

The Lane Bookshop Claremont

Our Selection of Summer Reading 2017/18



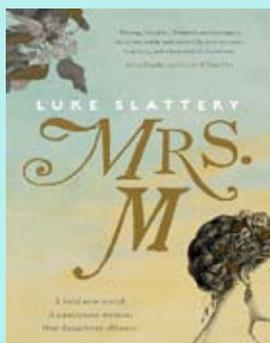
Be careful of books and what's inside.
They have the power to change us.

The Lane Bookshop is almost 40 years old. Off a lane in Claremont, down a creaky flight of stairs you will find yourself walking into a quaint and inviting space stepping onto carpeted floors and surrounded by a treasure trove of books. Posters of literary giants peer down from the walls as if approving the authenticity of this place and its discerning readers.

While retail assails us with the banality of mass production, The Lane prides itself in the tradition of service, and sharing with our customers our passion for literature.

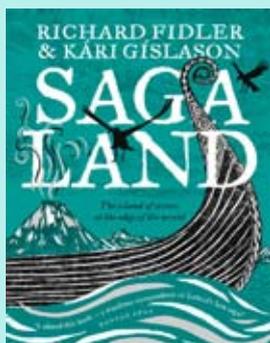
"No matter what his rank or position may be, the lover of books is the richest and happiest of the children of men." - JA Langford

Hardback Fiction



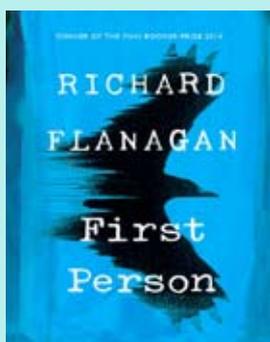
Mrs. M by Luke Slattery \$29.99

Elizabeth Macquarie, widow of the disgraced former Governor of New South Wales, Lachlan Macquarie, is in mourning - not only for her husband, but the loss of their shared dream to transform the penal colony into a bright new world. Over the course of one long sleepless night on the windswept isle of Mull, she remembers her life in that wild and strange country; a revolution of ideas as dramatic as any in history and her dangerous alliance with the brilliant, mercurial Francis Greenway, the colony's maverick architect.



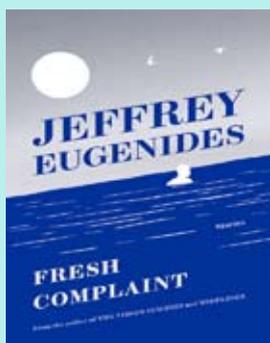
Saga Land by Fidler and Gíslason \$39.99

Broadcaster Richard Fidler and author Kari Gíslason share a deep attachment to the sagas of Iceland - the true stories of the first Viking families who settled on that remote island in the Middle Ages. These are tales of blood feuds, of dangerous women and people who are compelled to kill the ones they love. The sagas are among the greatest stories ever written, but the identity of their authors is largely unknown. Together, Richard and Kari travel across Iceland to the places where the sagas unfolded a thousand years ago. They cross fields, streams and fjords to immerse themselves in the folklore of this fiercely beautiful island.



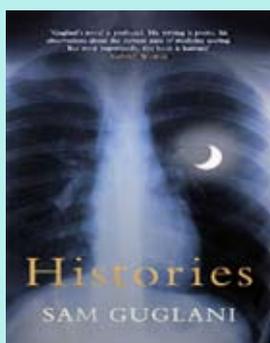
First Person by Richard Flanagan \$39.99

A young and penniless writer, Kif Kehlmann, is rung in the middle of the night by the notorious con man and corporate criminal, Siegfried Heidl. About to go to trial for defrauding the banks of \$700 million, Heidl proposes a deal: \$10,000 for Kehlmann to ghost write his memoir in six weeks. But as the writing gets under way, Kehlmann begins to fear that he is being corrupted by Heidl. As the deadline draws closer, he becomes ever more unsure if he is ghost writing a memoir, or if Heidl is rewriting him—his life, his future. Everything that was certain grows uncertain as he begins to wonder: who is Siegfried Heidl—and who is Kif Kehlmann?



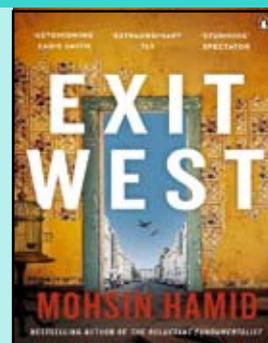
Fresh Complaint by Jeffrey Eugenides \$34.99

We meet Kendall, a failed poet who, envious of other people's wealth during the real estate bubble, becomes an embezzler; Mitchell, a lovelorn liberal arts graduate on a search for enlightenment; Prakrti, a high school student whose wish to escape the strictures of her family leads to a drastic decision that upends the life of a middle-aged academic. Jeffrey Eugenides is an astute observer of the crises of adolescence, self-discovery and family love. These stories explore equally rich and intriguing territory. Narratively compelling and beautifully written, *Fresh Complaint* shows all of Eugenides's trademark humour, compassion and complex understanding of what it is to be human.



Histories by Sam Guglani \$29.99

Histories is a hypnotic portrait of life in one hospital, over one week. In the corridors and consulting rooms, by the bedside, through the open curtain, we witness charged encounters within the emotional and physical world of medicine. Old insecurities surface as junior doctors try to save a man from dying; an enraged chaplain picks a fight with a consultant; a porter waxes lyrical on his invisibility. These are only some of the stories that so seamlessly connect, collide and create an unforgettable panorama of being. Sam Guglani's vivid prose has the raw intensity of poetry that pulls one in on every page.

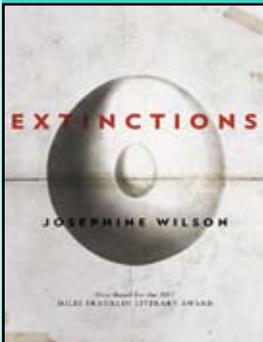


Exit West by Mohsin Hamid \$32.99

—(Short listed for 2017 Man Booker Prize)

In a city swollen by refugees and bubbling with civil unrest, two young people fall in love. Their homeland is on the brink of war. One day soon they must leave it behind: striking out into the unknown, searching for some corner of the world that might be safe. *Exit West* is an extraordinary, sweeping journey, reaching far across the globe and deep into the human heart. In a world of upheaval and fear, how can we hold onto our humanity? In a world of closed borders, what happens when a door is opened? Mohsin Hamid's novel blazes triumphantly in the darkness, singing from the eye of the storm.

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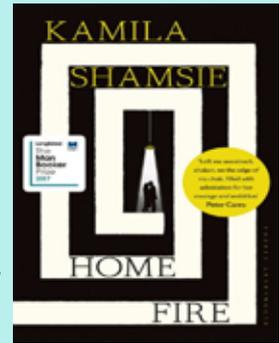


Extinctions by WA author Josephine Wilson \$29.99 (Winner Miles Franklin 2017)

Professor Frederick Lothian, retired engineer, has quarantined himself from life by moving to a retirement village. His wife, Martha, is dead and his two adult children are lost to him in their own ways. Surrounded and obstructed by the debris of his life – he is determined to be miserable, but is tired of his existence and of the life he has chosen. When a series of unfortunate incidents force him and his neighbour Jan together, he begins to comprehend his own shortcomings. Finally, Frederick Lothian has the opportunity to build something meaningful for the ones he loves. Humorous, poignant, and galvanising by turns, *Extinctions* is a novel about all kinds of extinctions – and what we can do to prevent them.

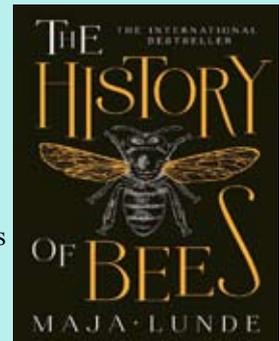
Home Fire by Kamila Shamsie \$24.99

Isma is free after years spent raising her twin siblings in the wake of their mother's death. But she can't stop worrying about Aneeka, her beautiful, headstrong sister back in London – or their brother, Parvaiz, who's disappeared in pursuit of his own dream: to prove himself to the dark legacy of the jihadist father he never knew. Then Eamonn enters the sisters' lives. Handsome and privileged, he inhabits a London worlds away from theirs. As the son of a powerful British Muslim politician, Eamonn has his own birthright to live up to – or defy. Is he to have a chance at love? Two families' fates are inextricably, devastatingly entwined in this searing novel that asks: what sacrifices will we make in the name of love?



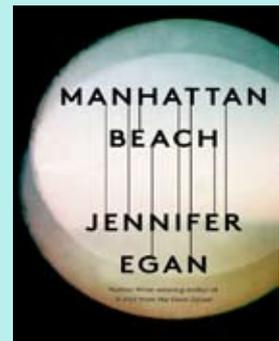
History of Bees by Maja Lunde \$32.99

England, 1852: William is a biologist and seed merchant who sets out to build a new type of beehive—one that will give both him and his children honour and fame. United States, 2007: George is a beekeeper and fights an uphill battle against modern farming, but hopes that his son can be their salvation. China, 2098: Tao hand paints pollen onto the fruit trees now that the bees have long since disappeared. When Tao's young son is taken away by the authorities after a tragic accident—and she is kept in the dark about his whereabouts and condition—she sets out on a grueling journey to find out what happened to him.



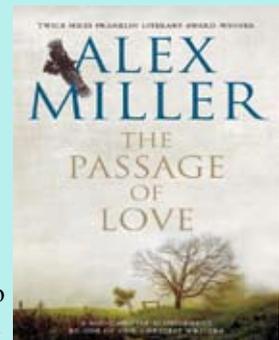
Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan \$32.99

Manhattan Beach opens in Brooklyn during the Great Depression. Anna Kerrigan, nearly twelve years old, accompanies her father to the house of a man who, she gleans, is crucial to the survival of her father and her family. Anna observes some secret pact between her father and Dexter Styles. Years later, she is the sole provider for her mother, a farm girl who had a brief and glamorous career as a Ziegfeld folly, and her lovely, severely disabled sister. At a night club, she chances to meet Styles and she begins to understand the complexity of her father's life and the reasons he might have been murdered.



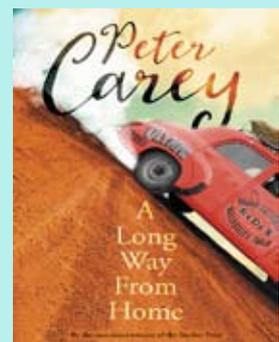
The Passage of Love by Alex Miller \$32.99

Sitting in a New York park, an old man holds a book and tries to accept that his contribution to the future is over. Instead, he remembers a youthful yearning for open horizons, for Australia, a yearning he now knows inspired his life as a writer. Instinctively he picks up his pen and starts at the beginning... At twenty-one years, Robert Crofts leaves his broken dreams in Far North Queensland, finally stopping in Melbourne almost destitute. It's there he begins to understand how books and writing might be the saving of him. They will be how he leaves his mark on the world. He also begins to understand how many obstacles there will be to thwart his ambition.

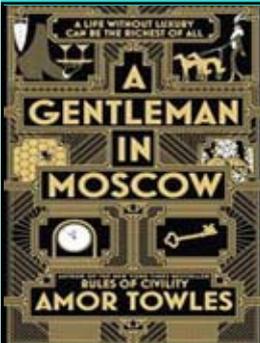


A Long Way from Home by Peter Carey \$32.99

Irene Bobs loves driving fast. Her husband is the best car salesman in western Victoria. Together they enter the Redex Trial, a brutal race around the ancient continent over roads no car will ever quite survive. With them is their lanky fair-haired navigator, Willie Bachhuber, a quiz show champion and failed schoolteacher whose job it is to call out the turns, the grids, the creek crossings on a map that will finally remove them, without warning, from the lily-white Australia they know so well. This thrilling, high-speed story starts in one place and then takes you somewhere else. It is often funny, more so as the world gets stranger, and is always a page-turner, as you learn a history these characters never knew themselves.



Paperback Fiction



A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles \$29.99

On 21 June 1922, Count Alexander Rostov – recipient of the Order of Saint Andrew, member of the Jockey Club, Master of the Hunt – is escorted out of the Kremlin, across Red Square and through the elegant revolving doors of the Hotel Metropol. But instead of being taken to his usual suite, he is led to an attic room with a window the size of a chessboard. Deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the Count has been sentenced to house arrest indefinitely. While Russia undergoes decades of tumultuous upheaval, the Count, stripped of the trappings that defined his life, is forced to question what makes us who we are.

Christmas Opening Hours

Sundays 11am-5pm:

November 26

December 3

December 10

December 17

Weekdays 9am-8pm:

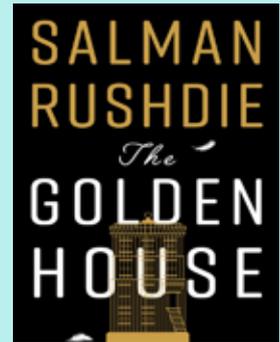
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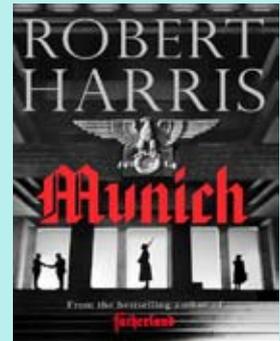
The Golden House by Salman Rushdie \$32.99

When powerful real-estate tycoon Nero Golden immigrates to The States under mysterious circumstances, he and his three adult children assume new identities and reinvent themselves as Roman emperors living in a lavish house in downtown Manhattan. Arriving shortly after the inauguration of Barack Obama, he and his sons quickly establish themselves at the apex of New York society. The story of the powerful Golden family is told from the point of view of their Manhattan neighbour and confidant, René, an aspiring filmmaker who finds in the Golden family the perfect subject. René chronicles the undoing of the house of Golden.



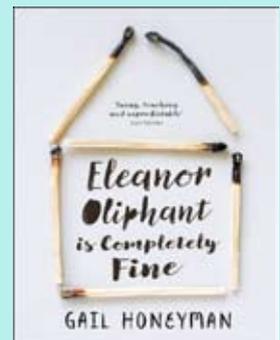
Munich by Robert Harris \$32.99

As Chamberlain's plane judders over the Channel and the Führer's train steams relentlessly south from Berlin, two young men travel with secrets of their own. Hugh Legat is one of Chamberlain's private secretaries; Paul Hartmann a German diplomat and member of the anti-Hitler resistance. Great friends at Oxford before Hitler came to power, they haven't seen one another since they were last in Munich six years earlier. Now, as the future of Europe hangs in the balance, their paths are destined to cross again. When the stakes are this high, who are you willing to betray?



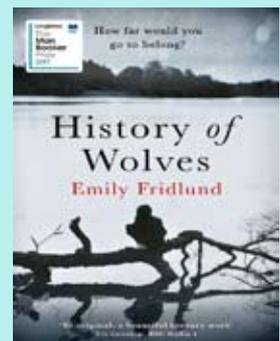
Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman \$29.99

Eleanor Oliphant leads a simple life. She wears the same clothes to work every day, eats the same meal deal for lunch every day and buys the same two bottles of vodka to drink every weekend. Eleanor Oliphant is happy. Nothing is missing from her carefully timetabled life. Except, sometimes, everything. One simple act of kindness is about to shatter the walls Eleanor has built around herself. Now she must learn how to navigate the world that everyone else seems to take for granted – while searching for the courage to face the dark corners she's avoided all her life. Change can be good. Change can be bad. But surely any change is better than... fine?



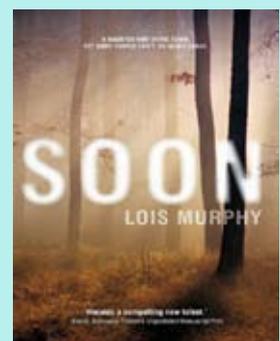
History of Wolves by Emily Fridlund \$19.99

How far would you go to belong? Fourteen-year-old Linda lives with her parents in an ex-commune beside a lake in the beautiful, austere backwoods of northern Minnesota. The other girls at school call Linda 'Freak', or 'Commie'. Her parents mostly leave her to her own devices, whilst the other inhabitants have grown up and moved on. So when the perfect family - mother, father and their little boy, Paul - move into the cabin across the lake, Linda insinuates her way into their orbit. She begins to babysit Paul and feels welcome, that she finally has a place to belong. Yet something isn't right. Drawn into secrets she doesn't understand, Linda must make a choice.

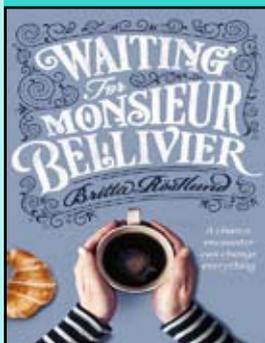


Soon by Lois Murphy \$29.95

Nebulah's days of mining and farming prosperity are long gone. These days even the name on the road sign into town has been removed. Yet for Pete, an ex-policeman, Milly, Li and a small band of others, it's the only place they have ever felt at home. One winter solstice, a strange residual and mysterious mist arrives, that makes even birds disappear. It is a real and potent force, yet also strangely emblematic of the complacency and unease that afflicts so many of our small towns. Partly inspired by the true story of Wittenoom the ill-fated West Australian asbestos town, *Soon* is the story of the death of a haunted town, and the plight of the people who either won't, or simply can't, abandon all they have ever had.



Paperback Fiction



Waiting for Monsieur Bellivier by Britta Rostlund \$29.99

Helena should of course say no. She doesn't know the man talking to her, she doesn't know Monsieur Bellivier, and she certainly isn't waiting for him. But, bored by life, and sparked by a whim, she says yes. The go-between leads her to a deserted floor in an office building and offers her a large sum of money to sit at a computer and forward emails to Monsieur Bellivier. Mancebo, a Tunisian shopkeeper, lives a quiet and ordered life, manning his grocery on a street leading to the Sacre-Coeur. But one day he is approached by a woman asking whether he will spy on her boyfriend, Mancebo agrees. As he begins to focus on the man, he starts to suspect that his wife and cousin are leading secret lives. Helena and Mancebo don't know it yet – their lives will overlap in the most surprising ways.

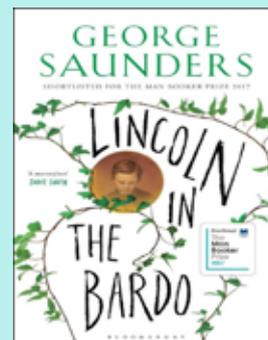
Elmet by Fiona Mozley \$29.99

Daniel is heading north. He is looking for someone. The simplicity of his early life with Daddy and Cathy has turned sour and fearful. They lived apart in the house that Daddy built for them with his bare hands. They foraged and hunted. When they were younger, Daniel and Cathy had gone to school. But they were not like the other children and they are less like them now. Sometimes Daddy disappeared and would return with rage in his eyes. But when he was at home he was at peace. He told them that the copse in Elmet was theirs alone. But that wasn't true. Local men, greedy and watchful, began to circle like vultures. All the while, the terrible violence in Daddy grows.



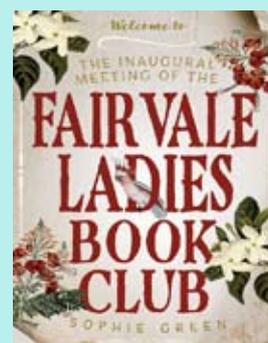
Lincoln in the Bardo by George Saunders \$29.99 (Winner Man Booker 2017)

The American Civil War rages while President Lincoln's beloved eleven-year-old son lies gravely ill. Willie dies and is laid to rest in a Georgetown cemetery. Newspapers report that a grief-stricken Lincoln returns to the crypt several times alone to hold his boy's body. From this seed of historical truth, George Saunders spins an unforgettable story of familial love and loss that breaks free of realism. Willie Lincoln finds himself trapped in a transitional realm – called, in Tibetan tradition, the bardo.



The Inaugural Meeting of the Fairvale Ladies Book Club by Sophie Green \$29.99

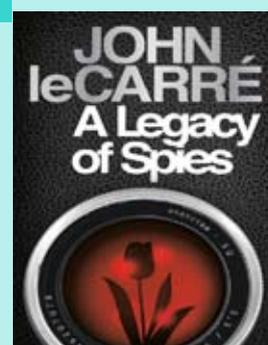
In 1978, the Northern Territory has begun to self-govern. Life is hard and people are isolated, however they find ways to connect. Sybil is the matriarch of Fairvale Station, run by her husband, Joe. Their eldest son, Lachlan, was Joe's designated successor but he has left the Territory for good. It is up to their second son, Ben, to take his brother's place. But that doesn't stop Sybil grieving the absence of her child. With her oldest friend, Rita, now living in Alice Springs and working for the Royal Flying Doctor Service, and Ben's wife, Kate, finding it difficult to adjust to life at Fairvale, Sybil comes up with a way to give them all companionship and purpose: they all love to read, and she forms a book club.



Fiction-Crime & Thrillers

A Legacy of Spies by John le Carré \$32.99

Peter Guillam, staunch colleague and disciple of George Smiley of the British Secret Service, otherwise known as the Circus, has retired to his family farmstead on the south coast of Brittany when a letter from his old Service summons him to London. His Cold War past has come back to claim him. Intelligence operations that were once the toast of secret London are to be scrutinised by a generation with no memory of the Cold War. Somebody must be made to pay for innocent blood once spilt in the name of the greater good.

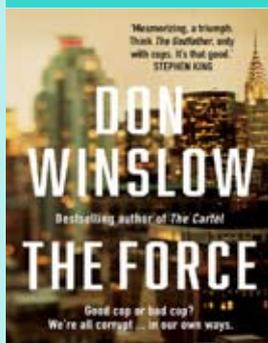


Defectors by Joseph Kanon \$29.99

Former CIA agent Francis 'Frank' Weeks, the most notorious of the US defectors to the Soviet Union, is about to publish his memoirs, and what he reveals is reportedly going to send shock waves through the West. Weeks's defection in the early 1950s shook Washington to its core – his betrayal rippled through the State Department, prompting frantic searches for moles and forcing the resignation of Simon, Frank's brother and best friend. So when a Soviet agency approaches Simon with a controversial proposition to publish his brother's memoirs, he finds the offer to visit Moscow irresistible since it will finally give him the chance to learn why his brother chose to betray his country.

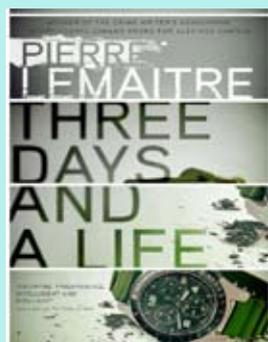


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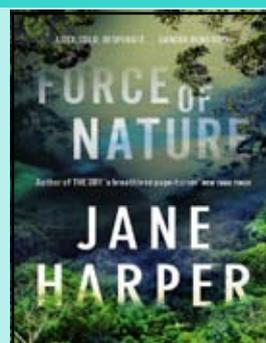
The Force by Don Winslow \$32.99

All Denny Malone wants is to be a good cop. He is a highly decorated NYPD detective sergeant and the leader of 'Da Force'. Malone and his crew are an elite special unit given carte blanche to fight gangs and drugs. Every day and night for eighteen years, Malone has served on the front lines. He's done whatever it takes to serve and protect in a city built on ambition and corruption, where no one is clean, including Malone himself. What only a few know is that Denny Malone is dirty. Now he's caught in a trap and being squeezed by the Feds, and he must walk the thin line between betraying his brothers and partners, the job and his family.



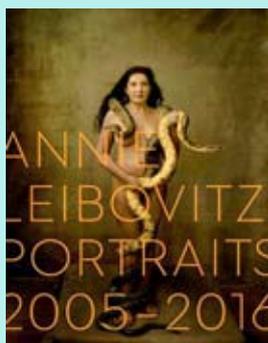
Three Days and a Life by Pierre le Maitre \$29.99

Antoine is twelve years old and he lives with his mother in Beauval, a small town where everyone knows everyone's business, and nothing much ever happens. But in 1999, a young child vanishes without trace. Everyone is at a loss to explain the disappearance. But for Antoine, it all begins with the violent death of his neighbour's dog to which his fate and the fate of his neighbour's six year old son are bound forever. In the years following, Antoine wrestles with the role his actions played. But how far does he have to run, and how long will it take before his past catches up with him again?



Force of Nature by Jane Harper \$32.99

Five women reluctantly pick up their backpacks and start walking along the muddy track. Only four come out the other side. The hike through the rugged Giralang Ranges is meant to take the office colleagues out of their air-conditioned comfort zone and teach resilience and team building. Federal Police Agent Aaron Falk has a particularly keen interest in the whereabouts of the missing bushwalker. Alice Russell is the whistleblower in his latest case - in just a matter of days she was to provide the documents that will bring down the company she works for. Falk discovers that far from the hike encouraging teamwork, the women tell a tale of suspicion, violence and disintegrating trust. But does it include murder?

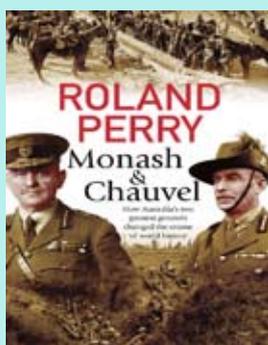


Art & Photography

Annie Leibovitz Portraits 2005-2016 Hardback \$120

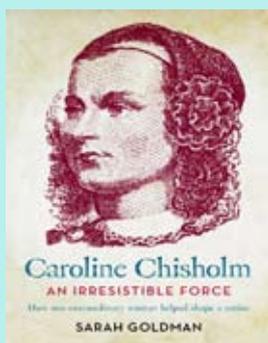
In this new collection from Annie Leibovitz, one of the most influential photographers of our time, iconic portraits sit side by side never-before-published photographs. It is the photographer's follow-up to her two landmark books, *Annie Leibovitz: Photographs, 1970-1990* and *A Photographer's Life, 1990-2005*. In this new collection, Leibovitz has captured the most influential and compelling figures of the last decade in the style that has made her one of the most beloved talents of our time.

Australian Non-Fiction



Monash and Chauvel by Roland Parry \$34.99

John Monash commanded the Australian forces on the Western Front in 1918. With his German Jewish heritage, Monash was an outsider who had risen to his position through his ground-breaking military achievements. He learned the lessons of past failures and devised the tactics that allowed his troops to break through the stalemate of trench warfare in France. In the war against the Ottoman Empire, Harry Chauvel led the 34,000-strong Desert Mounted Column. Chauvel realised he would have to take the initiative in planning battle tactics himself. By the end of the war, Monash and Chauvel had brought an Australian sensibility to their areas of operation, involving flexibility, innovation and a deep respect for the troops they led.



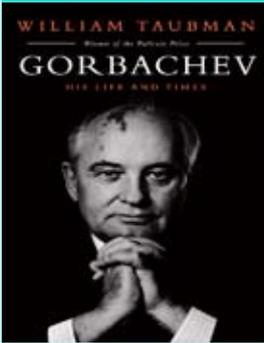
Caroline Chisholm by Sarah Goldman Hardback \$39.99

Arriving in Australia in 1838, Caroline Chisholm was appalled by the plight of young female immigrants in Australia - there were no jobs for them, no accommodation, and many of them resorted to prostitution to survive. In response to this need, Caroline became a woman on a mission. She met every immigrant ship and became a familiar figure on the wharves, finding positions for immigrant girls and sheltering many of them in her home. As the government of the day refused to help Chisholm established accommodation, services and the first employment office in the colony, drawing up the first ever employment contracts in Australia.



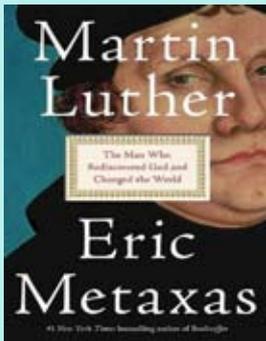
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Biography



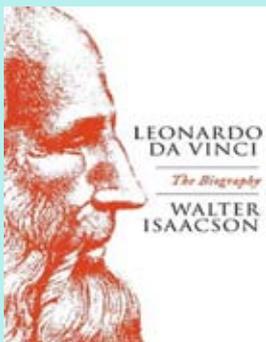
Gorbachev by William Taubman Hardback \$49.99

Drawing on interviews with Gorbachev himself, transcripts and documents from the Russian archives, and interviews with Kremlin aides and adversaries, as well as foreign leaders, Taubman's intensely personal portrait extends to Gorbachev's remarkable marriage to a woman he deeply loved, and to the family that they raised together. When Mikhail Gorbachev became its leader in March 1985, the USSR was still one of the world's two superpowers. By the end of his tenure six years later, the Communist system was dismantled, the cold war was over and, on 25th December 1991, the Soviet Union itself ceased to exist.



Martin Luther by Eric Metaxas Hardback \$49.99

On All Hallows' Eve in 1517, a young monk named Martin Luther posted a document he hoped would spark an academic debate, but instead ignited a conflagration that would forever destroy the world he knew, Eric Metaxas, acclaimed biographer of the bestselling *Bonhoeffer* paints a startling portrait of the wild figure whose adamant faith cracked the edifice of Western Christendom and dragged medieval Europe into the future. *Martin Luther* tells the searing tale of a humble man who, by bringing ugly truths to the highest seats of power, caused the explosion whose sound is still ringing in our ears.



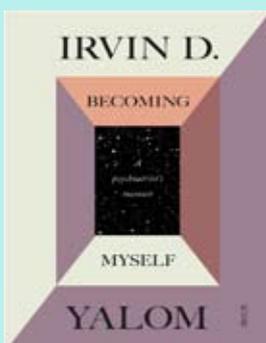
Leonardo da Vinci by Walter Isaacson Hardback \$49.99

Based on thousands of pages from Leonardo's astonishing notebooks and new discoveries about his life and work, Walter Isaacson weaves a narrative that connects his art to his science. He produced the two most famous paintings in history-The Last Supper and the Mona Lisa. But in his own mind, he was just as much a man of science and technology. With a passion that sometimes became obsessive, he pursued innovative studies of anatomy, fossils, birds, the heart, flying machines, botany, geology, and weaponry. His creativity, like that of other great innovators, came from having wide-ranging passions.



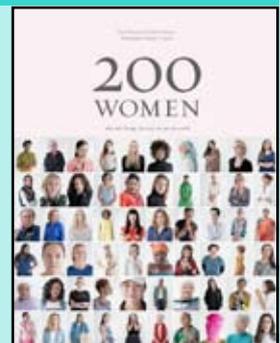
Paris Dreaming by Katrina Lawrence Hardback \$35

Katrina Lawrence first fell in love with Paris at the age of five, and since then her roads have continually led her back to this most beautiful of cities. Taking us on a journey around Paris's most spectacular sights, hidden secrets and most beguiling nooks, Katrina tells us the story of why this city has been her constant inspiration through all stages of life. Musing on everything Parisian, from femininity to feminism, politics to perfume, and of course, those stylish Parisiennes who captivate us, from Brigitte Bardot and Madame de Pompadour to Simone de Beauvoir and Catherine de Medici. Katrina shares the essential life lessons that Paris has taught her.



Becoming Myself: A Psychiatrist's Memoir by Irvin Yalom \$35

Irvin D. Yalom has made a career of investigating the lives of others. He opens his story with a nightmare: He is twelve, and is riding his bike past the home of an acne-scarred girl. Every morning, he calls out, hoping to befriend her, 'Hello, Measles!' But in his dream, the girl's father makes Yalom understand that his daily greeting has hurt her. For Yalom, this was the birth of empathy; he would not forget the lesson. As *Becoming Myself* unfolds, we see the development of the compassionate and insightful thinker whose books have been a beacon to so many. Yalom's reflections on his life are an invitation for us to reflect on the origins of our own selves and the meanings of our lives.



200 Women by Ruth Hobday and Geoff Blackwell Hardback \$60

Famous and unknown, celebrated and marginalised, rich and poor, black and white, leaders, victims, survivors, heroes, saints and sinners. Women who will educate and inspire us, teach us empathy, and bring positive change in a time when so many women and girls are still fighting for basic freedom and equality. Founded on original interviews and accompanying photographic portraits, this landmark book is the realisation of an epic global journey to find two hundred women with diverse backgrounds, and ask them what really matters to them! Well-known activists, artists and innovators and everyday women share their unique replies to questions that reveal a human being's deepest motivation.

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Cooking



CLARIDGE'S
THE COOKBOOK

Claridge's: The Cookbook by Martyn Nail and Meredith Erickson Hardback \$49.99

Claridge's - one of the world's best luxury hotels - has long been known for inspiring menus and exceptional dining from breakfasts and elevenses, through lunch and afternoon tea, and on to drinks, dinner and the dessert cart. *Claridge's: The Cookbook* celebrates that heritage in style with a collection of over 100 of the best-loved dishes and drinks from The Foyer and Reading Room, the Bar and The Fumoir. The book includes delectable dishes and drinks for every time of day: from the Arnold Bennett omelette, to the lobster, langoustine & crab cocktail and the Smoked duck salad. Treats include Cheddar Eccles cakes and a Raspberry marshmallow.

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Basics to Brilliance Kids by Donna Hay Hardback \$45

As a mum, Donna knows that there is nothing more enjoyable than introducing your children to the wonders of taste, food and flavours. Her new book highlights the importance of mastering the basics. It celebrates fresh, healthy food, and the joy of cooking, eating and sharing delicious food with the people we love. Featuring over 120 fantastic, fun-filled, simple, family-friendly recipes, *Basics to Brilliance Kids* gives you and your kids endless ideas for birthday parties, picnics, school fairs, bake sales, family and celebration dinners, brilliant breakfasts, beach days, backyard movie nights and sleepovers.



I Heart Rome by Maria Pasquale Hardback \$49.99

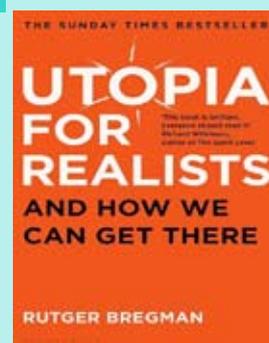
Rome is an open air museum; a modern-day marvel of a city that has seen centuries of emperors, popes, movements, triumphs and tragedies. Rome begs to be uncovered at every turn. Through quirky local stories and glorious pictures, *I Heart Rome* takes you on an inspiring journey through the Rome that tourists rarely get to see. In a country justifiably famous for its food, Rome boasts its own fascinating and unique cuisine that is intrinsically tied to its history. Influences from Ancient Rome through to more recent events, are reflected in the food culture of the eternal city today. And given the passionate nature of Romans as a people, it's no wonder that dining is taken so seriously.



Current Affairs

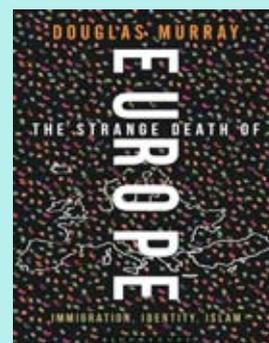
Utopia for Realists by Rutger Bregman \$21.99

We live in a time of unprecedented upheaval with questions about the future, society, work, happiness, family and money and yet no political party of the right or left is providing us with answers. Rutger Bregman, a bestselling Dutch historian, explains that it needn't be this way. Bregman shows that we can construct a society with visionary ideas that are, in fact, wholly implementable. Every milestone of civilization – from the end of slavery to the beginning of democracy – was once considered a utopian fantasy. New utopian ideas such as universal basic income and a 15-hour work week can become reality in our lifetime.



The Strange Death of Europe by Douglas Murray \$29.99

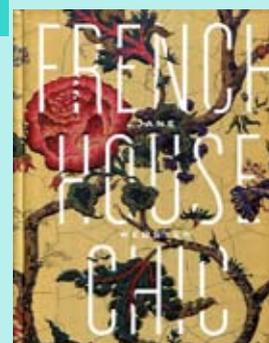
This book is a highly personal account of a continent and culture caught in the act of suicide. Declining birth-rates, mass immigration and cultivated self-distrust and self-hatred have come together to make Europeans unable to argue for themselves and incapable of resisting their own comprehensive change as a society. The book includes reporting from across the entire continent, from the places where migrants land to the places they end up, from the people who appear to welcome them in to the places which cannot accept them. The book addresses the disappointing failure of multiculturalism, Angela Merkel's U-turn on migration, the lack of repatriation and the Western fixation on guilt.



Design

French House Chic by Jane Webster Hardback \$59.99

French House Chic is a glimpse inside the most private French residences: from supremely elegant Parisian apartments to lavishly upholstered sitting rooms in French country estates. From le salon to the salon de bain and every room in between, there is visual inspiration to achieve the most French look in any space. It is a book for rethinking: it answers the question of what really happens if you follow your dreams and move to the other side of the world.



Gardening



Garden by William Dangar Hardback \$59.99

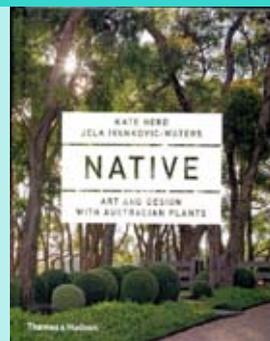
A lavishly photographed celebration of renowned Australian landscape designer William Dangar's unique and highly creative approach to garden making. William Dangar's *Garden* is a journey through a series of twenty-one inspiring, emotive and lyrical gardens. Each is photographed at its optimum moment - not when newly planted, but when nature has reasserted itself and there is a certain expressiveness, a sense of wildness, breaking through the original structure and order. Each project is described through Will's frank perspective, chronicling the challenges, the planting choices, the collaborations, the relationships and the joy that make these gardens significant.



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Native: Art and Design with Australian Native Plants by Herd and Ivankovic-Waters Hardback \$49.99

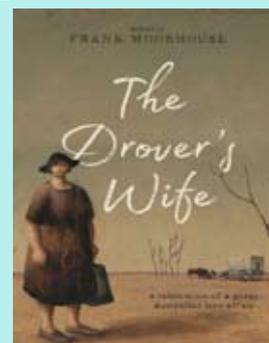
Australia has long been known as home to the towering gum and the gnarly banksia. Australian natives are as emblematic as they are adaptable but *Native* takes an old subject (Australian natives) and gives it a complete makeover. This book surveys the ways native trees, shrubs, flowers and foliage can be put to surprising and beautiful uses by some of the most creative people working with plants today. Interviews with celebrated landscape designers, artists and gardeners bring to light so many ways to celebrate the sculptural natives that shape our everyday spaces.



Gift

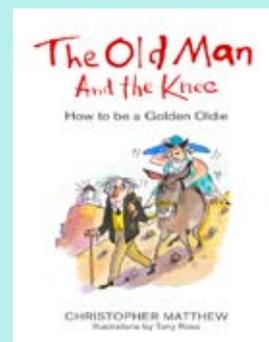
Drover's Wife and Other Stories Frank Moorhouse Hardback \$34.99

Since Henry Lawson wrote his story 'The Drover's Wife' in 1892, Australian writers, painters, performers and photographers have created a wonderful tradition of drover's wife works, stories and images. The Russell Drysdale painting from 1945 extended the mythology and it, too, has become an Australian icon. In essays and commentary, Frank Moorhouse examines our ongoing fascination with this story and has collected some of the best pieces of writing on the subject. This remarkable, gorgeous book is, he writes, 'a monument to the drovers' wives'.



The Old Man and the Knee by Christopher Matthew Hardback \$32.99

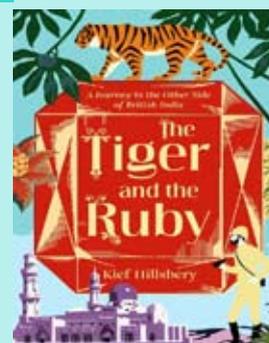
Although in his seventies, Christopher Matthew is convinced he is not yet old. No one has ever stood up for him on a crowded bus or train. He has all his own teeth, hair, and does not require a hearing aid. He is enjoying late middle age and is making the best of it. 'I know it can't last forever, but while it does, it gives me the chance to look at life in the last lane as I am now experiencing it, and to consider what might be to come.' Subjects range from what's the point of a grandparent; the perils and pleasures of replacing one's partner with a younger model; and acquiring new interests and hobbies to the arrival of old age and the last leg of all.



History

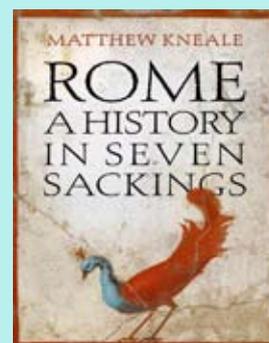
The Tiger and the Ruby by Kief Hillsbery Hardback \$34.99

In 1841, Nigel Halleck set out from Britain for Calcutta as a clerk in the East India Company. He served in the colonial administration for eight years before taking leave of his post, eventually disappearing in the mountain kingdom of Nepal, never to be heard from again. Kief Hillsbery, Nigel's nephew many times removed, embarked upon his own journey East, having promised his mother that he would search for the final resting place of their ancestor. What follows is a remarkable tale, beautifully rendered, weaving together a clash of civilisations in history.

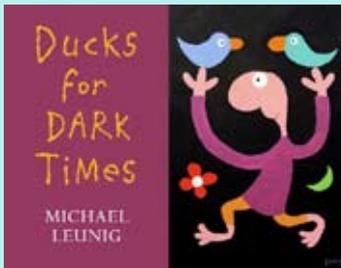


Rome: A History in Seven Sackings by Matthew Kneale Hardback \$39.99

No city has preserved its past as has Rome. Visitors stand on bridges that were crossed by Julius Caesar and Cicero, walk around temples visited by Roman emperors, and step into churches that have hardly changed since popes celebrated mass in them sixteen centuries ago. These architectural survivals are all the more remarkable considering the violent disasters that have struck the city. Afflicted by earthquakes, floods, fires and plagues, and repeatedly ravaged by roving armies. *Rome* examines the most important of these attacks and reveals, with fascinating insight, how they transformed the city - and not always for the worse.



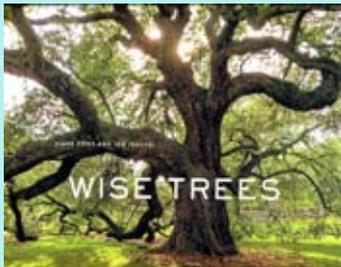
Humour



Ducks for Dark Times by Michael Leunig \$24.99

A collection of cartoons about many strange and lovely things: kind words for dark days; simple poems concerning wonderful mysteries; reflections on sadness, joy, dismay, sanity, soup and beauty. Also doubts, confessions, laments and tributes. Spirited depictions of dogs, ducks, teapots and trees with various peculiar attempts to shine some light on dark and troubled times.

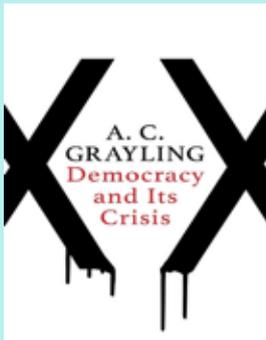
Natural History



Wise Trees by Diane Cook & Ken Jenschel Hardback \$55

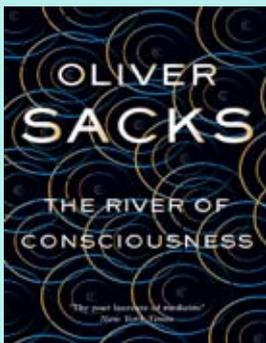
Leading landscape photographers Diane Cook and Len Jenschel spent two years traveling to fifty-nine sites across five continents to photograph some of the world's most historic and inspirational trees. From Luna, the Coastal Redwood in California to the Bodhi Tree, the sacred fig in India that is a direct descendent of the tree under which Buddha attained enlightenment. Cook and Jenschel reveal trees that have impacted and shaped our lives, our traditions, and our feelings about nature.

Philosophy and Sociology



Democracy and Its Crises by A C Grayling Hardback \$34.99

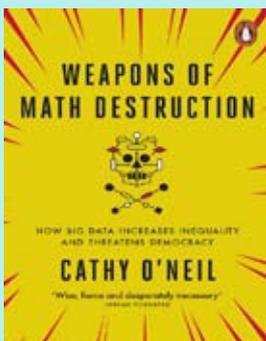
A. C. Grayling investigates why the institutions of representative democracy seem unable to sustain themselves against forces they were designed to manage, and why it matters. In each of the five short chapters he considers a moment in history in which the challenges we face today were first encountered, how they were overcome – or not – and with what consequences. With the advent of authoritarian leaders and the simultaneous rise of populism, representative democracy appears to be caught between a rock and a hard place, yet it is this space that it must occupy, argues Grayling, if a civilized society that looks after all its people is to flourish.



The River of Consciousness by Oliver Sacks \$32.99

Advances in neuroscience have revolutionised our ability to visualise the brain in action. In *The River of Consciousness*, Sacks will examine questions of memory, time, and consciousness. How do we think, how do we remember? Is memory reliable? How do the neural correlates of memory differ for true memories and false memories? How do we construct our sense of time, our visual world? What is consciousness, neurologically speaking? And most importantly, what is creativity?

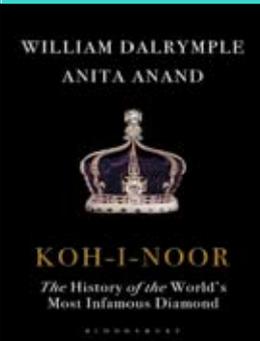
Science



Weapons of Math Destruction by Cathy O'Neil \$24.99

We live in the age of the algorithm. Increasingly, the decisions that affect our lives - whether we get a job or a loan, how much we pay for insurance - are being made by mathematical models. In theory, this should lead to greater fairness: everyone is judged according to the same rules, and bias is eliminated. But as Cathy O'Neil reveals the opposite is true. The models being used today are opaque, unregulated, and incontestable, even when they're wrong. Most troubling, they reinforce discrimination, creating a toxic cocktail for democracy.

History

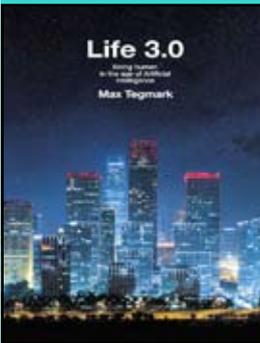


Koh-i-Noor by William Dalrymple and Anita Anand Hardback \$24.99

On 29 March 1849, the ten-year-old Maharajah of the Punjab was ushered into the magnificent Mirrored Hall at the centre of the great Fort in Lahore. There, in a public ceremony, the frightened but dignified child handed over to the British East India Company in a formal Act of Submission to Queen Victoria not only swathes of the richest land in India, but also arguably the single most valuable object in the subcontinent: the celebrated Koh-i-Noor diamond. The history of the Koh-i-Noor that was then commissioned by the British may have been one woven together from gossip of Delhi Bazaars. Only now is it finally challenged, freeing the diamond from the fog of mythology which has clung to it for so long.

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Life 3.0 by Max Tegmark Hardback \$45

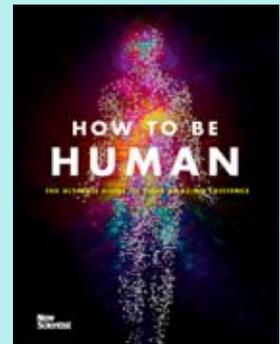
The story of A.I. is the story of intelligence - of life processes as they evolve from bacteria (1.0) to humans (2.0), where life processes define their own software, to technology (3.0), where life processes design both their hardware and software. We know that A.I. is transforming work, laws, and weapons as well as the dark side of computing: hacking and viral sabotage. It raises questions that we all need to address: what jobs should be automated? How should our legal systems handle autonomous systems? How likely is the emergence of suprahuman intelligence? Is it possible to control suprahuman intelligence? How do we ensure that the uses of A.I. remain beneficial?

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How to be Human by New Scientist Hardback \$39.99

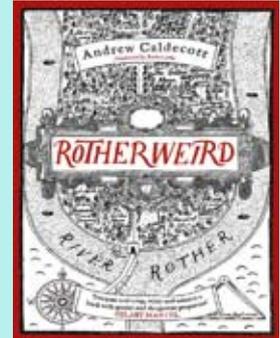
The New Scientist takes us on a tour around the human body and brain, taking in everything from evolution to email, from the Stone Age to Spotify. How does your voice give away clues about your political views, your sexual allure and even your salary? Why is gossip the human version of a gorilla picking fleas from its mate? And how can you live to 100? From the body to language, through emotions and possessions, to the most tricky questions about life and death. The New Scientist's witty essays sit alongside enlightening illustrations that range from how your brain creates the illusion of 'self' to the allure of body odour.



Young Adults

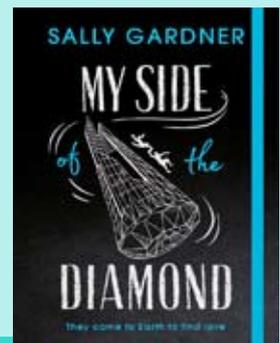
Rotherweird by Andrew Caldecott \$32.99

The town of Rotherweird stands alone - there are no guidebooks, despite the fascinating and diverse architectural styles cramming the narrow streets, the avant garde science and offbeat customs. Cast adrift from the rest of England by Elizabeth I, Rotherweird's independence is subject to one disturbing condition: nobody, but nobody, studies the town or its history. For beneath the enchanting surface lurks a secret so dark that it must never be rediscovered, still less reused. However, secrets have a way of leaking out.



My Side of the Diamond by Sally Gardner \$19.99

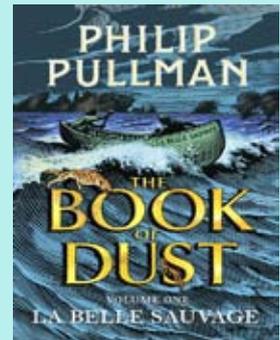
Jazmin has been shunned ever since her best friend Becky disappeared. But what happened to Becky? Because she didn't simply disappear - she jumped off a tall building and was never seen again, almost as if she had vanished into thin air - but of course that couldn't be possible. Was the disappearance something to do with Jazmin? Or was it more to do with Ishmael, so beguiling and strangely ever youthful, with whom Becky was suddenly besotted...



Children

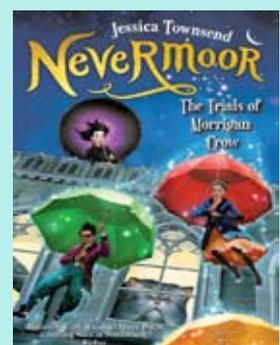
La Belle Sauvage: The Book of Dust by Philip Pullman \$32.99

Eleven-year-old Malcolm Polstead lives with his parents at the Trout Inn near Oxford. Across the River Thames (which Malcolm navigates often using his beloved canoe, a boat by the name of La Belle Sauvage) is the Godstow Priory where the nuns live. Malcolm learns they have a guest with them; a baby by the name of Lyra Belacqua. If you are looking for the start of one of the greatest stories of our time then you have come to the right place! Not since *Kim*, *Treasure Island* and their like has there been such a thrilling treat for readers, a glimpse of real adventure beyond the everyday horizon, of something bigger, something universe-changing.

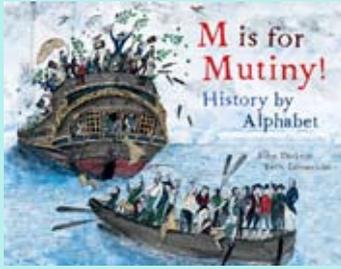


Nevermoor by Jessica Townsend

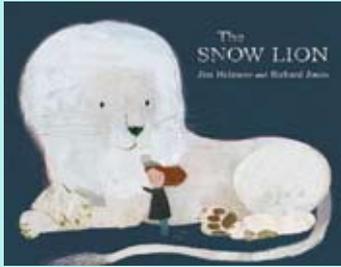
Morrigan is doomed to die at midnight on Eventide. But a strange and remarkable man named Jupiter North whisks her away into the safety of a secret, magical city called Nevermoor. It's there that Morrigan has to contend for a place in the city's most prestigious organisation: the Wondrous Society. She must compete in four difficult and dangerous trials against hundreds of other children, each boasting an extraordinary talent. Morrigan doesn't seem to have any special talent at all. To stay in the safety of Nevermoor for good, Morrigan will need to find a way to pass the tests - or she'll have to leave the city to confront her deadly fate.



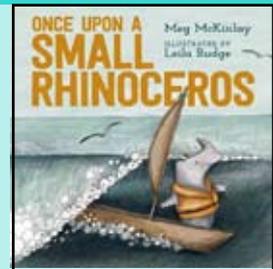
Children's Picture Books



M is for Mutiny by John Dixon Hardback \$29.95
 In the late 18th century, ragtag groups of Europeans started to arrive in Australia. Most were convicts, some were soldiers, a few had just run out of choices. They blundered onto an ancient land that had been peopled for 60,000 years. They wanted to make it just like home. They cleared the land, they fenced it, they paved it and they put buildings on it. All the while, the country's first peoples watched on, bewildered by these clumsy immigrants and their mysterious ways. *M is for Mutiny!* is a taste of the intriguing history of Australia and the many entry points for children to explore further.



The Snow Lion by Jim Helmore Hardback \$24.99
 From the partnership of award-winning author Jim Helmore and the brilliant Richard Jones comes a stunning book about friendship. When Caro and her mum move to a new house, Caro becomes lonely. There's only so much exploring she can do by herself! It's not long though before she makes a new friend – The Snow Lion. He's as white as snow, and together they have fun playing hide and seek, chasing and sliding. However, it's soon time for Caro to venture out on her own.



Once Upon a Small Rhinoceros by Meg McKinlay Hardback \$24.99
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