful We Were
Imbolo Mbue

Canongate
Demy PB \$29.99

From the New York Times bestselling author of *Behold the Dreamers*, comes a sweeping story about the collision of a small African village and an American oil company. Although promises of clean-up and financial reparations are made, pipeline spills have rendered farmlands infertile and the drinking water toxic. Left with few choices, the people of Kosawa decide to fight back.



China
Edward Rutherfurd

Hodder & Stoughton
TPB \$32.99

May release

In his new epic Edward Rutherfurd portrays the great clash of East and West. China in the nineteenth century is a proud and ancient empire, forbidden to foreigners. The West desires Chinese tea above all other things but lacks the silver to buy it. Instead, western adventurers resort to smuggling opium in exchange. The Qing stop it, and the opium wars begin. An unforgettable tale told from both sides of the divide.



The Care Factor
Ailsa Wild

Hardie Grant Books
PB \$24.99

During the first and second lockdowns in Victoria, Ailsa Wild recorded her conversations with her friend Simone, a frontline nurse at the Royal Melbourne Hospital. From looking after very ill patients in the COVID-19 ICU, to organising care for the many hospital staff either ill or in quarantine, this is an honest and confronting account of the hardships, frustrations, and constant commitment of the medical staff in a time of great uncertainty.



You Don't Belong Here
Elizabeth Becker

Black Inc. | TPB \$32.99

In 1965, journalism was considered a man's job, especially the gritty experience of war reporting.

But three women fought their way through the mire of sexism and bigotry to report on the Vietnam War: Kate Webb, Catherine Leroy and Frances FitzGerald. These women came from across the globe. Becker herself arrived towards the end of the war and presents a unique insight into these women's work and the legacy they forged for journalists like them.



Jacinda Ardern: Leading with Empathy
Supriya Vani and Carl A Harte

Hardie Grant Books
HB \$37.99

June release

Based on personal interviews with Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern, along with examination of her public speeches and statements, Supriya Vani carefully constructs this in-depth narrative of the influences—personal, social, political and emotional—that have shaped Ardern to become one of the most important and inspirational leaders of the twenty-first century.

Crime & Thrillers



Lady with the Gun Asks the Questions
Kerry Greenwood

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$29.99

The utterly fabulous Miss Phryne Fisher returns in a new collection featuring

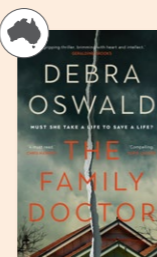
four brand-new stories. Not surprisingly, Phryne is up to all manner of hijinks as she goes about solving an intriguing crime in each of these entertaining, fun and compulsively readable stories. Of course, she is joined by Dot, Mr Butler and all her friends and household that, like Phryne, readers have come to rely on. Fans will not be disappointed!



The Serpent's Skin
Erina Reddan

Pantera Press
TPB \$29.99

When JJ was ten her mother went missing, throwing the whole family off course. Fourteen years later, she has a new life, a loving partner and a good job but she puts it all in jeopardy when she stumbles across a chance to solve the dark mystery of her childhood. An extraordinary novel about overcoming male power, the strength of sibling bonds, the secrets that can haunt a family and the many ways we prove our love. Reddan is a brilliant new voice in Australian fiction.



The Family Doctor
Debra Oswald

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

Paula is a dedicated suburban GP, who is devastated by the murder of a friend and her children by their estranged husband and father. Stacey and the children had been staying with her after fleeing his control, and Paula is haunted by the thought that she could not protect them when they needed it. A riveting and provocative novel about women's fury, traumatic grief and the preciousness of life.



Black and Blue
Veronica Gorrie

Scribe Publications
TPB \$32.99

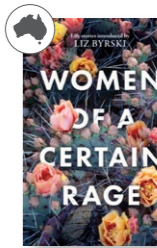
In this memoir of remarkable fortitude and resilience, proud Gunaï/Kurnai woman Veronica Gorrie tells of her experiences as one of the few Aboriginal police officers in Australia. Told with wit, wisdom and great heart, Gorrie explores the impact of racism on her family and her life, the impact of intergenerational trauma, and the inevitable difficulties of making her way in the white and male-dominated workplace of the police force.



Into the Loneliness
Eleanor Hogan

NewSouth | TPB \$34.99

Daisy Bates was a self-taught ethnologist, immersing herself in the lives and culture of Aboriginal people living on the Nullarbor in the early part of the 20th century. Ernestine Hill, an intrepid journalist and author, convinced Bates to collaborate on the best selling *The Passing of the Aborigines* in 1938. Eleanor Hogan examines the rocky friendship between these two trailblazing women.



Women of a Certain Rage
Edited by Liz Byrski

Fremantle Press
TPB \$29.99

A collection of women's personal stories and essays about their rage. Written with "empathy, wisdom and despair about their rage, and with power about their attempts to turn their anger into action, and about learning how to live with it." In an era when women are still judged more harshly than men for expressing rage of any kind, this is a timely book filled with energy, honesty and humour.

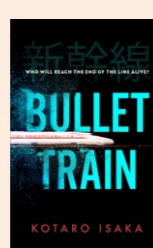


Before You Knew My Name
Jacqueline Bublitz

Allen & Unwin | TPB \$29.99

May release

Alone in New York, Ruby Jones is trying to put distance between herself and a destructive relationship back home. Out jogging, she discovers the body of a young woman by the Hudson River. Struggling in the aftermath of this experience, Ruby encounters Death Club, a small group of misfits who meet at bars around the city to discuss death and dying, and finds a safe space to explore her increasing obsession with the girl and her unidentified killer.



Bullet Train
Kotaro Isaka

Harvill Secker | TPB \$32.99

A Shinkansen from Tokyo to Morioka contains four assassins and a father seeking revenge. Fast paced and cinematic, the 'locked train' story unfolds as these morally compromised characters fight for survival. The plot twists and turns as the double-crossing assassins lose control of situations in pursuit of their own agendas. Darkly funny, *Bullet Train* was a bestseller in Japan, and the question of who will be alive at the final destination keeps the pages turning.



Ash Mountain
Helen Fitzgerald

Affirm Press
TPB \$29.99

At 44, the last place Fran wanted to be was her childhood hometown but with her father falling ill, a failed relationship and a job going nowhere, that's exactly where she finds herself. Back in Ash Mountain, memories of the past are around every corner and as tensions in her personal life begin to intensify so too do the flames from the bush fire threatening the town. A compelling disaster thriller with a uniquely Australian flavour.



Return to Uluru
Mark McKenna

Black Inc. | HB \$34.99

Setting out to write the history of the centre of Australia, Mark McKenna chances upon an event in 1934, the shooting at Uluru of Aboriginal man Yokunnuna by white policeman Bill McKinnon, and the subsequent Commonwealth inquiry. Through speaking with families of both the victim and the killer, McKenna unearths new evidence, bringing this cold case to life. It is superbly written, moving and full of astonishing, unexpected twists.



Truth-Telling
Henry Reynolds

NewSouth | TPB \$34.99

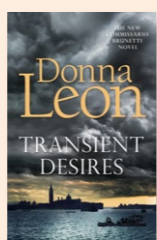
Henry Reynolds adds to a body of work that has underpinned Reconciliation and changed our historical understanding of First Nations people. *Truth Telling* examines the Uluru Statement's historical and legal strength and shows why we must change the date of our national day, why we must acknowledge the frontier wars, and why treaties are so important. Using historical and legal perspectives to inform these contemporary challenges, Reynolds offers a road map to the future.



Other People's Houses
Kelli Hawkins

HarperCollins | TPB \$32.99

Still grieving the tragic loss of her son ten years earlier, Kate spends her weekends losing herself in alcohol and visiting open houses on Sydney's North Shore, imagining what it would be like to be a part of one of the families whose lives are on display. As curiosity turns to obsession Kate's next moves could have disastrous consequences. A stunningly tense, page-turning debut for all fans of *The Woman in the Window* and *The Girl on the Train*.



Transient Desires
Donna Leon

William Heinemann | TPB \$32.99

In his many years as a Commissario, Guido Brunetti has seen all manner of crime and known intuitively how to navigate the various pathways of Venice to discover the person responsible. Now he faces a heinous crime committed outside his jurisdiction. Although he is drawn in innocently enough, his curiosity is aroused by the behaviour of the young men who abandoned the victims after taking them to the hospital.



The Winter Road
Kate Holden

Black Inc. | TPB \$32.99

May release

Kate Holden is back with a fascinating non-fiction exploration. In July 2014, at twilight outside Croppa Creek, NSW an 80-year-old farmer Ian Turnbull took out a .22 and shot environmental officer Glen Turner in the back. The brutal killing of Glen Turner splits open the story of our place on this land. Do we owe protection to the land, or does it owe us a living? Thought provoking and highly readable.

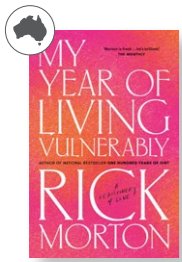


Flames of Extinction
John Pickrell

NewSouth | TPB \$29.99

Award-winning science writer John Pickrell investigates the effects of the 2019/20 bushfires on Australian wildlife. Journeying across the firegrounds, Pickrell explores the stories of creatures that escaped the flames, the wildlife workers who rescued them, and the conservationists, land managers, Aboriginal rangers, ecologists and firefighters on the frontline of the climate catastrophe, revealing radical new conservation methods being trialed to save as many species as possible.

Australian Stories




My Year of Living Vulnerably
Rick Morton
HarperCollins
TPB \$34.99

Rick Morton's diagnosis of post-traumatic stress disorder led him to search for the something he was denied in his childhood: love. The journey was not a search for a cure but the desire to reclaim a fuller self, leading to the acknowledgment that it is not tangible returns but love that gets us out of bed and into our daily grind. Infused with compassion and honesty, this is a book every Australian should read.



As Beautiful As Any Other
Kaya Wilson
Picador Australia
TPB \$34.99

A year after a near-fatal surfing accident, writer and tsunami scientist Kaya Wilson came out to his parents as transgender. This revelation, coming weeks before his father's death, led to an outpouring of concealed family history including repressed queerness and shame. Wilson's debut book explores the forces that have shaped him: vulnerability and power, grief and trauma, science and narrative.




Monsters: A Reckoning
Alison Croggon
Scribe Publications
TPB \$29.99

Monsters is a hybrid of memoir and essay that explores how our attitudes are shaped by the persisting myths that underpin colonialism and patriarchy, how the structures we are raised within splinter and distort the possibilities of our lives and the lives of others. *Monsters* asks how we maintain the fictions that we create about ourselves, what we will sacrifice to maintain these fictions—and what we have to gain by confronting them.



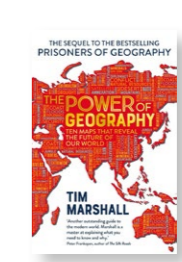
With the Falling of the Dusk
Stan Grant
HarperCollins
TPB \$34.99

Stan Grant brings more than 30 years of experience in broadcast news to his analysis of global affairs. The West's confidence in liberal democracy is shattered, China is asserting itself, and extremism flourishes from radical Islam to white supremacy. Along the way inequality has ballooned and a global pandemic has carved up our debt-burdened economies. Merging personal experience and a deep historical perspective, Grant ponders the question—what place is there for us?



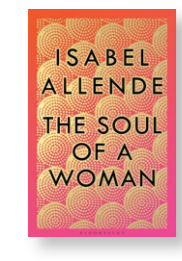
Sex, Lies and Question Time
Kate Ellis
Hardie Grant Books
TPB \$32.99

Having spent fifteen years in parliament, Kate Ellis has witnessed numerous examples of sexism, bullying and racism, but also powerful examples of female political leadership. With it recently reported that countries with women in leadership have been said to have handled the COVID crisis better in general, now is the time for women to enter politics to help shape a fairer Australia – where 'women's issues' are everyone's issues.



The Power of Geography
Tim Marshall
Elliott and Thompson
TPB \$32.99

May release
Taking ten regions set to shape geopolitics in the near future, Tim Marshall follows up his bestseller *Prisoners of Geography* with historical perspectives on current events in each place. Marshall explores the power of geography in humanity's past, in our development to now, and its implications for the future. From Australia to Saudi Arabia, Marshall brings his extensive career in broadcasting to this complex and coherent analysis.



The Soul of a Woman
Isabel Allende
Bloomsbury Circus
HB \$22.99

As a child, Allende watched her mother provide for her three children. As a young woman coming of age in the late 1960s, she rode the first wave of feminism and over the course of three marriages learned how to grow as a woman. In this memoir Allende shares her thoughts on aging, romance, sex, love, and feminism. A call to arms for women of all ages to continue finding their way in the world.



The Three Burials of Lotty Kneen
Krissy Kneen
Text | TPB \$34.99

May release
With a sense of displacement as a third generation Australian, Kneen journeys across three continents to find the secrets hidden by the grandmother who raised her. From Brisbane to Slovenia and eventually to Egypt, through fairy tales, hidden histories and intergenerational trauma, *The Three Burials of Lotty Kneen* is the award-winning author's masterwork and one that will resonate with anyone who feels lost in a country that is not their own.




Car Crash: A Memoir
Lech Blaine
Black Inc. | TPB \$29.99

Car Crash is a story of tragedy, family, friendship, grief and love. Based on true events that occurred in May 2009, Lech Blaine tell his story of the devastating night that changed him forever. A powerful story of losing your friends and the grief of being the one still alive. Heartbreaking and emotional, *Car Crash* is a story for our times.



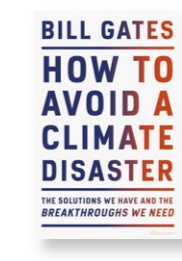
Bad People - and How to Be Rid of Them
Geoffrey Robertson
Vintage Australia
TPB \$32.99

May release
Geoffrey Robertson's Plan B for punishing human rights abusers is adopting the 'Magnitsky Laws', which could impose debilitating sanctions on 'bad people'. He argues in this book that the Magnitsky movement offers a potent solution to crimes being committed against humanity, whether in America, Russia, China or Belarus. These abuses are a concern for all human beings, which good people are no longer prepared to tolerate them.



The Beijing Bureau
Melissa Roberts and Trevor Watson
Hardie Grant Books
TPB \$32.99

May release
This collection of essays reveals the experiences and insights of twenty-five Australian foreign correspondents in China, from the 1970s to present day: the lives of its people, its government and its culture, and what China's rise means for Australia and the world community. At a time of peak international interest, *The Beijing Bureau* provides readers with a thoughtful perspective on this powerful nation.



How to Avoid a Climate Disaster
Bill Gates
Allen Lane | HB \$39.99

Bill Gates has spent a decade investigating the causes and effects of climate change. With the help of experts in the fields of science, finance and politics he has focused on what must be done in order to stop the planet's slide toward certain environmental disaster. This urgent, authoritative book sets out a practical and accessible plan for how we can get to zero greenhouse gas emissions in time to avoid a climate catastrophe.




Emotional Female
Yumiko Kadota
Viking Australia
TPB \$34.99

Yumiko Kadota dreamed of becoming a plastic surgeon, but by just 31 she had left the profession due to a toxic combination of misogyny, racism, overwork and lack of oversight. Kadota reclaims the word 'emotional' which was levelled at her as an insult in order to promote humanity amongst the medical profession. Her memoir is a scathing indictment of the Australian medical system which demands preposterous things from its doctors and perpetuates the boy's club mentality of the 1950s.




Old Seems to be Other People
Lily Brett
Hamish Hamilton
HB \$24.99

In this collection of vignettes about ageing, Lily Brett gives us snapshots of her everyday life in New York. After waving enthusiastically to a tall, grey-haired woman she has mistaken for her husband and avoiding a large dog that turns out to be a fire hydrant, Lily does need cataract surgery! *Old Seems to be Other People* is Lily Brett's unique take on getting older—simultaneously hilarious, serious and utterly irresistible.



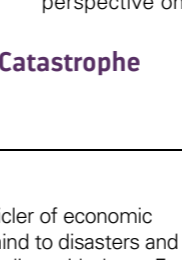
Lapsed
Monica Dux
ABC Books | TPB \$34.99

With wry humour and razor-sharp observations, *Lapsed* is the story of one woman's attempt to exorcise her religious upbringing. From devout ten-year-old to undergraduate atheist her attitude to the Catholic Church changed profoundly over a decade. Eventually, she was just 'lapsed'. Then during a family trip to Rome, her young daughter expressed a desire to be baptised causing Monica to re-examine her own childhood. Was it really out of her system or was it in her blood for life?




Doom: The Politics of Catastrophe
Niall Ferguson
Allen Lane | TPB \$35.00

May release
Ferguson is an expert chronicler of economic history, and here turns his mind to disasters and our institutional failures in dealing with them. From the Black Plague to the eruption of Vesuvius, *Doom* offers us a theory of disaster, arguing that failures to deal with recent catastrophes like nuclear meltdowns in Japan, spring from well-entrenched historic societal pathologies. In short Ferguson finds democratic institutions are ill placed to deal with disasters of any kind, natural or otherwise.




Full Circle
Scott Ludlum
Black Inc. | TPB \$34.99

May release
Scott Ludlum served as deputy leader of the Australian Greens until his departure from politics in 2017. Here he draws on his unique experience as an activist, artist and politician to outline a blueprint for revolution in our damaged, fractured world. Ludlum has travelled the world to learn about grassroots activism, systems theory and post-capitalist economics; all in pursuit of finding what could be the catalyst for long-lasting, far-reaching changes to our political, economic and ecological systems.




Fury
Kathryn Heyman
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$29.99

At the age of twenty Kathryn Heyman is sexually assaulted by a taxi driver and then endures a trial just as traumatic. This is a story of courage and how, despite an upbringing coloured with violence, poverty, and the lack of role models, seven-year-old Kathryn who was given the nickname of 'little fury' by her father, finds a way to harness that fury within and ultimately, the right to be heard.



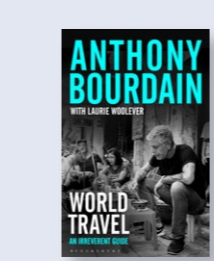
He.
Murray Bail
Text | HB \$27.99

The subject, He, is Murray Bail, brought alive in finely crafted prose that mimics the synaptic flickering of mind and memory. He is in Bombay, Melbourne, Sydney, London and Paris. He moves through time, a child for a moment, then He notes the white hairs in his eyebrows or the trend to drinking wine instead of beer. Astonishing, beguiling, *He.* is life in fragments.



The Shape of Sound
Fiona Murphy
Text | TPB \$34.99

For many years Fiona Murphy masked her hearing impairment. After an injury to her hand, she discovered that sign language could change her life and that deaf culture could be part of her identity. But when diagnosed with a rare condition that causes her to steadily lose residual hearing, the news left her reeling. Blending memoir with observations, *The Shape of Sound* is a story about the corrosive power of secrets, stigma and shame, and how deaf experiences and disability are shaped by economics, social policy, medicine and societal expectations.



World Travel
Anthony Bourdain
Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB \$29.99

Anthony Bourdain saw more of the world than nearly anyone. In *World Travel*, a life of food and travel experiences are collected into an entertaining, practical, fun and frank travel guide. Featuring essential advice on how to get there, what to eat, where to stay and, in some cases, what to avoid, this collection is a celebration of life and a fitting legacy for one of the most important food writers of all time.



One Italian Summer
Pip Williams
Affirm Press | TPB \$29.99

A tree change from Sydney to a small farm in the Adelaide Hills was not quite enough for Pip Williams and her partner Shannon, so they decided to take their two boys out of school and head off to Italy. This memoir is both humorous and extremely engaging as you follow their travels in search of a slower more meaningful way of life. By the bestselling author of *The Dictionary of Lost Words*.



Lines to the Horizon: Australian Surf Writing
Sam Carmody et al.
Fremantle Press | PB \$32.99

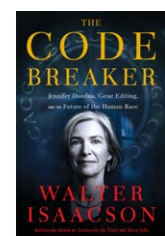
Australian writers and surf enthusiasts Sally Breen, Emily Brugman, Sam Carmody, Madelaine Dickie, Jake Sandtner and Mark Smith have come together in an anthology that celebrates the diversity of surf culture. From Gold Coast surf culture to the life and death relationships of humans to the sea; from surf travel in Mexico to Taj Burrow's final campaign in Fiji, this collection features writing about the surf and the ocean in six very different ways.

Travel Narrative



The Believer: Encounters with Love, Death & Faith
Sarah Krasnostein
Text | TPB \$34.99

In her follow up to *The Trauma Cleaner*, Sarah Krasnostein spent four years interviewing a disparate group of subjects united only by the strength of their convictions. There are creationists, a murderer, and paranormal investigators, all of whom reveal themselves over time. Krasnostein's skill is her patience in the process of assembling these richly human and deftly drawn, and their eccentricities make them all the more human portraits.



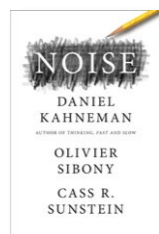
The Code Breaker
Walter Isaacson
Simon & Schuster
HB \$49.99

A gripping account of one of the most important scientific discoveries. In the spring of 2012, the Berkeley biochemist Jennifer Doudna and her collaborators invented an easy-to-use tool that can edit DNA. Known as CRISPR, it opened a brave new world of medical miracles and moral questions. Already deployed to fight the coronavirus pandemic of 2020, the discovery hastens a new life-science revolution.



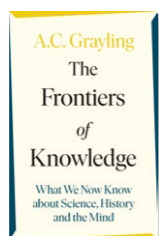
Books Do Furnish a Life
Richard Dawkins
Bantam Press | TPB \$35.00

May release
At a time when science can seem complex and remote, it really matters that its discoveries and truths are clearly and widely communicated, and that its enemies are challenged and exposed. *Books do Furnish a Life* celebrates the writers who communicate the ideas of science and the natural world, including Sagan, Krauss, Bronowski, Wolpert, and more, commending the courage of those who seek to protect truths and analytical rigour against charlatany and obfuscation.



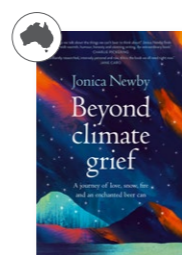
Noise
Daniel Kahneman and et. al.
William Collins
TPB \$34.99

May release
We make thousands of decisions every day, from minute, to great, agonising deliberations. But when every decision we make is life-changing, the way we reach them matters. Two of the authors behind *Thinking Fast and Slow* and *Nudge* show us how to cut through the extraneous noise that impacts our decision-making and improve our thinking.



The Frontiers of Knowledge
A.C. Grayling
Viking | TPB \$35.00

May release
Anthony Grayling's latest book asks the question—given how much humanity has advanced, how much do we really know? He looks at three areas of knowledge accumulation, bringing an historical perspective to the advancement of science, history and psychology. In each area he illustrates how each field has advanced to where it is now. A remarkable history of science, life on earth, and the human mind itself.



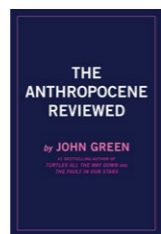
Beyond Climate Grief
Jonica Newby
NewSouth | TPB \$29.99

After researching climate change, broadcaster Dr Jonica Newby found herself overcome with grief and a sense of powerlessness. She wondered how others felt, and how we could enjoy meaningful existence under the weight of such knowledge. The result is a book comprised of practical advice from scientists and psychologists and in-depth conversations that serve as both a guide and an emotional support for surviving the uncertain future we all face.



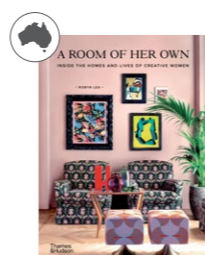
Remember
Lisa Genova
Simon & Schuster
TPB \$32.99

For everyone worried about forgetting things, Genova (neuroscientist and author of *Still Alice*) explains that for the majority of us, it's completely normal—our brain is just not designed to remember everything. Learn how memories are made and how we access them, the impact stress and sleep have, and the distinction between everyday forgetfulness and the onset of Alzheimer's.



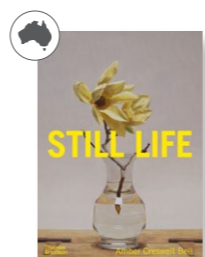
The Anthropocene Reviewed
John Green
Ebury | TPB \$35.00

18 May release
The Anthropocene is the current geological age, in which human activity has profoundly shaped the planet and its biodiversity. In this remarkable collection of essays adapted and expanded from his groundbreaking podcast and including all new pieces exclusive to the book, John Green reviews different facets of the human-centered planet—from the QWERTY keyboard and *Staphylococcus aureus* to the Taco Bell breakfast menu—on a five-star scale.



A Room of Her Own
Robyn Lea
Thames & Hudson
Australia | HB \$65.00

Featuring the dazzling homes of twenty extraordinary women from around the globe, this is a book of daring inspiration. Artists, designers, makers and curators invite us into their domestic and professional domains to reveal a world of meaning and purpose. Robyn Lea's gorgeous photography and evocative text look beyond the aesthetics to explore the ideals and practices of these women and to guide us on a new way of thinking and living.



Still Life
Amber Creswell Bell
Thames & Hudson
Australia | HB \$59.99

May release
Still Life explores the diverse practices of more than forty contemporary Australian artists. While flowers and food are mainstays of the genre universally, more atypical objects—such as books and beer cans, birds and balloons—can be found within these pages, adding an energy and intrigue to both the composition and the story revealed. This book captures the inanimate beauty of the everyday in a distinctly Australian context.



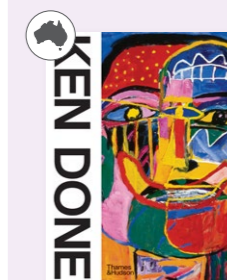
Utsuwa: Japanese Objects for Everyday Use
Kylie Johnson and Tiffany Johnson
Thames & Hudson
Australia | HB \$59.99

Japanese craft has long been revered for its quality and beauty, and skilled craftwork remains an important part of Japanese life. 'Utsuwa', meaning 'for everyday use', embodies the ethos of handmaking in Japan, where handcrafted wares must be as practical as they are beautiful. This book takes us behind the scenes into the private studios of some of Japan's most exciting artisans.



Nature's Palette
Patrick Baty
Thames & Hudson
HB \$70.00

First published in 1814 and expanded in 1821, Syme's edition of *Werner's Nomenclature of Colours* attempted to establish a universal colour reference system to help identify, classify and represent species from the natural world. This updated edition includes elegant contemporary illustrations of every animal, plant or mineral that the original edition cited and is still a much-loved reference among artists, naturalists and anyone fascinated by colour.



Ken Done: Art Design Life
Amber Creswell Bell with Ken Done
Thames & Hudson
Australia | HB \$80.00

For more than forty years, Ken Done has chronicled the Australian way, documenting how it feels to be Australian with an exuberance that is immediately recognisable. *Ken Done: Art Design Life* documents Done's expansive art and provides a fascinating insight into the artist and his work. Featuring both early and lesser-known works, as well as the iconic paintings of Sydney Harbour, the Outback and the Reef, this book celebrates the man, his work and his enduring legacy.

WIN a limited signed copy of Ken Done: Art Design Life.

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The competition closes 30 May 2021.

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Illustrated Non-fiction for Kids



With a Little Kelp from Our Friends
Mathew Bate
Thames & Hudson
Australia | HB \$29.99

Find out everything you could possibly need to know about seaweed in this beautifully illustrated book. From ancient history and mythology to modern uses in food, health and medicine and even how seaweed can help to tackle climate change. A book designed to educate and inspire, and encourage respect for the natural world.



Why Do Tigers Have Whiskers?
Thames & Hudson
Australia | HB \$24.99

May release
Children have asked and Australia's experts have answered! Do butterflies remember being caterpillars? Why don't cats wear shoes? Do sharks sneeze? This book gets down to the facts and will help every reader uncover the mysteries that keep many of us awake at night. Cleverly designed to promote hours of quiet self-directed research, or to enjoy and discover together.



Old Enough to Save the Planet
Loll Kirby
Magic Cat Publishing
PB \$16.99

A delightful book for young readers that will empower them to take action on climate change. They will learn about the work of children from around the world who are making a difference to save our planet through compassion and learning, like 11-year-old Shalise from Australia, the world's youngest ocean activist.

Better Living



The Kindness Revolution
Hugh Mackay
Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

May release
An engagingly written study of co-operation and community in an imperfect world, and how we might all come together to build a more loving, compassionate, and inclusive Australia. What if we really listened to people? What if we really worked together to build a culture with kindness at its heart? An important, hopeful, and generous book filled with great insight that every Australian should read.



The Listening Path
Julia Cameron
Profile Books
TPB \$29.99

A companion to the bestselling *The Artist's Way*, that has helped millions unlock their creative potential, this new six-week program will help readers become better listeners—a path to even greater fulfilment. Each week you will be set a new challenge to increase your listening abilities, from week one learning to heed your environment to the final week of learning to listen in silence. Even if you are not pursuing a creative path, the lessons are applicable to all readers.



Heartsick
Jessie Stephens
Macmillan Australia
TPB \$34.99

Heartsick is a close-up, compelling narrative non-fiction account of the many lows and surprising highs of heartbreak. Based on intensive interviews with three main subjects, Jessie has woven together three vastly different, yet breathtakingly similar, stories of heartbreak. Bruising, beautiful, achingly specific but wholeheartedly universal, *Heartsick* reminds us that emotional pain can make us as it breaks us, and that storytelling has the ultimate healing power.



Plantastic! A to Z of Australian Plants
Catherine Clowes and Rachel Gyan (illus)
CSIRO Publishing
HB \$29.99

A beautifully illustrated introduction to 26 of Australia's unique native plants. Discover and identify native plants found in your local park, bushland, and your own backyard. With its perfect balance of fun facts, activities, and adventurous ideas *Plantastic!* is ideal for families to share and will delight anyone curious about Australia's unique plants.



Earth Matters
Carole Wilkinson
Wild Dog Books
HB \$24.99

By the author of the *Dragonkeeper* series, this beautifully illustrated book explains in simple language what is climate change and what it means for our earth and our country. In Australia over the past 50 years, maximum temperatures have been creeping higher. There have been record droughts, floods and bushfires. Why is this happening and what can we do to stop it getting worse?



Do Something for Someone Else
Loll Kirby
Magic Cat Publishing
HB \$29.99

Be inspired by twelve children from around the world spreading kindness with acts of everyday activism in this non-fiction picture book. Meet nine-year-old Katie from the US, growing fruit and vegetables to feed people in need; fifteen-year-old Christopher and Reece raising awareness of mental health through swimathons; and nine-year-old Winter Vincent from Australia, fundraising for water filters.



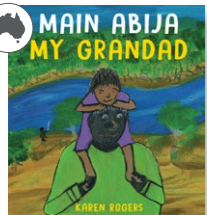
A Mother Is a House
Aurore Petit
Gecko Press | HB \$27.99

A Mother Is a House looks through the baby's eyes for an unexpected and affecting picture of what a mother is to them. Beautifully and vibrantly illustrated, this book captures the essence of the many different and wonderful parts of what a mother is... "A mother's a house, she's a lullaby hush, a mother's a shell, the moon before dawn, a mother is gentle, a port in a storm".



What Do You Call Your Grandma?
Ashleigh Barton & Martina Heiduczek (illus)
ABC Kids | HB \$19.99

A heart-warming celebration of the special bond shared between children and their grandmothers from every corner of the globe. Whether you have a Nanna, a Nonna, a Yia Yia or a Jaja, this book is sure to make you want to rush out and hug a grandmother.



Main Abija My Grandad
Karen Rogers
Allen & Unwin Children's
HB \$24.99

Written as a tribute to a much-loved grandfather who passed on his love of culture and country. Told in Kriol and English, Karen Rogers lovingly recalls childhood holidays spent in remote Northern Territory fishing, hunting and looking for sugarbag honey. Bursting with brightly coloured illustrations this is a beautiful way to pass on the First Nations knowledge to the next generation.



Early One Morning
Mem Fox & Christine Davenier (illus)
Puffin | HB \$19.99

A boy explores his farm searching for something to eat for breakfast – but gates don't lay anything and neither do tractors or cows! Will he turn around to find the cheeky hen he's been searching for? Another classic tale for the very young from children's book favourite Mem Fox, beautifully illustrated by Christine Davenier with a soft palette and loose lines.



Blue Flower
Sonya Hartnett & Gabriel Evans (illus)
Puffin | HB \$24.99

A young child tells her mother about the things that worry her at school—asking the teacher for help, making friends or not being funny enough. But through sharing with her mother, her love of art and her observations about nature she comes to see that being different might not be a bad thing after all. A beautifully told story about being happy with the way you are.



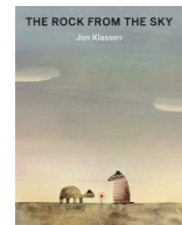
Hello and Welcome
Gregg Dreise
Penguin | HB \$24.99

Gregg Dreise's earlier book *My Culture and Me* was a much, hailed celebration of Indigenous culture. *Hello and Welcome* is a perfect companion piece. Join in a corroboree in the traditional Gamilaraay language of the Kamilaroi people, an event that teaches respect and welcomes everyone. Learn the corroboree actions as you read.



The Katha Chest
Radhiah Chowdhury & Lavanya Naidu (illus)
Allen & Unwin Children's
HB \$24.99

Asiya loves to go to Nanu's house where the best treasure of all is the big old chest filled with quilts that tell the stories of the women in Asiya's family. A delightful way to show how family stories can be shared and kept alive through the objects passed down through the generations.



The Rock from the Sky
Jon Klassen
Walker | HB \$27.99

Turtle really likes standing in his favourite spot. He likes it so much that he asks his friend Armadillo to come over and stand in it, too. But now that Armadillo is standing in that spot, he has a bad feeling about it. A hilarious meditation on the workings of friendship, fate, and that funny feeling you get that there's something off somewhere, but you just can't put your finger on it. Another comedic tour de force from the author of the Hat trilogy.

Junior Fiction



School of Monsters, Books 1 - 4
Sally Rippin
Hardie Grant Children's Publishing
PB \$8.99 each

Welcome to the School of Monsters, a fabulous new series for first readers from one of Australia's best loved children's authors. Start by reading only the last word on every line and work your way up to reading the whole story. With tumbling rhymes and an infectious sense of humour, the weird and wonderful students at the School of Monsters are guaranteed to spark a love of reading!



Tish
Edwina Wyatt
Berbay Publishing
HB \$19.99

Tish is the story of a lovable imaginary friend who is looking for his place in the world and finds it through his companionship with three different children who need him. It's a story of friendship, goodbyes and longing, and a tale of having the confidence to believe.



Huda and Me
H. Hayek
Allen & Unwin Children's
PB \$14.99

When their parents have to travel to Beirut unexpectedly, twelve-year-old Akeal and his six siblings are horrified to be left behind in Melbourne with the dreaded Aunt Amel as their babysitter. Things do not go well, and Akeal's little sister, Huda, hatches a plan to escape. After stealing Aunt Amel's credit card to buy plane tickets to Lebanon, Huda persuades her brother to come with her. So begins their hair-raising and action-packed journey.



Lightfall: The Girl & the Galdurian
Tim Probert
HarperCollins
HB \$19.99

In this new graphic novel series by author and illustrator Tim Probert, the often-anxious Bea, adopted granddaughter of Alfrid the Pig Wizard, teams up with the good-natured Cad, the last of the presumed-extinct Galdurians in an attempt to find her grandfather. The immersive illustrations give the story another level of enjoyment in this rollicking adventure which will leave readers on a real cliff-hanger, desperate for the next instalment.



Paws
Kate Foster
Walker Books Australia
PB \$16.99

11-year-old Alex is about to start high school and as an autistic person, he is finding that a terrifying prospect. Convinced that having a friend by his side will help, Alex devises a plan to impress the kids at school by winning a trophy at the PAWS Dog Show with his trusty sidekick, Kevin. A touching story about kindness and inclusion and finding friendships where you least expect them.



Wednesday Weeks and the Tower of Shadows
Denis Knight and Cristy Burne
Lothian Children's Books | PB \$16.99

Wednesday Weeks never wanted to be a sorcerer's apprentice. She'd rather study science than magic. But when her cloak-wearing, staff-wielding grandpa is captured by a power-hungry goblin king, Wednesday must find a way to embrace her magical heritage and rescue him from the dreaded Tower of Shadows. Join smart and brave Wednesday and her best friend Alfie in a race against time. A smart and funny new series for fans of Nevermoor.



The Detective's Guide to Ocean Travel
Nicki Greenberg
Affirm Press
PB \$17.99

For as long as she can remember, Pepper Stark has wanted one thing: to join her father, the Captain, aboard the magnificent RMS Aquitania on a voyage to New York. She has never been allowed to set foot on her father's ship – until now. But once aboard amongst the glamour and the glitz she finds herself trying to solve the mystery of a missing diamond. A thrilling adventure with a fabulously feisty new heroine.



You've Let Them In
Lois Murphy
Transit Lounge
PB \$16.99

When Scott's family moves to a new home, a falling down, creaky old house with a weird overgrown garden he is not impressed. His cat and dog do not seem too impressed either. His disdain for the house and the ugly garden gnome, that only he can hear, soon turns to fear. A creepy tale with lots of humour about the things in the garden and how to stay safe from them. A fabulous page turner, perfect for those who like to feel afraid.



The Edge of Thirteen
Nova Weetman
U.Q.P. | PB \$16.99

The Edge of Thirteen invites us to experience the anticipation and awkwardness of entering adolescence through the eyes of soon-to-be teen, Clem. She shares the joys and tensions of her friendships with best friends Bridge and Ellie as they start Year 8 and navigate diverging feelings about their relationships, bodies and sexual attraction. Nova Weetman presents a relatable portrayal of early adolescence that will entertain and comfort its young readers.



Elsewhere Girls
Emily Gale & Nova Weetman
Text | PB \$16.99

May release
In 2021, champion swimmer Cat is miserable. She has started at a new school, Dad has lost his job, Mum is away working, and her sister Maisy has just broken a mysterious watch. Meanwhile in 1908, Fan (based on world champion swimmer Fanny Durack) has just lost her swim coach's treasured stopwatch. In a time slip the girls swap places. A moving and funny story that explores the challenges and pressures for young women growing up in the past and today.



A Glasshouse of Stars
Shirley Marr
Puffin | PB \$16.99

May release
Newly arrived from Old Land, Meixing Lim is already having trouble fitting in before tragedy strikes. A new language to learn, customs to understand, school trouble and Big Scary—her new home—that seems alive with menace. A forgotten glasshouse in the garden becomes her escape, a world where cats serve drinks on trays, and the sun and moon shine. Based on Marr's own experience as a new immigrant, this novel is brimming with poignancy and lots of heart.



Heroes of the Secret Underground
Susanne Gervay
HarperCollins
PB \$16.99

Here is a great timeslip story by Susanne Gervay, author of the much loved, *I Am Jack*. Inspired by Susanne's own family story, this is the tale of three children living with their grandparents in a hotel in Sydney when a locket sends them back to Budapest in 1944. Louie, and her brothers Bert and Teddy find themselves in a race against time to survive and save the day.



Eliza Vanda's Button Box
Emily Rodda
HarperCollins | HB \$22.99

May release
Milly lives in the quiet, yet beautiful, Tidgy Bay, with her artist father. She loves her home but there seem to be problems everywhere she looks. All that changes the day that Eliza Vanda comes to stay. Eliza is a magical seamstress with an extraordinary button collection. Milly quickly finds herself on adventures that test her courage and intellect. A delightful story that can be enjoyed equally by an independent reader or as a read aloud for the family.



The Gaps
Leanne Hall
Text | PB \$19.99

All the Year Ten girls at Balmoral Ladies College are on edge since Yin Mitchell was abducted from her home, even Chloe who is the new scholarship girl, and barely knew Yin. As hours turn into days the hope that Yin will return become slimmer and slimmer. Then Chloe forms an uneasy alliance with Natalia, the queen of Year Ten, and things become even more complicated. This book is a moving examination of vulnerability and strength, safety and danger, and the particular uncertainties young women face in the world. 14+



The True Colour of a Little White Lie
Gabriel Bergmoser
HarperCollins
PB \$19.99

After a catastrophic attempt to ask out his crush, fourteen-year-old Nelson is desperate to escape the daily humiliations of his small-town high school. When his parents take over a nearby ski lodge, he jumps at the chance to reinvent himself. But when a few white lies lead to Nelson getting out of his depth he soon realises that it isn't so easy to run away from who you are. 14+



The Prison Healer
Lynette Noni
Penguin | PB \$24.99

Best-selling YA author Lynette Noni is back with a dark new thriller, set in the fantasy world of Wenderall. Kiva Meridan has been imprisoned for ten years in the death camp Zalindov, surviving as the prison healer. Risking her own life to save the newly captured Rebel Queen, Kiva agrees to undertake the Trial by Ordeal: a series of elemental challenges that no-one has yet conquered. Complete with rebellion, plague and romance, this book is sure to please Noni's many fans. 13+



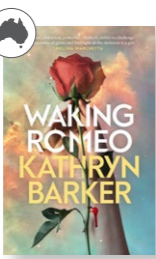
The Dark Lady
Akala
Hodder Children's Books
PB \$19.99

May release
Akala's first YA novel is an adventure story blending history, fantasy, race and power in Shakespearian London. It is everything you would expect from this British author, hip hop artist, poet, activist and co-founder of The Hip-Hop Shakespeare Company. Henry is a 15-year-old orphan, surviving on the streets thanks not just to his bravery and cunning, but also his special power – he can read and translate any written language.



House of Hollow
Krystal Sutherland
Penguin | PB \$19.99

The Hollow sisters have not been the same since they disappeared for a month as young girls and returned with no memory of what happened. Ten years later people find them disturbingly intoxicating, unbearably beautiful, and inexplicably dangerous. The youngest sister Iris is determined to finish high school without any drama but then her oldest sister disappears leaving a trail of clues behind. This haunting modern fairy tale will leave you reading late into the night like only the best book can. 14+



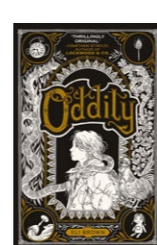
Waking Romeo
Kathryn Barker
A&U Children's
Demy \$19.99

It is the year 2083 and eighteen-year-old Jules Capulet is reeling from the end of her romance with a classmate called Romeo; it has left him in a coma and her as a social outcast. Enter Heathcliff Ellis, a time traveller sent on a mission to wake Romeo. This mash up of two classic love stories sends the reader on a brilliant and unforgettable wild ride. 14+



We Are Inevitable
Gayle Forman
Simon & Schuster
PB \$19.99

May release
People keep saying that bookshops are dead, and for Aaron and his father, who own Bluebird Books in a small town outside of Seattle, this seems to be the case. They are both grief stricken and their second-hand bookshop is failing. Everyone has moved on in Aaron's life, but will a chance to sell the shop, and newfound friendships change his life and show him that destruction doesn't inevitably lead to extinction; that sometimes it leads to the creation of something entirely new. 14+



Oddity
Eli Brown
Walker | PB \$18.99

May release
Set in an alternate nineteenth century, where the United States is at war with Napoleon's France. When her physician father is murdered, thirteen-year-old Clover Elkin embarks on a perilous mission through warring frontier territories to protect the one secret Oddity he left behind, if only she knew what it was. As she uncovers the truth about her parents and her past, Clover emerges as a powerful agent of history.



Perfect on Paper
Sophie Gonzales
Hodder Children's Books
PB \$17.99

Darcy Phillips is the brains behind Locker 89 – the drop-off point for questionably legal, well-priced, anonymous relationship advice service at her school. Her advice is spot on, though she may not show great judgement when it comes to her best friend Brooke...who is in love with someone else. When annoyingly hot and bratty new guy Brougham discovers her secret, she is blackmailed into helping him win his ex-girlfriend back. What could possibly go wrong? 13+



Australia: The Cookbook
Phaidon | HB \$65.00

Here it is, 350 recipes celebrating the diversity that is Australia. *Australia: The Cookbook*, compiled by chef and food writer, Ross Dobson, this book is glorious and filled with recipes you need to have in a modern Australian kitchen from the iconic Pavlova to a Thai Kangaroo salad. Complimented by Alan Benson's beautiful photography of food and place.



How Wild Things Are
Analiese Gregory
Hardie Grant Books
HB \$45.00

Part narrative, part collection of recipes, *How Wild Things Are* celebrates nature and the slow-food life on the rugged and sometimes wild island of Tasmania. When chef Analiese Gregory relocated after years of cooking in some of the world's best restaurants, she found a new rhythm to the days spent cooking, fishing, foraging, hunting and discovering. This book is a window into the joys of travel, freedom and vulnerability.



One Pot, Pan, Planet
Anna Jones
4th Estate | HB \$49.99

One is a stunning cookbook that allows you to do good and eat well at the same time. Jones is back with over 200 new recipes that put vegetables and sustainability at the forefront, all designed to be simple enough for a weeknight dinner. Organised by the type of cookware used (a single tray, pot or pan), the recipe sections are interspersed with tips on how to shop, grow and use food with the planet in mind.



Preserving the Italian Way
Pietro Demaio
Plum | PB \$39.99

A bestseller when it was first published in 2008, *Preserving the Italian Way* has had a makeover. Pietro Demaio has meticulously collected family recipes handed down for generations. So that we, alongside our COVID sourdough, can learn how to preserve vegetables and fish in oil, vinegar or salt, how to make cheese, cure meats and dry herbs and even make our own wine!



Ombra
Carlo Grossi
Lantern Australia
PB \$39.99

Ombra brings together the very best of Carlo Grossi's food, from lovingly aged meats and homemade sausages to mouth-watering pizzas, irresistible bar snacks, hearty evening meals, fermented and pickled vegetables and fruits, and delectable desserts. With family heirloom recipes and dishes, this collection of familiar and tasty food is made for sharing over lively conversation.



Sumac
Anas Atassi
Murdoch Books
HB \$49.99

This beautifully photographed cookbook includes over 80 recipes inspired by Atassi's memories of celebrations and travel in Syria. *Sumac* is an evocative and inspiring food journey that offers a glimpse into Syrian cuisine's deep roots. Atassi was inspired by his mother and you too will want to create delicious breakfasts, street food, mezze, delectable desserts and much more.



Slow Victories
Katrina Meynink
Hardie Grant Books
PB \$35.00

A slow cooker cookbook for people who love to cook. This book removes the angst from the dinner rut with creative ways to use slow cookers with surprising results. The book's 90 plus recipes gives a holistic approach to food and cooking, including healthy, vegetable and grain driven dishes, slow-cooked meats and beautiful desserts. A must for all lovers of slow cookers.



Wild Mushrooming
Alison Pouliot and Tom May
CSIRO Publishing
PB \$49.99

Foraging is becoming more and more popular, but how do you know which mushrooms and fungi are edible? This book, illustrated throughout, is a comprehensive guide to the wild mushrooms of Australia and will help you to feel confident that the fungus you are foraging is edible. With loads of information about what you should definitely not eat. It also comes with plenty of recipes.



In Good Company
Sophie Hansen
Murdoch Books
HB \$39.99

Whether it's a last-minute dinner with neighbours, a family feast or a casual summer picnic, Sophie Hansen has done the thinking for you and designed menus featuring 120 recipes that are simple, tasty and perfect for sharing. She also includes ideas for creating a memorable atmosphere for any gathering, large or small, plus advice on how to embrace shortcuts to take the pressure off, so you can focus on enjoying the good times rather than stressing in the kitchen.

Kid's Non-fiction



Becoming: Adapted for Younger Readers
Michelle Obama
Puffin UK | HB \$29.99

Now adapted for younger readers, with new photographs and a new introduction from Michelle Obama herself, this memoir tells a very personal, and completely inspiring, story of how, through hard work and determination, the girl from the South Side of Chicago built an extraordinary life. A tale of ups and downs, triumphs and failures, this is an incredibly honest account.



Welcome to Consent
Yumi Stynes & Dr Melissa Kang
Hardie Grant Children's Publishing | PB \$19.99
June release

An inclusive, frank and funny guide to navigating consent for tweens and teens of all genders, from the award-winning authors of *Welcome to Your Period*. Adolescent health experts Dr Melissa Kang and Yumi Stynes have written the only guide you need to figuring out the rules of consent. Whether you're a curious 11 to 14-year-old, or the parent of someone with a bunch of questions, this book is reassuring, interesting, and full of the info you need!



Plant
Gynelle Leon
Mitchell Beazley
HB \$27.99

House plants can change a home in an instant. A flash of colour, a calming influence, they are adaptable, affordable and—if you know how—easy to care for. In *Plant*, horticultural expert and author of *Prick*, Gynelle Leon gives you all the knowledge you need to help your plants thrive, including a chapter of styling ideas to inspire you to show your plants at their best.



Grow Your Own Pet Plants
Andrew Mikolajski
Smith Street Books
HB \$24.99

Buying houseplants can be addictive. You might start with a fern in the corner of your living room, and soon, every windowsill in your home is groaning under the weight of 100 succulents. As your addiction grows, the cost adds up. Rather than turning away from embracing more leafy friends, learn how to propagate your own! This fun and easy-to-use book offers advice on how to nurse and propagate cuttings alongside cute illustrations.



Spirit of the Garden
Trisha Dixon
National Library of Australia
HB \$65.00

This luscious book introduces us to gardens wild and tame, colourful and well-ordered, all representative of the personalities of their owners – according to Dixon, if we like a person, we will probably like their garden. Alongside her beautiful photographs, Dixon muses on our relationships with nature and encourages a move away from Anglocentric views of gardening towards more holistic and cooperative methods of design.

Plant & Garden



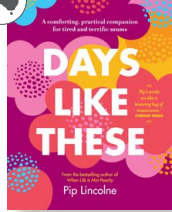
Reading the Seasons

Germaine Leece and Sonya Tsakalakis

Thames & Hudson Australia
PB \$32.99

Reading the Seasons charts the evolution of a friendship through candid letters

between bibliotherapists Germaine Leece and Sonya Tsakalakis. Ignited by a shared love of reading, of finding a book for every occasion, every emotion—for themselves and their clients—their conversations reflect upon loss, change, parenting, careers, simple pleasures, travel, successes, fears and uncertainty.



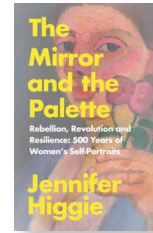
Days Like These

Pip Lincolne

Murdoch Books
HB \$32.99

By the bestselling author of *When Life is Not Peachy*, an exquisitely illustrated uplifting self-

care guide for mothers. Pip Lincolne reminds you that it's fine to go slow, drop the guilt, choose fresh ways to measure success, find yourself again and remember the things that delight you in the everyday. Because sometimes we all need a reminder that we are doing our best on this life-changing journey called motherhood.



The Mirror and the Palette

Jennifer Higgle

Weidenfeld & Nicholson
HB \$39.99

The history of art has been largely written by white men, about white men. Jennifer

Higgle's ambitious contribution to rectifying this spans 500 years, introducing a cross section of women artists who rejected male orthodoxy and followed their creative lives. Their bravery paved the way for women who faced the oppression of religion, families and laws.



Dear Mum

Sam Johnson

Hachette Australia
HB \$22.99

Samuel Johnson has put together a great collection of letters to mothers from a huge range of Australians.

From literary star Favel Parrett to Hollywood actor Guy Pierce, superstar singers Vika and Linda Bull to historian Claire Wright. This is a beautiful collection, a tribute to mothers that will make you laugh and at times find you in tears. It could just be a perfect mothers' day gift.



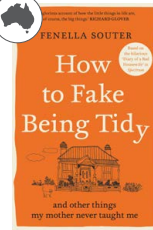
Flourish for Mums

Sonia Bestulic

Big Sky | PB \$19.99

Motherhood is a personal journey of self-discovery. A mix of feeling delighted, to challenged and overwhelmed—often, all

in one day! *Flourish for Mums* reveals how to cultivate 21 healthy ways to let go of unrealistic expectations and create space to celebrate Motherhood's unique parenting pathways. Filled with uplifting anecdotes and supportive strategies, while busting big misconceptions.



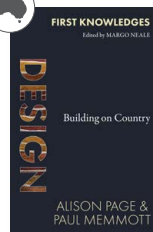
How to Fake Being Tidy

Fenella Souter

Allen & Unwin | TPB \$29.99

In these funny, sometimes poignant stories, award-winning feature writer Fenella Souter celebrates the highs and lows of

domestic life—from her attempts to run the house like a grown-up, to lessons in good cooking; from accidentally killing her wisteria, divorcing the cat and shirt-fronting bossy tradies, to wondering if the 'hostess gift' is still a thing or why some people have impeccable taste.



Design: Building on Country

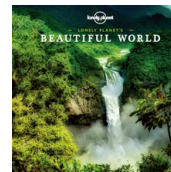
Alison Page and Paul Memmott

Thames & Hudson Australia | PB \$21.99

May release

This is the second book in the First Knowledges series edited by Margo Neale. This volume looks at Australian Indigenous design, design that is of a cultural nature. Based in the dreaming and ancient

ways of living with the land. The authors show how the sophisticated and sustainable principles of our first peoples design, influence and, should, influence today's design ethos.



Beautiful World

Lonely Planet | Mini HB \$29.99

A small format edition of Lonely Planet's bestseller, *Beautiful World* is a collection of sublime photography—from the world's most magnificent journeys to the planet's most spectacular locations. The images in this book will take you to places far and wide, the kinds of places that you might never visit but that you can perhaps put on that "If" list. Flick through the pages and marvel over the undeniable fact: it is a beautiful world.

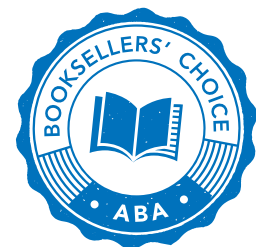


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