Welcome to the new edition of Your Reading Guide!

In a year like no other, books have been entertainment, solace and inspiration for many of us, and your local booksellers have been there for you in person or online to help you choose the best books for yourself, your family or for a gift. What better way to say thank you than to visit your local bookshop for your next purchase. Choose from the hundreds of titles in this guide—the best new Australian and international fiction, inspiring biographies, thought-provoking non-fiction, gorgeous illustrated editions and a superb collection of children’s and young adult books—and many more in-store. There’s something to suit everyone!

Happy reading!

How Decent Folk Behave
Maxine Beneba Clarke
Hachette Australia
PB $26.99

Maxine Beneba Clarke again demonstrates her talent in melding thought-provoking ideas with lyrical, skillful verse. This poetry collection addresses jarring, striking issues of the moment—Black Lives Matter, pandemic living, hurricanes, bushfires and tsunamis. But even in bearing witness to stark and overwhelming events, the power and beauty of her words still reaches out to kindle hope.

Wild Abandon
Emily Bitto
Allen & Unwin | TPB $32.99

Six years after her debut novel The Strays won the Stella Prize, Emily Bitto returns with an exuberant road trip into oblivion. A young Australian, Will, travels to New York in 2011 and vows to accede to every experience that comes his way. With Wayne, a Vietnam veteran and exotic animal enthusiast, Will ventures deep into the American heartland toward the haunting conclusion of his journey.

Love & Virtue
Diana Reid
Ultimo Press | TPB $32.99

A powerful story of feminism, friendship and sex that is shockingly current. Michaela is drawn in by the inimitable Eve as she struggles, despite her brilliance, to navigate her first year at university. An outsider to the wealth and moral depravity of her peers, Michaela is forced to confront the realities of privilege and issues of consent and ask, who is really in control of the narrative?

Cold Coast
Robyn Mundy
Ultimo Press | TPB $32.99

Inspired by the real-life story of Wanny Woldstad, Norway’s first female trapper, this evocative and transportive portrayal of a pioneering woman. Michaela is forced to confront the realities of privilege and issues of consent and ask, who is really in control of the narrative?

Seven and a Half Christos Tsiolkas
Hachette Australia
TPB $32.99

A man moves to an isolated coastal house to write a book. He delves into his past and reflects upon the art and craft of writing, telling us stories that may be memories and immersing himself in solitude. As the world outside reaches its own point of rupture, the writer contemplates the act of writing and considers beauty and joy in the creation and consumption of art. Masterful meta-fiction from an Australian master.

The Last Woman in the World
Inga Simpson
Hachette Australia
TPB $32.99

After the fires, after the virus, the same. Fear has led Rachel to a reclusive life on the land, with only occasional contact with her sister. But one night there is a hammering on her door. There stand a mother, Hannah, and her sick baby. They are running for their lives from a mysterious death sweeping the countryside. Literary horror from the acclaimed author of Mr Wigg and Nest.

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The Tea Ladies of St Jude’s Hospital
Joanna Nell
Hachette Australia
TPB $32.99

‘Herr Hilary’ runs the St Jude’s Hospital cafeteria alongside the accident-prone Joy and young volunteer Chloe. The mismatched trio are each hiding their own secrets while providing a comforting haven for staff and visitors. When the existence of the cafeteria is threatened by a new organic restaurant, the women band together to save the cafeteria and build a new future for themselves.

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Scary Monsters
Michelle de Kretser
Allen & Unwin
TPB $32.99

Three scary monsters—racism, misogyny, and ageism—roam through this mesmerizing novel. Its reversible format (you ‘flip’ the novel for the other narratives) enacts the disorientation that migrants experience when changing countries changes the stories of their lives. Suspenseful, funny, and clever, these are the stories of Lili and Lyle, and a future that may not be too far away.

Bodies of Light
Jennifer Down
Text Publishing
TPB $32.99

Award winner Jennifer Down brings us this devastating and beautiful book. Maggie has started again, new name, new place, new life. Then a photo goes viral and her past starts emailing. Maggie’s life is filled with tragedy, but she is strong, resilient a person who keeps picking herself up and moving on. You will fall in love with this book and the characters Jennifer Down has brought to life.

Three Sisters
Heather Morris
Bonnier Echo | TPB $32.99

Livia, Madga and Cibi are Slovakian sisters who survived imprisonment in the Nazi’s most notorious death camp, Auschwitz. This stunning conclusion to Heather Morris’ trilogy that began with The Tattooist of Auschwitz, tells the story of a family’s courage and resilience in the face of seemingly insurmountable odds, as their bond is tested by one of history’s darkest horrors.

Plum
Brendan Cowell
4th Estate Australia
TPB $32.99

Actor and writer Brendan Cowell’s new novel is about retired rugby league hero, Peter Lum (Plum). He is living a great life with his girlfriend, son and his old teammates and fellow players. Then Plum starts to suffer from fuzzy vision and headaches. What follows is an empathetic take on masculinity, vulnerability and illness, what love is and where it can take you.

Apples Never Fall
Liane Moriarty
Macmillan Australia
TPB $32.99

Ted and Joy Delaney have just sold their successful tennis school and are a bit lost. Their four adult children are successful enough, though Joy would like them to return her calls or make the occasional visit. When a young woman, Savannah, knocks on their door one night asking for help, the Delaneys oblige. But from there things turn awry, and their seemingly perfect family is cast in a very different light. Another brilliant page-turner from the author of Big Little Lies.

The Younger Wife
Sally Hepworth
Macmillan Australia
TPB $32.99

Tully and Rachel are concerned when their father takes up with a woman half his age while their mother is suffering from dementia. Heather, the new girlfriend, is desperate to fit into her new life, even if it means pretending to be someone she isn’t. Questions of character and secret pasts are all brought to light in this wickedly entertaining story of family dysfunction.

Permafrost
S J Norman
UQP | TPB $29.99

This brilliant collection of short fiction explores the shifting spaces of desire, loss and longing. Inverting and queering the gothic and romantic traditions, each story represents a different take on the concept of a haunting or the haunted, and will stay with you long after you have closed the book. Full of dark wit and swagger, Permafrost unsettles, transports and impresses in equal measure.

2021 Award Winners

The Labyrinth
Amanda Lohrey
Text Publishing
TPB $29.99
Winner of the 2021 Miles Franklin Literary Award.

The Bass Rock
Evie Wyld
Vintage Australia
PB $22.99
Winner of the 2021 Stella Prize.

The Dictionary of Lost Words
Pip Williams
Affirm Press | PB $19.99
Winner of the ABA Booksellers’ Choice for Fiction Award.

The Night Watchman
Louise Erdrich
Corsair
PB $22.99
Winner of the 2021 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction.

Piranesi
Susanna Clarke
Bloomsbury
PB $19.99
Winner of the 2021 Women’s Prize for Fiction.
International Fiction

**Cloud Cuckoo Land**
Anthony Doerr
4th Estate
TPB $32.99

Anthony Doerr’s much anticipated third novel is an expansive journey across time and space. From 15th century Constantinople, before the fall of the Byzantine Empire, to modern day Idaho and into a spacefaring future, Doerr’s characters grapple with their purpose in a world that is crumbling around them. Luminous and deeply human contemporary literature.

**The Gardener**
Salley Vickers
Viking
TPB $32.99

After the death of their father, two sisters buy a ramshackle house together in a small English village. Margot is the pretty, ‘successful’ sister, their mother’s favourite while Hassie is the quieter one who was ‘successful’ sister, their mother’s favourite and was the ‘successful’ sister, their mother’s favourite and was the ‘successful’ sister, their mother’s favourite. Village life exposes their differences, but dealing with the village’s bigotry and racism also emphasises their strengths and brings them closer together.

**We Are Not Like Them**
Christine Pride and Jo Piazza
Harlequin
TPB $29.99

A powerful novel of a friendship forged in childhood, *We Are Not Like Them* is told through the alternating perspectives of Riley and Jen. Riley is black, Jen white. Their lifelong bond is suddenly tested by a tragic event that challenges their perceptions of race and of each other. A gripping contemporary novel that explores race and identity in America today.

**Go Tell the Bees That I am Gone**
Diana Gabaldon
Century
TPB $32.99

The long-awaited ninth book in the beloved Outlander series, *Go Tell the Bees That I am Gone* finds Claire and Jamie Fraser in 1779, finally settled together with their family in North Carolina but unable to relax with the imminent danger of the Civil War looming. *Go Tell the Bees* is unparalleled historical fiction, dense with research and brought alive by the Fraser’s unbreakable bond.

**Pure Gold**
John Patrick McHugh
4th Estate
TPB $32.99

Bitterly funny, profoundly moving and cracking with wild energy, this stunning debut short story collection explores betrayal and longing on an imagined island off the west coast of Ireland. Whether falling in love or turning on one another, the residents are united by a quest for connection in the treacherous waters of small-town boredom. *Pure Gold* heralds the arrival of a thrilling new literary voice.

**To Paradise**
Hanya Yanagihara
Picador
TPB $32.99

January 22 release

From the author of *A Little Life*, Hanya Yanagihara’s new novel spans three centuries and three versions of the American experiment—an alternate version of 1893 New York, 1993 Manhattan besieged by the AIDS epidemic, and in 2083, a totalitarian world racked with sickness and disease. An incredible novel of love, loss, and humanity’s endless search for connection.

**Case Study**
Graeme Macrae Burnet
Text Publishing
TPB $32.99

An ambitiously genre-bending novel that combines several ideas into one book, *Case Study* is a thrilling examination of sanity and truth. When a woman assumes a cover identity to investigate the radical, possibly lethal work of a psychologist in the 1960s, questions of identity and truth begin to pile up. Both murder mystery and literary experiment, *Case Study* is sure to challenge and thrill.

**The Lost Apothecary**
Sarah Penner
Affirm Press
HB $39.99

December release

The Lost Apothecary follows a dual timeline and a forgotten historical mystery. A female apothecary liberates a secret network of women who have been wronged by men, and in present day London a female historian finds an apothecary vial that she cannot resist investigating. This fascinating mystery moves deftly between timelines, where human failings are all too similar.

**Today A Woman Went Mad in the Supermarket**
Hilma Wolitzer
Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB $29.99

December release

From family and love to loss and lockdowns, these delicious and funny stories are about real life and how utterly absurd it all is. Including stories first published in the 1960s and 1970s —alongside new writing from Wolitzer, now in her nineties—*Today A Woman Went Mad in the Supermarket* will appeal to readers of Alice McDermott, Anne Tyler and Elizabeth Strout.

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**April in Spain**
John Banville
Faber
TPB $29.99

Reluctantly on holiday in Spain with his psychiatrist wife, Quirke, a pathologist from Dublin, meets a young woman he suspects to be a close friend of his daughter. However, this woman was supposedly murdered some years before although her body was never found. When he asks his daughter to come to Spain to identify her, he sets a tragic chain of events in motion.

**Lily**
Rose Tremain
Chatto & Windus
TPB $32.99

Abandoned as an infant, Lily is found by young police constable Sam Trench, who saves her life. Fostered out, Lily lives a wonderful life on a farm in Suffolk. But at the age of six she must be returned to the hospital Sam first took her, where child abuse is rampant. Set in Victorian London, Lily is a gripping historic drama and Tremain at her story telling best.
Where Are You Beautiful World, Marion (who may get there first...). This highly anticipated, dazzling novel about family, faith and the complicated pursuit of freedom is a tour de force of interwoven perspectives and sustained suspense.

The boy’s idealistic frustration at humanity’s destruction of our planet is at the heart of this moving and deftly intelligent novel.

Moving and deftly intelligent novel, by Pulitzer Prize-winning author of The Overstory.

Recent Favourites

**Beautiful World, Where Are You**
- Sally Rooney
- Faber & Faber | TPB $29.99

**Still Life**
- Sarah Winnman
- 4th Estate | TPB $32.99

**Harlem Shuffle**
- Colson Whitehead
- Fleet | TPB $32.99

**The Man Who Died Twice**
- Richard Osman
- Viking | TPB $32.99

**The Magician**
- Colm Tóibín
- Picador | TPB $32.99

**The Book of Magic**
- Alice Hoffman
- Simon & Schuster | TPB $32.99

**The Books of Jacob**
- Olga Tokarczuk
- Text Publishing | TPB $34.99

**Amor Towles**
- Amor Towles
- Hutchinson | TPB $32.99

**The Lincoln Highway**
- Emmett Watson
- Text Publishing | TPB $32.99

**The Book of Form and Emptiness**
- Ruth Ozeki
- Text Publishing | TPB $32.99

**Died Twice**
- The Man Who
- Text Publishing | TPB $32.99

**Oh William!**
- Elizabeth Strout
- Viking | HB $29.99

**Bewilderment**
- Richard Powers
- William Heinemann | TPB $32.99

**The Sentence**
- Louise Erdrich
- Corsair | TPB $32.99

**The Swift and the Harrier**
- Minette Walters
- Allen & Unwin | TPB $32.99

**Crossroads**
- Jonathan Franzen
- 4th Estate | TPB $32.99

**Emptiness**
- Ruth Ozeki
- Text Publishing | TPB $34.99

**Practical Magic**
- Alice Hoffman
- Viking | TPB $34.99

**The Book**
- Alice Hoffman
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A superb standalone thriller from the acclaimed and award-winning author of the international bestsellers Scrublands, Silver and Trust. Sydney homicide detective Ivan Lucic and young police officer Neil Buchanan are sent to investigate the murder of an opal miner found crucified down his own mine in the desolate outback town of Finnigans Gap.

When a local teen goes missing from the idyllic Australian suburb of Camp Hill, schoolteacher Tom Witter becomes convinced he holds the key to the disappearance. When the police won’t listen, he takes matters into his own hands with the help of the missing girl’s father and a local neighbourhood watch group. White has produced another thrilling page-turner.

Set in a beach-shack town an hour from Melbourne, Charlie is living in his family’s holiday house, on forced leave from work. Twenty years earlier his mother went missing in the area, and her body was never found. Until now, when the skeletal remains of a child and adult are found, and Charlie’s past comes crashing in on him.

A griping crime writing!

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In a post-Covid world, rapid climate change is the main concern—until perfectly healthy babies start being born unable to take a breath. Emma is a midwife becoming increasingly worried about rules and restrictions at the hospital, and her uncommunicative teenage daughter. Then pregnant teens start to go missing—is the government responsible? This is Foster at her most gripping and terrifying best.

A haunting and addictive thriller which will have you on edge until the end.

The thrilling conclusion to the Jack West Jr saga is here. It all comes down to this, racing against time through one impossible maze with the fate of the world in his hands. Of all Jack’s adventures, this is the most lethal and dangerous challenge he has encountered (and that is really saying something!). Once again, it’s up to Jack to put everything on the line and attempt the impossible.

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Seeking Asylum
Asylum Seeker Resource Centre
Black Inc. | HB $39.99

December release
The ASRC is Australia’s largest independent non-profit organisation supporting refugees and those seeking asylum. Commemorating their twentieth year, this beautiful hardcover book gives a platform for their voices to be heard. Meet the inspirational people who have benefitted and worked for this wonderful organisation. 100% of the proceeds will be reinvested into ASRC projects.

Larrimah
Caroline Graham and Kylie Stevenson
Allen & Unwin | TPB $32.99

A true crime story that reads like a good old Aussie yarn. The disappearance of Paddy Moriarty and his dog from the tiny outback town of Larrimah, population 12, wait, 11, is a true mystery. Was Paddy liked or disliked, a good bloke or a really annoying neighbour? Larrimah brings us all the stories and theories behind Paddy’s mysterious disappearance, and more.

Australian Stories

Growing Up in Australia
Edited by Black Inc.
Black Inc. | PB $29.99

December release
A gorgeous and important collection of essays and memoir chapters from Black Inc.’s significant Growing Up series. Growing Up in Australia features one of the most diverse collections of voices in writing today. Every story in the series is touching and gives an appreciation for lives that look different to our own—the beauty of our varied Australian experience.

Indigenous Voices

Welcome to Country, 2nd edition
Marcia Langton
Hardie Grant Explore
HB $50.00

In this extensively updated edition, Marcia Langton offers a full range of Indigenous-owned or -operated tourism experiences across Australia, including an expanded directory with 250 new listings, illustrated maps, and photography. Welcome to Country, 2nd Ed highlights myriad ways to engage and deepen our knowledge and appreciation of First Nations people through travel.

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Nomad Girl
Kanakiya Myra Ah Chee
Aboriginal Studies Press | TPB $39.95

Kanakiya Myra Ah Chee was born at Oodnadatta in remote South Australia in 1932 and after her mother’s death spent years as a nomad with her father in central Australia learning about the bush, and their culture. Myra’s life is changed forever when her father decides education is the future for his children. A remarkable story of how it is possible to be successful in life by bringing together the strengths of bush life and education.

Another Day in the Colony
Chelsea Watego
UQP | TPB $29.99

Another Day in the Colony is a powerful, unapologetic dissection of some of the pervasive myths Australian society has accepted about First Nations people. Watego is often funny, sometimes incendiary, and always thought provoking—these essays aim to stoke conversation, promote truth-telling and bring more Black voices to the forefront of any discussions on life in the colony.
Windswept and Interesting
Billy Connolly
Two Roads | HB $49.99

In his first full-length autobiography, comedy legend Billy Connolly reveals the truth behind his windswept and interesting life. As a young comedian Connolly was fearless and outspoken—willing to call out hypocrisy wherever he saw it. But his stand-up was full of warmth, humility, and silliness too. This is Connolly’s story in his own words—joyfully funny—stuffed full of hard-earned wisdom as well as countless digressions on fishing, farting and the joys of dancing naked.

It Wasn’t Meant to Be Like This
Lisa Wilkinson
HarperCollins | HB $45.00

The highly anticipated autobiography from one of Australia’s most loved media personalities is finally here. Lisa explains how she grew from a magazine obsessed kid in Sydney’s southwestern suburbs to a powerful force in Australian cultural life, and a fierce campaigner for women and gender equality. Honest, warm, engaging and powerfully inspirational.

The Woman They Could Not Silence
Kate Moore
Scribe | TPB $35.00

In the mid-1800s, Elizabeth Packard, housewife and mother of six, began voicing her opinions on politics and religion, opinions that her husband did not share. Deeply threatened by her growing independence, he had her declared ‘slightly insane’ and committed to an asylum. This is Elizabeth’s fight against this injustice for herself and other women who were incarcerated for daring to have a voice.

Inseparable Elements
Patsy Millett
Fremantle Press | TPB $34.99

A biography of Dame Mary Durack, national literary treasure, from one of WA’s pioneering families. Written by her daughter Patsy, it reveals her great admiration for her brilliant mother, her derision for her father, aviator Horrie Miller, and the total self-absorption of her aunt, artist Elizabeth Durack. Lots of family drama, literary gossip, and colourful details of life and the development of WA during the 20th century.

Miss Dior
Justine Picardie
Faber | HB $39.99

One woman informed Dior’s idea of femininity and grace more than any other: his sister, Catherine. Resistance fighter, concentration camp survivor, and cultivator of rose gardens, the story of Catherine’s remarkable life—so different from her famous brother’s—is finally being told. Beautifully packaged, Miss Dior contains exclusive images from the Dior archives along with facsimiles of letters and sketches.

Ciao Bella!
Kate Langbroek
Simon & Schuster | TPB $32.99

Taking their four children to live in Italy for a year seemed like a great idea to Kate and her husband, but little did they know that a pandemic was about to hit and change their plans for a carefree Italian adventure. Written in a relaxed and conversational style, it reveals Kate’s great love for Italy and Italians (and gelato), plus the pain and unexpected pleasures of extended lockdown.

Taste
Stanley Tucci
Fig Tree | HB $45.00

Taste is an intimate reflection on the intersection of food and life, filled with stories about growing up in an Italian-American family, filming foodie films Big Night and Julie & Julia, falling in love over dinner, and teaming up with his wife to create conversation-starting meals for their children. This heart-warming read is for anyone who knows the power of a home-cooked meal (or the perfect Negroni).

Bourdain: In Stories
Edited by Laurie Woolever
Bloomsbury Publishing | TPB $29.99

Bourdain: In Stories brings together stories and recollections of Anthony Bourdain’s closest friends and colleagues to commemorate his life and legacy. With contributions from over a hundred of the people who shared Bourdain’s orbit—from members of his kitchen crews to his writing, publishing, and television partners, to his daughter and his closest friend—this collection pieces together a remarkably full, vivid, and nuanced vision of the late travel writer and chef’s life and work.
Ed Ayres’s life. Tenderness reverberates in every description—for Ayres, music is the lighthouse of his life, and the passion on the page will leave you reaching for an instrument when you’ve finished reading.

Ed Ayres

ABC Books | TPB $34.99

Written with warmth, intimacy and a finely tuned sense for storytelling, Whole Notes focuses on music as the guiding thread through the stories of everyday Australians for the stage. With over 50 award-winning plays under his belt, he turns the focus onto his own story. Fearless, candid and witty, Williamson also writes about the plethora of odd, interesting, caustic and brilliant people—actors, directors, writers, theatre critics, politicians—who have intersected with his life and work.

Home Truths: A Memoir

David Williamson

HarperCollins | HB $49.99

Since the 1970s, Williamson has been dramatising the stories of everyday Australians for the stage. With over 50 award-winning plays under his belt, he turns the focus onto his own story. Fearless, candid and witty, Williamson also writes about the plethora of odd, interesting, caustic and brilliant people—actors, directors, writers, theatre critics, politicians—who have intersected with his life and work.

Baggage

Alan Cumming

A&U Canongate | TPB $29.99

In this joyous and poignant follow up to Not My Father’s Son, Alan Cumming reflects on the durability of trauma and constructive ways to live with your past. Baggage chronicles his life in Hollywood, his failed marriages and encounters with legends of the stage and screen, and how to be a happy, flawed, vulnerable and fearless middle-aged man, with a lot of baggage. An honest and life-affirming memoir.

1000 Years of Joys and Sorrows

Ai Weiwei

Bodley Head | HB $49.99

Ai Weiwei explores the origins of his creativity and political beliefs through his life story and the legacy of his exiled father, who was once China’s most celebrated poet. From family exile to art school in the US, to his return to China and his rise to art superstar and activist, Weiwei shows how art can shape and be shaped by politics, and the urgent need to protect freedom of expression.

The third volume of Helen Garner’s diaries spanning her life from 1982 to 2009, How to End a Story is a page turner! Helen’s marriage slowly failing, her beautiful daughter marrying, controversy surrounding a book, friends, sadness and happiness. There is so much in these pages written with this beloved author’s particular genius.

How to End a Story: Diaries 1995–1998

Helen Garner

Text Publishing | HB $29.99

This is author Bernadine Evaristo’s intimate and inspirational, no-holds-barred account of how she became the first Black woman to win the Booker prize, refusing to let any barriers stand in her way. She charts her creative rebellion against the mainstream and her life-long commitment to the imaginative explorations of untold stories. It is her manifesto for never giving up.

Leaping into Waterfalls

Bernadette Brennan

Allen & Unwin | TPB $34.99

Leaping into Waterfalls explores the rich, tumultuous life of Gillian Mears, one of Australia’s most significant writers of the last forty years. Mears wrote fearlessly of the dark undercurrents of country and family life, always probing the depths and complexity of human desire. This meticulous and moving biography reads Mears’ life and work within that broader cultural community to celebrate her truly extraordinary achievements.

Caught in the Act

Shane Jenek

Pantera | TPB $32.99

Dancing, singing and performing was what Shane Jenek loved most growing up, but he also knew he was different to his peers. Caught in the Act tells the story of Jenek’s struggle with gender and the journey to understanding his sexuality, the birth of Courtney Act, and why this understanding of identity could be used to help others.

Will

Will Smith and Mark Manson

Century | TPB $35.00

Will Smith’s inspirational memoir traces his career and the emotional toll that stardom can exact. This memoir is the product of a profound journey of self-knowledge, and a reckoning with all that your will can get you and all that it can leave behind. Written with Mark Manson, author of The Subtle Art of Not Giving a F*ck, Will is the story of how one man mastered his own emotions.

The Storyteller

Dave Grohl

Simon & Schuster | HB $45.00

Grohl recalls his life with heartfelt humour and gratitude. From a classic Americana suburban upbringing to a young punk living out of a dirty van, finding mainstream success with Nirvana and creative fulfilment with Foo Fighters and Them Crooked Vultures. This is a tale of enthusiastic collaboration and friends in high places; a joyful ride to be taken along on.

Writing in the Sand

Matt Garrick

ABC Books | HB $45.00

Showcasing never before published photos of the legendary band Yothu Yindi, Writing in the Sand tells the story of their struggles as musicians and in the world of indigenous rights. 2021 marks the anniversary of their iconic song Treaty and sadly, we still have a long way to go in Australia. The book is both a history of popular culture and a call to keep up the battle for First Nations Australians.
Non-Fiction

You’re Doing It Wrong
Kaz Cooke
Viking Australia | TBP $34.99

You’re Doing It Wrong examines what we’re told to do as women (change shape, show off, do all the housework), and what we’re not supposed to do (frown, have pockets, lead a country). It covers sex and romance, paid work, fashion and beauty, health advice, housework, and a motherlode of mad parenting instructions—from witchcraft to beauty pageants, with a side of aviatrixes. Put the kettle on and settle in.

Ladies, We Need to Talk
Yumi Stynes and Claudine Ryan
Hardie Grant Books | TBP $32.99

Expanding on their hit podcast of the same name, Yumi Stynes and Claudine Ryan rip open the sealed section and divulge information on all manner of body and relationship issues, myths and hang-ups. With humour and refreshing openness, Ladies, We Need to Talk combines expert knowledge with testimony from ordinary people to empower and inform.

No, You’re Not Entitled to Your Opinion
Edited by Alexandra Hansen
Thames & Hudson Australia | PB $29.99

The Conversation was formed ten years ago as a unique collaboration between academics and journalists to publish articles based on academic research made accessible to the general reader. No, You’re Not Entitled to Your Opinion, is a collection of the best essays spanning a broad range of subjects. Contributors include Tim Flannery, Eva Cox, Judith Brett and Raimond Gaita.

Ideas to Save Your Life
Michael McGirr
Text Publishing | HB $34.99

Michael McGirr’s follow up to Books that Saved My Life, springboards from the works of a diverse group of philosophers and asks: what is the meaning of existence and why is philosophy so important? McGirr’s warmth and personal storytelling style use family stories, travel and humour to help illustrate the need for philosophy in our complex lives.

Books That Made Us
Carl Reinecke
ABC Books | TBP $34.99

A companion book to the ABC TV series, Carl Reinecke looks at some great works of Australian fiction and considers their political and historical context. Books range from the Colonial period to the present time, including authors such as Marcus Clarke, Melissa Lucashehko, Patrick White, Henry Handel Richardson, Michelle de Kretser and many more. Perfect for book lovers.

The Game
Sean Kelly
Black Inc. | TBP $32.99

In The Game, Sean Kelly gives us a portrait of a man, the shallow political culture that allowed him to succeed and the country that crowned him. In ordinary times, Scott Morrison’s ability to play the political game would surely have resulted in his inevitable advancement, but during some of the toughest years in recent memory, his single-minded tactics have left him, and Australia, exposed. Morrison’s game playing has become a liability to us all.

Sort Your Money Out
Glen James
Wiley | PB $32.95

Former financial adviser and host of the My Millionary Money podcast, Glen James shares a life-changing approach to the major milestones of your personal finances, such as dealing with debt, embracing a realistic spending plan that works, buying your first home, investing in shares and creating the plan you need for long-term financial success. This new handbook is for all Australians.

The Sex Ed
Chantelle Otten
Allen & Unwin | TBP $29.99

Sexologist Chantelle Otten brings us a richly researched and inclusive guide to our bodies, our relationships, and the still taboo subject of sex. Our embarrassment and shame about sex and our bodies is a psychological minefield, but it is an unnecessary one. Otten brings it all comprehensively to the fore, dispelling myths with facts and helpful illustrations. If we better understand ourselves and respect the consent of others, sex is one of life’s most exhilarating joys.

My Favourite Movies
David Stratton
Allen & Unwin | TBP $29.99

These are the movies Australia’s best-loved film critic, David Stratton, has watched again and again. There are dramas, comedies, thrillers, musicals, westerns and arthouse classics from a century of filmmaking. Each movie is reviewed with details of behind-the-scenes stories, including anecdotes and memories you won’t find anywhere else.

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Doing Politics: Writing on Public Life
Judith Brett
Text Publishing | TBP $34.99

Since the 1980s, Judith Brett has been helping shape Australians’ conversations about politics, bringing a historian’s eye to contemporary issues and probing the psychology of our prime ministers. Brett has interrogated some of our most complex issues: multiculturalism, the politics of rural Australia, the republic, mining and climate change. Doing Politics brings together her finest essays.
in finding courage during difficult times. Wood believes that creativity and creation—making anything that wasn’t there before—is available to all who live and go of the things holding you back can lead to a more connected, safer and happier life.

**How We Love**
Clementine Ford  
Allen & Unwin | TPB $29.99

Filled with compassion, honesty and revelation, Ford’s new memoir explores her journey in love, but also the many ways we are all affected by and capable of love. Love has many directions, and we love many things, but its greatest power is that it reveals to us who we truly are. Ford writes about the loss of her mother, the confusion and exceptions of young love, and the platonic and romantic.

**Love Stories**
Trent Dalton  
4th Estate Australia | HB $32.99

The brilliant Trent Dalton, bestselling author of Boy Swallows Universe, took a table and chair, a typewriter that had belonged to a dear friend, set up in the heart of Brisbane and asked people for their love stories. The outcome is this beautiful book filled with all types of people and all types of love. Daltons’ love and acceptance of people and the stories they have to tell shines through and contains many beautiful lessons for us all.

**Rationality**
Steven Pinker  
Allen Lane | TPB $35.00

There is a social aspect to rationality, as it is nurtured in a community of thinkers who call out each other’s errors. Today, though armed with the intelligence to solve our most difficult challenges, it is harder than ever to convince people when answers are found. Steven Pinker takes us on a tour of rational thought, as distinct from logic, highlighting our many shortcomings. A vital book for our maddening times.

**It’s Time for Me Time**
Jessica Sanders  
Five Mile | Slipcase $34.99

This gorgeous set combines Me Time and Me Time Journal, the perfect tools to shine the spotlight on your lovely self and remind you how important it is to be your own best friend. Expanding self-care into a practice nurturing both the mind and the body, these beautiful books will help you build self-awareness and self-kindness into your daily rituals.

**Let Go**
Hugh van Cuylenburg  
Penguin Life Australia | TPB $34.99

In this follow-up to the bestselling The Resilience Project, Hugh van Cuylenburg uses his personal experience and insights gained through years of research to help us navigate through a world in crisis. Shame and the toxic environment of life online can get us down. Allow this book to remind you that letting go of the things holding you back can lead to a more connected, safer and happier life.

**These Precious Days**
Ann Patchett  
Bloomsbury Publishing | TPB $29.99

December release  
These Precious Days is a collection of essays from beloved author Ann Patchett based on her reflections over the past eighteen months. Patchett meditates upon friendship and what it means to be seen, and turns her writer’s eye to her own experiences, transforming the private into the universal. From much loved children’s books to the delights of Paris, this is a book that provides us all with ways of looking at the world anew.

**Dog Days**
Andrew Cotter  
Text Publishing | TPB $32.99

In Dog Days: A Year with Olive & Mabel, join Andrew Cotter as he takes you behind the scenes and into the pages of his diary to reveal just how extraordinary the year has been, and what really happened after his lockdown superstar Labradors chewed up the internet and found it was quite tasty. If you’re a fan of Olive, Mabel and Andrew, this funny, touching and extraordinary account of a year like no other is an unmissable treat.

**Low Tox Life Food**
Alexx Stuart  
Murdoch Books | PB $36.99

Alexx Stuart, the ‘ultimate gentle activist,’ looks at how we can better understand healthy eating and food by stripping away the shame of right and wrong, and providing practical strategies for choosing the best food for your shopping cart. Stuart questions our dependence on an unhealthy food system, providing handy questions to ask about the food we buy, and strategies for keeping to a budget while we shop better. Includes eighty budget friendly recipes.

**Destination Simple**
Brooke McAlary  
Nero | PB $14.99

December release  
Brooke McAlary knows first-hand the power of simplifying and living with less. After being diagnosed with postnatal depression, she embraced a slower, more intentional life and rediscovered her health, energy and passion. In Destination Simple, Brooke shows us how to harness the power of daily rituals to create a calmer, happier and fulfilling life.
to federation. Reading about these shocking, scandalous and just plain ridiculous historical events and figures, it is hard to believe they could all be true. This is the real, quite mad, always fascinating Australia.

Girt Nation
David Hunt
Black Inc. | TPB $34.99

Buckle up for a tale of Australian history as you’ve never heard it before! The third book in the bestselling Girt series picks up the story from mid-1850s parts of the colony. Unfortunately for some, convicts came from Van Diemen’s Land as either free or escaped convicts and then went on to settle or spent time in Victoria. These convicts were known as the Vandemonians. Some remained convicts while others were lucky to become obscure, but all played an important part in the history of colonial Victoria.

Vandemonians
Janet McCalman
Miegunyah Press
TPB $39.99

Victoria was meant to be the land of the free, untainted by the Convict Stain rampant in other parts of the colony. The second volume of the graphic adaptation of Yuval Noah Harari’s bestselling history of our species. The Pillars of Civilization explores how the Agricultural Revolution changed our species. The compelling, must-read story of the brave and bold Hubert Wilkins, Australia’s most adventurous explorer, naturalist, photographer, war hero, aviator, spy and daredevil. With masterful story-telling skills, Peter FitzSimons illuminates the life of Hubert Wilkins with his incredible achievements, thrills and spills and new worlds discovered. This is an unforgettable tale of the most extraordinary life lived by an extraordinary Australian.

Edith Blake’s War
Krista Vane-Tempest
NewSouth Publishing
TPB $34.99

In the early hours of 26 February 1918, the British hospital ship Glenart Castle steamed into the Bristol Channel, headed for France to pick up wounded men from the killing fields of the Western Front. Onboard was 32-year-old Australian nurse, Edith Blake. After being torpedoed by a German U-boat, of the 182 onboard, 153 perished including all eight nurses. In Edith Blake’s War, her great niece Krista Vane-Tempest traces Edith’s personal story.

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No One Left Behind
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Macmillan Australia
HB $49.99

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Sapiens: The Pillars of Civilization: A Graphic Novel
Yuval Noah Harari
Jonathan Cape
HB $39.99

Freak Out
Tony Wellington
Monash University Publishing | TPB $34.95

Australia in the 1920s looked toward a changing America and through its movies, music and dance, its growing spirit of youthful rebellion. African-American jazz and its sophisticated freeing rhythms tantalised cosmopolitan Australians who felt their isolated world shrinking. Harlem Nights is a story of wild jazz clubs, resistance, and the struggle of power and race in our very own Jazz Age.

Harlem Nights
Deirdre O’Connell
Melbourne University Press | TPB $34.99

This is a coming-of-age story of how we as a nation were dragged into global culture by the unstoppable momentum of rock and pop music. The sixties was an era of extraordinary change and earth-shattering events. Australians may have been spared the fear of bomb blasts, assassinations and kidnappings; however the music that was generated in that milieu infiltrated Australian culture and transformed society forever.

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Tony Wellington
Monash University Publishing | TPB $34.95
Living Planet
David Attenborough
William Collins
TPB $34.99

Life can be found in every corner of the globe, in all manner of surprising, beautiful, and creative forms. David Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and infectious enthusiasm explain and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity and illuminate Attenborough’s searching eye, unfailing curiosity 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This new edition of Attenborough’s seminal work features full-colour photography and the most up-to-date scientific information about life on earth.

The Book of Hope
Jane Goodall
Viking | HB $35.00

It is Jane Goodall’s sincere desire that this book will help readers “find solace in a time of anguish, direction in a time of uncertainty, courage in a time of fear”. In this collection of conversations between Goodall and Doug Abrams (co-author of The Book of Joy with the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu), they discuss the climate crisis, where hope can be found, and ultimately, an understanding and guidance for the way forward.

Crimes Against Nature
Jeff Sparrow
Scribe | TBP $29.99

Writer, broadcaster and award-winning journalist Jeff Sparrow uses fresh material to offer a very different take on the familiar narrative about global warming—the one in which we are all to blame—and inverts it, to show how, again and again, pollution and ecological devastation have been imposed on the population without our consent and (often) against our will. From histories of destruction, it distills stories of hope, highlighting the repeated yearning for a more sustainable world.

Open up to the world of science and nature and read a perfect little essay on swimming with whales and sharks and its health benefits. Discover a rare meat allergy. Feel saved by the hydrogen car, perhaps the vehicle of the future. Find out how much of an impact Covid has had on the natural world and biodiversity. Educate yourself with this year’s excellent collection of essays from a wide range of writers and scientists.

The Best Australian Science Writing 2021
Edited by Dyani Lewis
NewSouth Publishing
TPB $32.99

The Best Australian Science Writing 2021 features a range of Australian artists, from established to newcomers, paying homage to some of our lost native species.

The stories accompanying these artworks are fragmentary and poignant—a haunting reminder of the fragility of our extraordinary wildlife and the lengths we should go to in protecting them.

Gum
Ashley Hay
NewSouth Publishing
PB $29.99

Ashley Hay has written a love letter to the Eucalypt. There are over 800 species of gum tree in Australia and the gum is an indelible part of our history, part of our now, and the unmistakeable smell of the Australian bush. Gum is a history and a celebration of the mighty tree and its place in our landscape and culture.

Signs and Wonders
Delia Falconer
Simon & Schuster
TPB $32.99

Climate change is not only changing our environment but also our culture argues Walkley-award-winning author Delia Falconer. This collection of beautifully observed essays examines how our relationships with other generations, our emotions and connection with the world has already changed as the climate changes around us. A unique perspective on our relationship with a rapidly changing world.

Extinct: Artistic Impressions of Our Lost Wildlife
Benjamin Gray
CSIRO Publishing | HB $59.99

Unlike many wildlife books, you won’t find any photos here. Extinct features a range of Australian artists, from established to newcomers, paying homage to some of our lost native species.

The fascinating history of Australia’s favourite parrot from the Dreamtime to the colonial live bird trade, the competitive culture of the showroom and today’s thriving wild flocks. The Budgerigar was Australia’s first mass export and beloved by European Queens, Japanese princes and even Stalin. Lavishly illustrated throughout with stunning photography and artwork, this is the authoritative history of the Budgie.

Firestorm
Greg Mullins
Viking Australia
TPB $34.99

Greg Mullins followed his father into firefighting, rising to become an international expert in fire and natural disaster response. Having faced our most destructive fires, Mullins has accumulated unparalleled wisdom on natural disasters. His experience and investigation into climate science led him to warn the Federal Government in 2019 of a devastating fire event, only to be ignored. His story of firefighting, of climate change, and of political stupidity is both urgent and brave.

The Universe
Andrew Cohen and Professor Brian Cox
HarperCollins
HB $39.99

Blanketed above us at night is an expanse, still full of mystery and unexplored, and elicits the biggest of questions. Where did it come from? How did it begin? Bill Gammage and Bruce Pascoe present compelling evidence for the reinstatement of First Nations agricultural and land management techniques.

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The most recent book in the series of First Knowledges comes from two luminaries of the agricultural history field. In a climate changed world, sustainable farming practices are more important than ever, and we are lucky to have the inherited wisdom of the oldest culture on earth. Gammage and Pascoe present compelling evidence for the reinstatement of First Nations agricultural and land management techniques.

Country: Future Fire, Future Farming
Bill Gammage and Bruce Pascoe
Thames & Hudson Australia | PB $21.99

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Costa’s World
Costa Georgiadis
ABC Books | PB $45.00

From the beloved host of ABC TV’s Gardening Australia, Costa’s World is a generous, joyous, fully illustrated gardening book that brings together all of Costa’s gardening and sustainability knowledge. From the life-changing joy of chooks; kids in the garden; big ideas for small spaces; growing the right plants for your conditions and much more, this is a book for the whole family that reflects Costa’s philosophy and quirky sense of fun.

Homegrown
Paul West
Plum | PB $44.99

Join River Cottage Australia host Paul West in his garden and kitchen as he shows us how to become that little bit more self-sufficient. Homegrown features planting guides for the most popular vegetables and fruit trees to grow yourself using whatever space you have, whether it’s a balcony, backyard or nature strip. It includes garden projects, from raising seedlings to managing rainwater and heat-proofing your garden.

Asian Girls Are Going Places
Michelle Law
Hardie Grant Explore HB $29.99

January 22 release
Asian Girls Are Going Places is a travel book with a difference: it features practical advice (and more) from author Michelle Law and her interviewees that specifically targets the joys, fears and obligations unique to Asian women travelling the world. Told in Michelle’s signature offbeat style, this is a deeply relatable travel companion for Asian women.

The Travel Book, 4th Ed.
Lonely Planet
Lonely Planet | HB $60.00

Journey through every country in the world with the fully revised and updated 4th edition of Lonely Planet’s The Travel Book. All brand-new photography from portraits of people, to beautiful landscapes and vibrant scenes of street life are all supported by colourful and detailed mapping. It will inspire wanderlust in the armchair traveller and will bring the world to life for a new generation of travellers once we are free to roam the world again.

The City Gardener
Richard Unsworth
Thames & Hudson Australia | HB $49.99

Sydney based garden designer Richard Unsworth shows that no matter how small an outdoor space a plant paradise is possible with thoughtful and clever design. Showcasing twenty urban gardens, each with detailed plans and planting lists, and accompanied with beautiful photography, The City Gardener will help foster and inspire garden ideas.

Best in Travel 2022/Australia’s Best Trips, 3rd Ed.
Lonely Planet
Lonely Planet | HB $27.99 / PB $34.99

With the country and the world opening up, there are no better sources of inspiration and practical advice than Lonely Planet’s bestselling annuals. Best in Travel 2022 ranks the top 10 must-visit countries, cities and regions for 2022 with focus on sustainable travel experiences. Australia’s Best Trips features 38 amazing road trips, from 2-day escapes to 2-week adventures. Pick a route, pack the car, and hit the road!

Australian Sport

The Fairytale
H. G. Nelson
Macmillan Australia TPB $34.99

For more than thirty years, H. G. Nelson has been finding the poetry in the punt and humour during half-time. Now, he turns his keen eye for facts and folly to the illustrious history of our great sporting nation. He reminds us of our leaders’ great sporting triumphs, from Harold Holt’s swimming to John Howard’s bowling and explains why Australia’s reality TV is the best in the world.

Bradman vs Bodyline
Roland Perry
Allen & Unwin | TPB $32.99

Using new material and his previous unparalleled access to Sir Donald Bradman, Roland Perry has written the definitive account of Bradman and the bodyline series. Compelling, extensively researched and full of new insights, Perry has written the complete and captivating story of a sporting outrage that threatened relations between Australia and England more than anything before or since.

Twelve Summers
Adam Zwar
Hachette Australia TPB $32.99

Adam Zwar is an Australian actor, voice artist, writer and avid cricket fan. All of the memorable events in Zwar’s life have been related back to cricket. Everybody remembers when significant events happen at different points in their life. Twelve Summers is the recollection of the memories and matches from cricket relayed by one of Australia’s funniest writers.
Home
Stephanie Alexander
Macmillan Australia  HB $59.99

Home is, ostensibly, a collection of recipes. Much more, it’s also filled with earnest storytelling, mischievous asides, and passionate essays that are just as nourishing as any dish. The meals Stephanie Alexander has chosen range from humble classics (like fried tomatoes on toast) to elaborate dishes carefully chosen during her travels. As always, the wide variety on Stephanie’s table ensures there is something for all tastes and occasions.

Christine Manfield’s Indian Cooking Class
Christine Manfield
Simon & Schuster  HB $59.99

Let Manfield guide you through the deeply fragrant world of Indian home cooking, and understand the varied cooking styles, vibrant flavour combinations and textural medleys that make for such a sense-enlivening food culture. Beautifully designed and featuring step-by-step photography, novice and curious cooks alike will be cooking up everything from a simple dal to an intricate biryani in no time!

Everything I Love to Cook
Neil Perry
Murdoch Books  HB $59.99

Perry revisits legendary dishes from his restaurants, modern Good Weekend column and some new favourites in this substantial new cookbook. With tips and techniques covering everything from basic knife skills to the art of barbecuing, to mastering a roast dinner, this book will boost your kitchen know-how, and has more than 230 recipes that you’ll love to cook too!

Bayrut: The Cookbook
Hisham Assaad
Smith Street Books  HB $55.00

As the cultural heart of Lebanon, Beirut’s ever-changing heritage has produced a vibrant food scene which has a character of its own, blending tradition with the modern. From street food to family feasts, and with stunning food and travel photography, chef and photographer Hisham Assaad shares recipes and stories that will transport you to the delicious world of Lebanese cuisine.

Richard Stein at Home
Rick Stein
BBC Books  HB $55.00

Rick Stein has taken us on many culinary journeys around the globe but now invites us inside his own kitchen, celebrating home cooking and its comforting rituals. Stories from childhood and memorable food moments accompany delicious recipes from family classics to the favourite dishes Stein loves to share with friends and family. A beautiful presentation of Rick’s life in food.

The Dessert Game
Reynold Poernomo
Murdoch Books  PB $36.99

Got a sweet tooth or someone to impress? Level up your dessert game with tried-and-tested recipes from MasterChef legend Reynold Poernomo. From relatively basic cakes and tarts to signature dishes and secret recipes (including white noise, onyx, and magic mushrooms), Poernomo provides step-by-step instructions on how each element is made so you can be a dessert master yourself.

Where the River Bends
Jane Barnes and Jimmy Barnes
HarperCollins  HB $49.99

Jane and Jimmy invite you to their kitchen table to share heart-warming stories and favourite dishes. Dishes range from nutritious breakfasts and healthy lunches through to classic pastas, Thai curries, Sunday roasts and delectable desserts. Featuring personal recollections, anecdotes and over 70 recipes, Where the River Bends is inspired by the food they love and the feasts they host for family and friends.

One Pan Perfect
Donna Hay
4th Estate Australia  HB $49.99

Donna Hay returns with her new, gorgeously luxe hardcover One Pan Perfect to make life simple, easy and delicious for her millions of fans. Featuring over 120 recipes for simple, easy, no-fuss deliciousness which only need one pot, pan, tray or bowl, it will take you from the kitchen to the table in no time at all.

Gift with Purchase Offer: Purchase a copy of One Pan Perfect from participating bookshops (booksellerschoice.com.au/stockists) and receive a free Donna Hay pot holder.

*Terms and conditions apply.

Tonight’s Dinner
Adam Liaw
Hardie Grant Books  HB $45.00

Adam Liaw has an easy manner and style, and his food reflects those qualities. No huge list of ingredients or multiple bunches of herbs that will blow the budget here. The recipes are in a variety of styles and they are tasty, achievable dishes that won’t scare off any family members. Home cooking beautiful food has never been easier.

A Year of Sundays
Belinda Jeffery
Simon & Schuster  HB $45.00

A Year of Sundays is the new cookbook by Belinda Jeffery, one of Australia’s most adored cookery writers and teachers, and is a collection from her Sunday Instagram post where she shares the recipes and memories that inspire her. A Year of Sundays is for everyone, all occasions, and all types of cooks.
Junior Fiction

Tomorrow is a Brand-New Day
Davina Bell and Allison Colpoys (Illus)
Scribble | HB $24.99

This wonderful picture book is a fabulous read-aloud, with great rhyme, hilarious illustrations and a theme that is perfectly relatable. We all get cranky sometimes, feel rotten, make mistakes, but that’s okay—it doesn’t change how much you’re loved. Pick yourself up, make amends and wake up to a brand-new day!

The Boy and the Elephant
Freya Blackwood
HarperCollins Australia HB $24.99

This absolutely incredible wordless picture book is perfect for kids aged 0-99. We follow a lonely young boy whose only friends are the marvellous old trees that grow in a thicket beside his house. When the land is sold and the trees are destined for removal, something magical happens.

Stellarphant
James Foley
Fremantle Press HB $24.99

James Foley’s new picture book is jam packed with inspiration and is an absolute delight. We follow Stella the Elephant’s quiet determination to overcome, one by one, all of Space Command’s objections to becoming an astronaut. Stella’s story is as touching as it is funny and makes a gently effective argument for inclusion and diversity. Stellarphant is a must read!

Cricket, I Just Love It!
Alister Nicholson and Tom Jellet (Illus)
Allen & Unwin Children’s HB $19.99

This bright and boldly illustrated rhyming story is a celebration of all there is to love about cricket! It’s the perfect inspiration to jump up and head outdoors to hit a six or bowl your mate out because cricket is our ‘favourite part of every single day.’ Howzat!

Somebody’s Land
Adam Goodes, Ellie Laing and David Hardy (Illus)
Allen & Unwin Children’s HB $24.99

This is a gentle story of First Nations history and the arrival of the British in Australia. With bright illustrations and repetitive text, this simple but poignant book builds on the Welcome to Country that most preschool aged children are familiar with and introduces them to the term “terra nullius”. A must-have for all families.

Horrible Harriet and the Terrible Tantrum
Leigh Hobbs
Allen & Unwin Children’s HB $24.99

Harriet is trying ever so hard to be good, she has even been practising her good girl smile. But what happens when the green, three-eyed tantrum that lives in a cage beside her bed breaks free to disrupt her angelic plan? More mischief and mayhem from one of our oldest and wildest friends.

Cranky Chicken
Katherine Batterby
Lothian Children’s Books PB $14.99

Everything about Chicken is cranky. Cranky eyes, cranky eyebrows, super-sharp cranky beak, even cranky scratchy feet. And everything makes Chicken cranky. What Cranky Chicken is not is lonely. Nope, rope, definitely not. But then along comes a very cheerful worm named Speedy, who just wants to be friends. A very funny graphic novel for newly independent readers.

A Whole Lot of Lemonade Jones
Davina Bell and Karen Blair (Illus)
Allen & Unwin Children’s PB $14.99

December release

Lemonade Jones is a feisty girl with a lot of fizz. She is as refreshing as a bubbly glass of lemonade. She loves to ask questions and has trouble following the rules. The three stories in this collection will keep newly independent readers entertained with Lemonade’s antics at school and with her family.

Marcie Gill and the Caravan Park Cat
Monica McInerney and Danny Shell (Illus)
Puffin HB $19.99

This engaging story follows ten-year-old Marcie and her Gran’s cat, George, during her summer holidays in her family’s seaside caravan park. Junior readers will enjoy being with Marcie as she navigates changes within family and friendships in the first children’s book from this much-loved Australian author.

Sharing
Aunty Fay Muir, Sue Lawson and Leanne Mulgo Watson (Illus)
Magabala Books HB $24.99

In this gentle book, Aunty Fay guides us through elements of Country, sharing them with care and responsibility. With a beautiful soft palette and well-chosen words, children can grasp the concept of taking what we need and no more, sharing with each other and nature.

We hope you enjoy this selection of handpicked titles from the 2021-22 Kids’ Reading Guide. For more great kids books, visit: kidsreadingguide.com.au
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Pip finds a very unwell dragon by the waterhole and sneaks it home in her backpack. But home is not a safe place to be either. So many interesting threads weave through this beautifully written tale full of grief, hope, survival and courage. Karen Foxlee is the queen of magic realism and this wonderful book, just like her Lenny’s Book of Everything, will stay with you long after you have read it.

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A new story from the author of The Invention of Hugo Cabret and Wonderstruck, told through a combination of stunning illustrations and text. The story of two people who are connected through space and over time, this is an exciting keepsake that readers will treasure.

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Luke enjoys spending time with his big brother Ben. Their days are filled with bird-watching at Cabbage Tree Creek and daydreaming about owning a boat. When their Dad suddenly moves away and Ben starts high school, Luke worries that his brother will grow distant too. A heartwarming and honest story about the wonders of nature and brotherly love.
Things to Know and Do

Terciel and Elinor
Garth Nix
Allen & Unwin Children’s
TPB $24.99

Garth Nix returns us to the world of Sabriel in this delightful prequel in the Old Kingdom series. We follow Sabriel’s parents, Terciel and Elinor, as they grow up, meet, and inevitably encounter more Dead Hands than you can poke a stick at. Fans of the original series will absolutely love this book.

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AVIVA
Pan Australia | PB $29.99

Welcome to Metropolis, where self-expression is banned and the citizens’ lives are carefully planned and controlled by the City Council. A compelling new YA post-apocalyptic thriller set in a complex world of elites and outsiders. The first in a series, this is a gripping read, guaranteed to keep you engrossed until the end.

The Break
Phillip Gwynne
Penguin
PB $19.99

Growing up in Bali, sixteen-year-old Taj had an idyllic childhood until his father was arrested for smuggling drugs. He’s been on death row in Bali’s infamous Kerobokan Jail for ten years, leaving Taj in an uneasy limbo. When an execution date is set, Taj decides to bust his dad out of jail and try to get back to Australia. What follows is a fast-paced coming of age story with plenty of action and family truths to unravel.

Sister Secrets
Cate Campbell and Bronte Campbell
Allen & Unwin Children’s
PB $24.99

Swimming superstars Cate and Bronte Campbell have an incredible shared history. From learning to swim together as children in Malawi to their 2021 gold medal winning relay at the Tokyo Olympics. Sister Secrets is the first time we gain insight into the lives and motivations of these two incredible athletes in their own words.

Vespertime
Margaret Rogerson
Simon & Schuster
PB $19.99

Evil spirits, zombie armies and ghost-fighting nuns in a world loosely based on Napoleonic France? Yes, please! This novel has everything. It’s fast-paced and action-packed, with characters you will come to love (even if you don’t want to!). Plus, it’s really, really funny! Garth Nix fans, this one’s for you.

If Not Us
Mark Smith
Text Publishing | TPB $19.99

Hesse lives in a small coastal town, where a coal mine and power station are a part of the scenery, and a part of the ever-growing problem of climate change. What will happen when he decides to speak up at a protest meeting that has the community divided? Hesse realizes that things are far more complex than he ever thought, but he knows he can make a difference. A story about growing up and standing up for what you believe is right.

Social Queue
Kay Kerr
Text Publishing | PB $19.99

Zoe Kelly has left the bullying years of high school behind and works as a part time intern for a media company. When the opinion piece she writes about her non-existent dating life goes viral she is unprepared for the public response. Warm, funny, and enlightening this coming-of-age narrative about an autistic young woman navigating through post school life is delightful. 13+

The Illustrated Encyclopedia of Peculiar Pairs in Nature
Sami Bayly
Lothian Children’s Books
HB $32.99

Award-winning Sami Bayly has yet again managed to craft another beautiful encyclopedia, this time of animals in peculiar pairs, featuring over 60 of the most unlikely partners that just couldn’t live without each other. A must have for any little nature lover.

The Book of Curious Birds
Jennifer Cossins
Lothian Children’s Books | HB $26.99

A beautifully illustrated guide to some of the world’s most curious birds. There’s dangerous birds, clever birds, fast birds and silly birds. Birds with odd hairdos, amazing hunting skills or those who are masters of disguise like the Tawny Frogmouth that can make themselves look like a broken tree branch when a predator is nearby. For bird lovers big and small.

Alice’s Food A-Z
Alice Zaslavsky
Walker Books Australia
PB $24.99

Alice Zaslavsky has created an edible adventure packed with delicious facts, clever cooking tips and kid-approved recipes. There is a veritable feast of information covering avocados to zucchini and everything in between. Includes over 30 recipes that will appeal to all skill levels.

A Year in Fleurville
Felicita Sala
Scribble | HB $27.99

There are simple instructions on how to grow fruit and vegetables in your garden and easy recipes to cook seasonally in this beautiful celebration of food and community. Suitable for those from 3 to 103.

299 Dogs (and a Cat)
Laurence King Publishing
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Box set $29.99

A jigsaw with a twist: no two shapes are the same, and each piece is a dog (except for one that’s a cat). Hours of maddening fun. Have you got what it takes to assemble all 299 dogs into a perfect puzzle?
Balgo: Creating Country
John Carty
UWA Publishing
HB $89.99

This beautiful monograph features images of full colour artworks from communities including Birrundudu, Papunya, Yuendumu and Balgo and covers several language groups. It is deeply grounded in country and has been put together in conjunction with the Warlayirti Arts Centre.

Anna Spiro: A Life in Pattern
Anna Spiro
Thames & Hudson
Australia | HB $90.00

Anna Spiro has long been hailed as Australia’s most original and creative interior designer. In this standout design monograph, Spiro offers up a lifetime of hard-earned wisdom, showing how the very best interiors come from following your own path. From mood boards to fabric suggestions, furniture ideas to room layouts, A Life in Pattern includes more than 250 photographs from 20 different interior design projects.

How to French Country
Sara Silm
Thames & Hudson
Australia | HB $59.99

How to French Country is an inspirational and practical guide to how to surround yourself with French country style. Capturing the beauty and quietude of the Bearn region of South-west France, interior designer and journalist Sara Silm distils the unique colours, textures and flavours of this distinctive corner of the world, offering a path to gentler living and refocusing on all we hold dear.

Never Too Small
Joel Beath
Smith Street Books
HB $60.00

Arising from a popular YouTube channel about small space living, this glorious exploration of deliberately designed micro-spaces is a feast for the eyes. From sustainable considerations to avant-garde pops of colour and hidden spaces, this book explores the designers and their projects of some truly beautiful small homes from Australia to Hong Kong, to Italy and beyond.

New Rural
Ingrid Weir
Hardie Grant Books
HB $60.00

This stunning book is a photographic guide for those dreaming of moving to the country to enjoy a touch of rural magic in their home. It profiles regional Australian towns that embody the earthiness and romance of authentic and original rural living, including the Hawkesbury Highlands, Sapphire Coast, Coober Pedy, Kyneton, to name a few, and offers guidance on how to find and create it yourself.

Artists’ Homes
Images Publishing
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HB $59.99

This lavishly illustrated book offers a glimpse into the homes of contemporary artists and modern makers from around the world—from Australia, Brazil, Denmark and Ireland to The Netherlands, United Kingdom and United States, and more. Engaging descriptions of each project provide details on the design, functionality, architecture, and interior transformations that help these practitioners in their creative process.

Underwater Wild
Craig Foster and Ross Frylinck
Black Inc.
HB $59.99

From the creators of Academy Award-winning documentary My Octopus Teacher, this beautiful book chronicles the experience of diving the South African coast. The marine science gives us a profound insight into the stunning photography of life in the kelp forests, and the book serves a timely reminder of the beauty and danger of the natural world.

Life at the Edge
Edited by Jo Turner
Thames & Hudson
Australia | HB $59.99

Collaborating with photographers from around the country, Life at the Edge is a stunning collection of expansive panoramas and detailed closeups showcasing all of the textures and tenors of water in Australia: rugged coastlines to ocean pools, mirror-like lakes to micro details of seaweed and shells. This book celebrates all aspects of being in, near and around water.

Birds
Tim Flach
Thames & Hudson
HB $90.00

As an award-winning photographer, Tim Flach focuses his lens on unusual and endangered birds. From the king penguin and the black swan to marvellous rarities, such as the kagu and the Bali myna—over 150 species are featured in this breathtaking collection. These sharp, clear portraits with accompanying text by renowned ornithologist Richard Prum, will astound and inspire.

Where They Purr
Paul Barbera
Thames & Hudson
Australia | HB $65.00

Last year we had The Resident Dog, this year we have Where They Purr. Stylish moggies in their architect designed and interesting abodes. All of the interiors are glamorous, befitting their feline residents. A very elegant book for cat lovers with some gorgeous houses to enjoy.

Country Dogs on Doorsteps
Suzanne Stevenson
Affirm Press
HB $39.99

A gorgeous look into the houses and furry friends of the Australian countryside. Welcome to the homes of working dogs, lap dogs, and every pup in between. Featuring famous faces and stunning locations from rustic barns to wineries and art studios, the lush photos and cheeky descriptions of the littlest members of these beautiful country homes are a treat.
Well Hello
Annabel Crabb and Leigh Sales
Penguin Australia
TPB $39.99

When Leigh Sales and Annabel Crabb sat at a kitchen table and recorded the first episode of their podcast Chat 10, Looks 3 on a mobile phone no one could have imagined what it would go on to become. Well Hello meanders through the wide range of topics covered on the podcast and is perfect for fans or those who just want to know what all the fuss is about.

Fry’s Ties
Stephen Fry
Michael Joseph
HB $35.00

With his usual wit and aplomb, Fry invites us into his closet to discuss his vast and passionate collection of ties, examining the history of this iconic accessory and its most famous wearers and makers. From the beginning of collecting in earnest to his signature style we know from the much loved QI, Fry examines the history of his collection through the telling of delightful tales.

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