Booksellers’ Choice

THE BEST BOOKS THIS SEASON AS CHOSEN BY AUSTRALIA’S LEADING BOOKSELLERS

Your Reading Guide
Welcome to the new edition of the Booksellers’ Choice Your Reading Guide!

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

Happy reading!

Goodnight, Vivienne, Goodnight
Steven Carroll
4th Estate Australia
TPB $29.99

Goodnight, Vivienne, Goodnight concludes Steven Carroll’s critically acclaimed and award-winning Eliot Quartet. A revisionary story of Vivienne—T.S. Eliot’s first wife, the ‘mad woman in the attic’—it offers a wholly different perspective on the aftermath of a marriage and the reassembling of a broken woman.

Dinner with the Schnabels
Toni Jordan
Hachette Australia
TPB $32.99

Last year I had the “luck” to marry into. Simon is not doing too well, having lost his business he has become a permanent resident on the couch, and the Schnabels are not helping. Toni Jordan brings her wit and warmth to this excellent page turner about a man on hard times and the chaotic nature of family life.

The Sorrow Stone
Kari Gislason
UQP
PB $32.99

In tenth century Iceland, a woman flies with her son after she seeks revenge for her brother’s murder. The stark backdrop of the fjords matches the high-stakes of a society where betrayal and revenge killings are common. Can her bravery and her pride save what’s left of her family? Kari Gislason brings a sidelong figure from the Viking Sagas into the limelight in this dramatic and urgent novel.

A Great Hope
Jessica Stanley
Picador Australia
TPB $32.99

A sweeping story of spirit, obsession and injustice through American history. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred, Lexington, and weaving a narrative across two centuries, Horse is a multi-layered reckoning with the legacy of enslavement and racism in America.

Here Goes Nothing
Steve Toltz
Hamish Hamilton Australia
TPB $32.99

Angus Mooney finds himself in the afterlife where he discovers that he was wrong about everything: god, religion, the supernatural. With another pandemic in play, his new home is filling up fast, and he has to share an increasingly cramped existence with a group of people still traumatised by their own death. Razor-sharp and hilarious, this novel explores the intricate relationship between love and death.

Goodnight, Vivienne, Goodnight
Steven Carroll
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A collection of short stories and poems from Alf Taylor, a Yuat Nyoongar man and member of the Stolen Generation, covering grief and the loss of identity as well as the care, kindness and gentleness of First Nations communities.

Short Stories & Poetry

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This All Come Back Now
Mykaela Saunders Ed
UQP
TPB $32.99

May release

From summoning ancestral spirits to looking straight down the barrel of potential futures, this collection of speculative fiction from Aboriginal and Torres Strait writers celebrates kin and country, memory, loss and recovery.

Continuous Creation
Les Murray
Black Inc.
HB $24.99

Continuous Creation brings together the poems Les Murray was working on up to his death, as well as work uncovered from his scrapbooks and files. Murray’s ability to capture the rhythms of Australian speech and landscape are on full display.

A Great Hope
Jessica Stanley
Picador Australia
TPB $32.99

John Clare, union leader, husband, philanderer, father, played a key role in the election of Kevin Rudd. He could have been Labor leader himself, but he suffered a brutal and fatal fall, and those who knew him remember and mourn a complex and deeply flawed man. It isn’t clear if Clare fell or met with foul play in this gripping mystery and a novel for our maddening, energising, hypocritical times.

Cartwarra or what?
Alf Taylor
Magabala Books
PB $24.99

A collection of short stories and poems from Alf Taylor, a Yuat Nyoongar man and member of the Stolen Generation, covering grief and the loss of identity as well as the care, kindness and gentleness of First Nations communities.
No Hard Feelings
Genevieve Novak
HarperCollins
TPB $32.99
Twenty something Penny seems to be constantly waiting. Waiting for a promotion, waiting for her on again off again boyfriend Max to finally let her stay the night, and waiting for her imagined life to actually begin. She compares herself to her friends too readily, and through a sauvignon blanc and valium haze seems to be constantly waiting. Waiting for her imagined life to actually begin. She

Hovering
Rhett Davis
Hachette Australia
TPB $32.99
Winner of the Victorian Premier’s Unpublished Manuscript award in 2020, Hovering is an exciting, genre-bending novel, at times experimental in style and convention. Lydia returns home after 16 years to live with her sister, and finds the city she grew up in changed beyond recognition (and still changing as streets literally shift overnight). Tempers flare between the sisters, and it seems Lydia harbours a terrible secret that could unravel their lives.

Australiana
Yumna Kassab
Ultimo Press
PB $32.99
Yumna Kassab returns to print, after her highly praised House of Yussuf. Small town Australia is the subject drawn for us in these beautiful vignettes that cleverly come together to form a picture of a community and country. The hard lives, the stresses, the secrets all add up to a powerful novel that explores the connections in everyday life that combine to reveal a much bigger tapestry that is the place that people call home.

Where the Light Gets In
Zoe Coyle
Ultimo Press
TPB $32.99
Wild-child Delphi is finally getting her life together in London with a new lover and a coveted job offer when she receives a dreaded phone call from home. Her mother needs her help as she is terminally ill, and Delphi, consumed by grief and shame, must return home to find where her mother’s life ends. Amidst the fallout of her mother’s suffering, Delphi must find what is most important in her life.

Other Houses
Paddy O’Reilly
Affirm Press
HB $32.99
Janks, Lily and Lily’s daughter Jeweleee have made a life together, a nice house in the suburbs, jobs, a good school. Lily and Janks are proud of what they have achieved, but they’re living payday to payday and Janks has disappeared. Lily is exhausted and worried sick from driving around searching for Janks at night and cleaning houses all day. A beautiful story about the precariousness of so many lives, and the things we will do for love.

The Impossible Life of Ricky Bird
Diane Connell
Simon & Schuster Australia
TPB $32.99
May release
Ricky loves making up outlandish stories for her brother. Her extraordinary imagination is her weapon; as her father said, if you can spin a good yarn you can get on in life. But the best stories sometimes take on a life of their own and no one, not even Ricky, is able to imagine the consequences. A wonderful portrait of a family, the extraodinary girl at their centre, and the power of storytelling.

The Natural History of Love
Caroline Petit
Affirm Press
TPB $32.99
May release
Based upon the true story of 19th century French explorer, naturalist and diplomat the Count de Castelnau and his lover Madame Foncée. A sweeping historical narrative set in the wilds of Brazil, salons of Paris and the early days of Melbourne’s settlement, The Natural History of Love is an historical love story for fans of Elizabeth Gilbert and Pip Williams.

Orphan Rock
Dominique Wilson
Transit Lounge
TPB $32.99
The late 1800s, a time when women know their place. Bessie, dumped at the Mercy orphanage by her mother, bedevilled by bad luck and bad decisions, is a survivor. But when Bessie finds work with Louisa Lawson at the journal for women The Dawn, she comes to realise there’s more to a woman’s place than servitude to a husband. Masterful and epic, this book is both a splendid evocation of early Sydney, and a truly powerful story about how women and minorities fought against being silenced.

Son of Sin
Omar Sakr
Affirm Press
TPB $29.99
Omar Sakr’s debut novel is the gripping story of a young Arab-Australian boy’s sexual coming of age and his lifelong struggle with faith, love and repressed desire. Jamal’s struggle to reconcile faith and sexuality is set firmly in racism, family trauma, and homophobia, and is propelled by Sakr’s lyrical language and dark humour. From Western Sydney to Turkey and Lebanon, Jamal seeks to transcend the constrictions of culture, memory, and dysfunction and find a place in which he truly belongs.

Red
Felicity McLean
4th Estate Australia
TPB $32.99
May release
Wild, whip-smart Ruby ‘Red’ McCoy dreams of leaving her 1990’s Central Coast weatherboard house. But Red, much like her dad, can’t stay out of trouble to save herself. Told in Ruby’s dynamic voice, Red is a tale of police persecution, dodgy deals and a family history that refuses to stay in the past. A savagely funny retelling of the Ned Kelly story from an exciting new voice in Australian fiction.

The Lessons
John Purcell
4th Estate
TPB $32.99
In 1960s England, teens Daisy and Harry promise to love each other forever, but everything is stacked against them: class, education, expectations. When Daisy is sent to live with her Aunt Jane, a famous novelist, she is confronted by adult truths and suffers a loss of innocence that flings her far from the one good thing in her life, Harry. From the bestselling author of The Girl on the Page.

The Winter Dress
Lauren Chater
Simon & Schuster Australia
TPB $32.99
A 17th century silk dress, retrieved by divers from a shipwreck, brings Jo Baaker back to the island of Texel. A textiles historian, Baaker investigates the provenance of the dress, revealing a mystery that both draws her in and exposes troubling details about her own past. A beautiful novel of two women’s lives, separated by centuries but inexorably linked.
French Braid
Anne Tyler
Chatto & Windus  
TPB $29.99

From beloved prize-winning author Anne Tyler, French Braid is a freshly observed, funny and joyful journey into the Garrett family’s foibles. Beginning in the 1950s with the Garretts’ first and last family vacation, Tyler traces the lives of the five family members right up to our pandemic present. Full of heartbreak and hilarity, it illuminates the kindnesses and cruelties of our daily lives and the impossibility of breaking free from those who love us.

Lessons in Chemistry
Bonnie Garmus
Doubleday  
TPB $32.99

In this heartfelt and funny debut novel, we meet Elizabeth Zott, an incredibly forthright and driven scientist in a time when women weren’t expected to do much more than cook, clean and raise children. Zott shoots to stardom at the helm of a TV cooking show, bringing chemistry and critical thinking to housewives around America, and inspiring women not just to cook but to change the status quo.

Peach Blossom Spring
Melissa Fu
Wildfire  
TPB $32.99

It’s China 1938 and Melin and her son Renshu are forced to flee the Japanese army and travel through a ravaged country seeking refuge. Years later Renshu has settled in America and must face his daughter who is desperate to understand her heritage. Peach Blossom Spring is a powerful and moving look at the history of modern China through the lens of one family.

Booth
Karen Joy Fowler
Serpent’s Tail  
TPB $32.99

Booth is an epic novel based around the infamous, ill-fated Booth family. John Wilkes Booth, President Abraham Lincoln’s assassin, came from a thespian family that Karen Joy Fowler brings alive in this amazing novel. From the complex father Junius to the path its aftermath, spanning years against a vivid backdrop of London, San Francisco and New York. Fresh, glamorous and despite the betrayals, also very funny. Smart and fast paced, this is a heist story imbued with the lingering effects of colonialism.

Peach Blossom Spring
V.E. Schwab
Titan Publishing  
TPB $32.99

Sixteen-year-old mute Olivia Prior has always seen half-formed ghosts haunting the hallways of the Merilance School for girls, but they have never been dangerous. When a letter calls her home to Gallant, no one expects her when she arrives, but she quickly discovers a parallel world where the manor is crumbling and the ghouls are solid. A lush gothic tale centred on a girl summoned to a mysterious manor and the dangerously seductive lure of the world beyond its boundaries.

Nightcrawling
Leila Mottley
Leeds  
TPB $29.99

Leila Mottley’s extraordinary debut novel is the heartbreaking story of Kiara, a young black woman who cares for her brother and the abandoned boy next door. Kiara’s family is shattered by drugs and prison, and her vulnerability is seized upon by the police in a horrendous case of grooming and abuse.

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In this edgy, experimental novel, the eponymous Elizabeth Finch teaches a course to mature students on the subject of 'Culture and Civilisation'. Her ideas unlock the philosophies of the past and explore key events that show us how to make sense of our lives today. Underpinning it all is the story of J—Julian the Apostate. More than a novel, this is a loving tribute to philosophy by a master storyteller.

Mother's Boy
Patrick Gale
Tinder Press
TPB $32.99

Set in Cornwall, Patrick Gale’s period novel following the life of a child genius and his mother is tender, compassionate and resounds with emotional complexity. Mother’s Boy is the story of Charles, an intensely private man who blossoms in the navy amidst the violence and colour of war. His work as a coder is top secret, but equally as dangerous is a love that is as clandestine as his work. Charles’ story is also the story of his mother, Laura, who continued to shield him long after the war had ended.

The Language of Food
Annabel Abbs
Simon & Schuster
TPB $32.99

Based on the fascinating story of Eliza Acton—who knew nothing about cooking—but who was obliged to tackle the challenge of writing a cookbook when an editor rejected her poetry. Annabel Abbs brings to life an exhilarating combination of recipes and women’s struggles for recognition and friendship through creativity and the quiet joy of cooking and the poetry of food.

Sea of Tranquility
Emily St. John Mandel
Picador
TPB $32.99

Spanning three centuries and multiple characters, Sea of Tranquility moves through concepts of parallel worlds and multiple possibilities. Award-winning author St. John Mandel turns her hand to time travel, the dark side of the moon, and the Canadian wilderness in unfurling an epic story of humanity across time and space. Perceptive and poignant about art, love and what we must do to survive, this is a masterful novel of metaphysics and the moments that link us all.

Elektra
Jennifer Saint
Wildfire
TPB $32.99

May release
Elektra is the highly anticipated new novel from Jennifer Saint, author of Anadine. The House of Atreus is cursed, its bloodstream tainted by a generational cycle of violence and vengeance. This is the story of three women, their fates inextricably linked to this curse, and the fickle nature of men and gods. A sensational retelling of the stories of some of the most famous women in Greek mythology.

The Candy House
Jennifer Egan
Corsair
TPB $32.99

In this ‘sibling’ novel to A Visit From the Goon Squad, Jennifer Egan again uses multiple perspectives to present a fragmented, hyper-connected version of our future where technology enables the sharing of memory. ‘Own Your Unconscious’ is miraculous digital tech – missing persons are found, Alzheimer’s disease is negated – as we become more connected than ever. Of course, nothing is so simple, and externalising our interior self presents fascinating and shocking scenarios. Provocative, disturbing, virtuosic: read it, set your brain on fire, and always – beware the candy house. EXCLUSIVE LIMITED EDITION. *While stocks last.

Fever
Jonathan Bazzi
Scribe
TPB $29.99

Fever is a fictionalised memoir of class, poverty, prejudice and opportunity in modern Europe. Jonathan lives happily with his boyfriend and their two Devon Rex cats. But one day he gets a fever that doesn’t go away, and a series of misdiagnoses lead to an HIV test. Reeling from a sudden new reality, Jonathan goes in search of his history in a deeply personal examination of societal inequality.

Time is a Mother
Ocean Vuong
Jonathan Cape
HB $29.99

An intimate journey through the aftermath of his mother’s death, Vuong’s long awaited second collection of poetry explores personal loss through the framework of surviving and enduring life. Unconventionally beautiful, with an innovative yet unsettling use of language and form, Vuong’s words will stay with you long after you’ve devoured its pages.
Then Gage is offered the chance to move into Dandridge, on death row for rape and murder.

Innocence Project, which tracks down new evidence in cases of people convicted of a crime, but who profess their innocence. She’s assigned to the case of Michael Cunningham, who profess their innocence. She’s assigned to the case of Michael Cunningham, who is pregnant, the local football team’s mascot is a former agent on the run — a search that leads to a case with Agent Hidouchi, a representative of the feared Algerian secret service who intends to call the shots. The case sends them in pursuit of a former agent on the run — a search that leads them inexorably into further mystery and the violence of Algeria’s struggle for independence. Goddard is in fine form here, with his deftly complex plotting and sly humour.

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The latest Caleb Zelic mystery takes off with shots being fired and does not let up until the last page. Caleb’s partner, Kat, is pregnant, the local football team’s mascot is missing and compromising photos are being circulated. Caleb’s brother Ant, missing for months, is on a remote island where a sniper is picking people off, the locals are hostile, and the community doctor has a dubious background. Another cracking read from Emma Viskic.

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Astronomy
Karlie Noon and Krystal De Napoli
Thames & Hudson Australia
TPB $24.99

May release
In the next book in the First Knowledges series, Indigenous scientists Karlie Noon and Krystal De Napoli take us on a journey to explore ancient understandings of the heavens and the connections to the country we live on. Before Ptolemy and Galileo, First Australians developed deep reflections between the stars and the land, with revelations between dreamtime stories and songlines that have been critical to understandings of time, food availability, and ceremony.

Am I Black Enough For You?
Anita Heiss
Vintage Australia
TPB $34.99

2nd edition of her 2011 prize winning memoir Am I Black Enough For You. Ten years on Heiss is still advocating for a more equitable world, and her first-hand account of her experiences as a Wiradjuri woman give us an insight into what it means to be indigenous in Australia today. She explains the development of her activism, and interrogates Australia’s obsession with notions of identity.

Bob Hawke
Troy Bramston
Viking Australia
HB $49.99

With prior co-operation from the 23rd Prime Minister, award-winning journalist Troy Bramston has written a definitive full-life biography of Bob Hawke. This unprecedented biography includes an exclusive series of interviews with Hawke, which were the last the ex-Prime Minister gave, as well as unfettered access to his extensive trove of personal papers and an extraordinary array of never-before-seen archival documents. Deeply flawed and immensely extraordinary, Hawke impacted Australian life in ways still felt today.

Apollo & Thelma
Jon Faine
Hardie Grant Books
HB $45.00

The Mighty Apollo was a legendary strongman and circus star, famous for pulling trams with his teeth. His ruthless and rugged sister Thelma survived decades running one of the most remote outback pubs. Apollo was Jon Faine’s favourite client during his time as a young lawyer, and when he looks into Thelma’s estate he uncovers their astonishing lives, alongside a cast of characters from the world of politics, law, literature and media.

Speaking in Tongues
Tom Tilley
ABC Books
TPB $34.99

May release
Tom Tilley’s childhood seemed ordinary, growing up in a country town and following his parents in their Pentecostal faith. But the older Tilley became, the more he questioned the teachings of the church, especially around speaking in tongues. After years of suppressing his doubts in silence, Tilley spoke up, at huge personal cost, in tongues. After years of suppressing his doubts in silence, Tilley spoke up, at huge personal cost, but his decision to do so was courageous and true to himself. An honest and empathetic story about questioning the narrative we are fed.

All Mixed Up
Jason Om
ABC Books
TPB $34.99

A heartbreaking and heart-warming memoir about authenticity, difference, resilience, hope and love by an exciting new Australian voice, Jason Om. Om witnessed his mother die of a heart attack at the age of twelve, and this is the story of his ‘mixed up’ Melbourne family full of secrets and sorrow. Only by breaking the silence and uncovering the truth of his family does Om come to terms with his own traumas.

My Accidental Career
Brenda Niall
Text
TPB $34.99

Now 91, Australia’s foremost biographer turns her investigative eye upon herself in this charming and informative memoir. Using her collection of diaries, letters, and her formidable memory, Niall vividly portrays a life well-lived, from her privileged Catholic childhood right through her academic years, to her many literary successes — and her conviction that “biography cannot be hurried.”

Judith Wright: Selected Writings/Birds
Georgina Amati/Judith Wright
Black Inc./NLA
TPB $34.99/HB $24.99

One of the best-known Australian poets of her generation, Wright is well known for her commitment to environmental protection and obtaining recognition for First Nations people. Selected Writings is the first-ever published collection of Judith Wright’s non-fiction pieces. And for lovers of poetry, the NLA are re-issuing Birds, Wright’s 1982 first-published poetry collection, in a stunning new illustrated edition.
Biography & Memoir

The Space Between the Stars
Indira Naidoo
Murdoch Books
HB $32.99

After her younger sister died suddenly, broadcaster Indira Naidoo’s world was shattered. Turning to her urban landscape for solace, Indira found herself drawn to a fig tree overlooking Sydney harbour. A connection began to build between the two — one with a fractured heart, the other a century offering quiet companionship while asking nothing in return. The Space Between the Stars is an uplifting tribute to love and our innate need to connect to the natural world, for fans of Julia Baird’s Phosphorescence and Leigh Sales’ Any Ordinary Day.

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Purchase a copy of The Space Between the Stars from participating bookshops (www.booksellers.com.au/stockists) and receive a free seeds-embedded, plant and grow bookmark.
*While stocks last.

The Uncaged Sky
Kyri Moore-Gilbert
Ultima Press
TPB $34.99

Dr Kyri Moore-Gilbert travelled to Iran with a genuine interest in learning more about Iranian society, religion and culture. She ended up being held prisoner for 804 days in Tehran, much of it in solitary confinement, and sentenced to 10 years’ imprisonment on espionage charges. This compelling read details Moore-Gilbert’s experience, the interrogations and psychological torture, and despite this, how she managed to maintain hope.

Words for Lucy
Marion Halligan
Thames & Hudson Australia
TPB $32.99

When your daughter dies, how do you navigate living? One morning, Lucy Halligan lay on her bed with her cat. Soon after, her heart stopped. But her mother, writer Marion Halligan, forced hers to keep beating. More joy than sorrow, this profoundly moving memoir celebrates Lucy’s life, weaving together everyday details and treasured events as a mother finds space in her grief to live.

Diagnosis Normal
Emma Jane
Ebury Australia
TPB $34.99

Journalist turned academic Emma Jane writes candidly about the complex combination of autism, mental illness and childhood sexual abuse that led to her being the person she is today. Exploring each’s impact on herself and many in society she breaks a silence surrounding sexual violence and mental illness and raises the possibility of not just surviving both experiences but thriving.

The Jane Austen Remedy
Ruth Wilson
Allen & Unwin
HB $32.99

Ruth Wilson fell out of love with the world. This was a pivotal moment for her, retreating from her life and living in solitude for ten years. During this time, she re-read Jane Austen’s classics and used them as a basis for reflecting on her past. In doing so, Wilson discovered new perspectives about herself and led to the best years of her life. An inspirational story about life lessons long forgotten and brought back to life in the classics.

The Bookseller at the End of the World
Ruth Shaw
Allen & Unwin
HB $32.99

Utterly charming and filled with equal measures of heartbreak and humour, Ruth Shaw’s memoir will have you booking the first flight to New Zealand to share a cup of tea at her Wee Bookshops. Shaw has been a cook, a nurse, sailor and world traveller, and endured immeasurable loss. But with Lance, the love of her life, Shaw has found her place bookselling in Fiordland.

Her Diaries and Notebooks
Patricia Highsmith
Weidenfeld & Nicholson
TPB $34.99

Published for the very first time for the centenary of her birth, Patricia Highsmith’s diaries and notebooks offer an unparalleled insight into the life and mind of one of the 20th century’s most talented and fascinating writers. Written in her inimitable and dazzling prose and offering all the pleasures of Highsmith’s novels, these are one of the most compulsively readable literary diaries ever to be published.

Don’t Be Too Polite, Girls
Wendy McCarthy
Allen & Unwin
TPB $34.99

An inspiring memoir from one of the great pioneers of Australian women’s rights. McCarthy has blazed a trail through teaching, politics, various boardrooms, including the ABC, and Family Planning Australia. She set up a successful agency for mentoring young women, and firmly believes that “A woman’s place is everywhere.” Filled with insider stories and cautionary tales, McCarthy encourages the reader to find their own voice, and to listen to it.

Unknown: A Refugee’s Story
Akuch Kuol Anyieth
Text
TPB $34.99

May release
A compelling and remarkable memoir, Unknown reveals the vivid truth of the refugee experience in Australia. Anyieth is five when her family flees the civil war in South Sudan, and so begins nine years amidst famine, disease and violence within a refugee camp. At times confronting, Anyieth’s story is nonetheless one of courage and determination, and of never losing her sense of hope or humour.

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Allen & Unwin
TPB $34.99

An inspiring memoir from one of the great pioneers of Australian women’s rights. McCarthy has blazed a trail through teaching, politics, various boardrooms, including the ABC, and Family Planning Australia. She set up a successful agency for mentoring young women, and firmly believes that “A woman’s place is everywhere.” Filled with insider stories and cautionary tales, McCarthy encourages the reader to find their own voice, and to listen to it.

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Ruth Wilson fell out of love with the world. This was a pivotal moment for her, retreating from her life and living in solitude for ten years. During this time, she re-read Jane Austen’s classics and used them as a basis for reflecting on her past. In doing so, Wilson discovered new perspectives about herself and led to the best years of her life. An inspirational story about life lessons long forgotten and brought back to life in the classics.

The Bookseller at the End of the World
Ruth Shaw
Allen & Unwin
HB $32.99

Utterly charming and filled with equal measures of heartbreak and humour, Ruth Shaw’s memoir will have you booking the first flight to New Zealand to share a cup of tea at her Wee Bookshops. Shaw has been a cook, a nurse, sailor and world traveller, and endured immeasurable loss. But with Lance, the love of her life, Shaw has found her place bookselling in Fiordland.

Her Diaries and Notebooks
Patricia Highsmith
Weidenfeld & Nicholson
TPB $34.99

Published for the very first time for the centenary of her birth, Patricia Highsmith’s diaries and notebooks offer an unparalleled insight into the life and mind of one of the 20th century’s most talented and fascinating writers. Written in her inimitable and dazzling prose and offering all the pleasures of Highsmith’s novels, these are one of the most compulsively readable literary diaries ever to be published.
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When death is dancing closer than you’d like, what becomes important? What do you need to tell your child? And how do you want to be remembered? A beautiful, tender, funny and poignant time-travelling memoir from a mother, and the generations that came before her, to her daughter. These are twenty-seven letters about the good, the bad, the magical and the whole damn thing.

Women today face a dilemma. How do we juggle our busy, demanding lives and never-ending to-do lists, with the essential need for self-care? We’re overwhelmed, frustrated, exhausted and either ignoring or oblivious to the signs of burnout. It’s time for change. No matter which stage of life you are at, _How to Be Well_ contains the information you need to take charge of your health and wellness.

Taking nine months as the perfect amount of time to research why people choose to have or not have children, journalist Rushton says, “I began reimagining motherhood and non-motherhood.” Previously believing that she never wanted children, as the desire to do so had never appeared, a medical emergency forces the realisation that she needs to actively make the choice. A powerful and forensic analysis of motherhood.

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First time mum Eliza Hull went searching for information about what to expect, but found a lack of material for parents with a disability, despite the fact that they make up 18% of Australian households. In _We’ve Got This_, twenty-five authors push back against society’s assumptions that deaf, disabled or chronically ill people cannot make wonderful parents too.

The 2011 Gonski Review highlighted the growing discrepancy between privileged students and those from more disadvantaged backgrounds. In the following decade, rather than closing the gaps identified by the review, education outcomes have worsened, and marginalised children are increasingly further behind. _Waiting for Gonski_ analyses the failings of education policy in Australia.

This book is a wake-up call to us all. Our teenagers are the most-sleep deprived population in human history—and as such face enormous threats to their emotional, mental and physical health. Drawing on decades of research, Heather Turgeon and Julie Wright provide insight to parents in reclaiming the importance of sleep for our young people, and present real strategies to overcome sleep deprivation.

Aimed at anyone who wants to get published, Simsion treats writing a book as a step by step process, and covers everything from practical tips on ideas to proofreading. Perfect for anyone who believes they have a novel or memoir inside them and needs a helping hand to bring it out.
The Future of Fungi
Michael Lim and Yun Shu
Thames & Hudson
Australia
HB $49.99

Beautifully designed, The Future of Fungi is a complete introduction to this hidden world. Exploring their past, present and potential future impact on food, medicine, psychedelics, mental health, and environmental remediation, this book invites us into a deeper awareness of our relationship with the natural world. Fungi has survived all five major extinction events, sustaining crucial environmental ecosystems, and we can learn much from this extraordinary kingdom.

Gift with Purchase Offer:
Purchase a copy of Fungi from participating bookshops (www.booksellers.com.au/stockists) and receive a free forager tote bag.
*While stocks last.

The Matter of Everything
Suzie Sheehy
Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB $29.99

May release
Physicist Suzie Sheehy introduces the people whose persistence led to an explosion in scientific experiment and discovery in the 20th century and shows how their work impacts so many facets of our lives. Whether it is radio and television, the chips that run our smart devices, or radar and microwaves, this is a story of desire to understand the unseen nature of our universe.

The First Astronomers
Duane Hamacher, with Elders and Knowledge Holders
Allen & Unwin
TPB $34.99

Guided by six First Nations Elders from around the world, Duane Hamacher takes us on a journey across space and time to reveal the wisdom of the first astronomers. These living systems of knowledge challenge conventional ideas about the nature of science. Indigenous science is dynamic, adapting to changes in the skyes and on Earth, pointing the way for a world facing the profound disruptions of climate change.

Skin Deep
Phillipa McGuinness
Vintage Australia
TPB $34.99

Based on hundreds of interviews with plastic surgeons, dermatologists, burn survivors and sufferers, victims and perpetrators of racism, Skin Deep explores beauty, ageing, imperfection, health and illness, all of which are closely related to skin. It interrogates whiteness and how the world responds to imperfection and difference, and the heuristic judgements we make about others based on this fundamental organ.

Burning Questions
Margaret Atwood
Chatto & Windus
HB $42.99

A compilation of non-fiction from 2004 onwards, Burning Questions contains speeches, reviews, essays and other miscellanea from the ever-curious Margaret Atwood. Atwood is accommodating and generous in her attempts at understanding an array of things that make us tick, from the existential concern of how we remain extant, to the storytelling nature of our species.

Who Needs the ABC?
Matthew Ricketson & Patrick Mullins
Scribe
TPB $29.99

The politicisation of the ABC has been ramped up over recent decades, led with particular fervour by the current Federal Government and their unrelenting support from the Murdoch media. Ricketson and Mullins take the contention that the ABC should be privatised, engage with the arguments and counter them, situating the ABC within the current political landscape.

How to Lose Friends and Influence White People
Antoinette Lattouf
Vintage Australia
TPB $34.99

May release
Journalist Antoinette Lattouf could not see herself, and the community around her, reflected in the blonde newsreaders on those who seek to tackle racism and inequality, and offers both hope and solutions for those seeking to make change.

The Idea of Australia
Julianne Schultz
Allen & Unwin
TPB $34.99

What is the ‘idea of Australia’? What defines the soul of our nation? Former publisher of Griffith Review, Professor Julianne Schultz challenges our notions of what it means to be Australian and asks timely, urgent questions about our national identity. Searing and compelling, this book explains to ourselves and suggests ways Australia can realise her true potential.

Chronics of Dissent
Noam Chomsky
Hamish Hamilton
TPB $35.00

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Making Australian History
Anna Clark

Many history-makers have left their mark on this country, whether it be etchings on rock, oral stories passed through generations or academic work from colonial institutions. Each of these history-makers were informed by their personal story of overcoming roadblocks from systemic abuse at Fairbridge Farm School. A very young Anthony Bernard, a survivor of Auschwitz, and his father, Henry, is the story of Tony Bernard's 40-year journey with his father, to try to understand the desperate choices Henry had made in the past to keep his family alive.

The Kelly Hunters
Grantlee Kieza

When Ned Kelly and his band of young tearaways ambushed and killed three policemen in a remote mountain camp in 1878, they sparked the biggest and most expensive manhunt Australia had seen. The hunt for the Kelly gang became a fierce battle between senior police as they prepared for the final shootout with Australia’s most infamous bushrangers. A gun battle that etched Ned Kelly’s physical toughness and defiance of authority into Australian folklore.

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Reckoning
David Hill

In the follow up to The Forgotten Children, David Hill’s account of how he and the other ‘forgotten children’, some as young as five, were exposed to systemic abuse at Fairbridge Farm School. A very personal story of overcoming roadblocks from powerful institutions, both here in Australia and Britain, to become a leader for abused children in their pursuit for justice, and how together they challenged the institutions and won.

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**Miimi Marraal, Mother Earth**
Melissa Greenwood
ABC Kids
HB $24.99

Miimi Marraal, she created us, you and me... A very special picture book for new babies about the connection between mothers, babies and Miimi Marraal, Mother Earth. Lovingly created by Gumbaynggirr artist Melissa Greenwood, of mother-daughter art and design label Miimi and Jinda, this will make a beautiful gift for new mums.

**When You’re Older**
Sofie Laguna and Judy Watson (Illus)
Allen & Unwin
HB $24.99

This is a perfectly illustrated story of an older brother talking to his new baby brother, telling him of the adventures they will have and the unbreakable bond that they will share forever. Such a special book, perfect for all children but especially for a sibling no matter what their age.

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Isla and Bea are two sisters who share a love of music. Big sister Isla plays the violin and Bea is waiting for her to start. With the help of Maestro Gus, the cat ghost of the piano, Bea will make her sparkling debut. Piano Fingers is the latest magical creation from the award-winning Caroline Magel.

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**Dinner Sorted!**
Jimmy Rees & Brony Stewart
Aftirm Press
HB $19.99

Who said dinnertime was hard? Dad’s got dinner sorted! Lenny and the twins sit at the table, ready to dig in. Dad has cooked a delicious meal – Lenny’s favourite! – and there is enough for everyone to have seconds. It all seems perfect until the twins decide that they don’t like green stuff and it’s too hot or maybe too cold and of course they want to know what’s for dessert.

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**Lion Is That You?**
Moira Court
Fremantle Press
HB $24.99

Are there really lions that were left behind by a traveling circus hiding out in the bush? Little readers will love joining in the search for the lions on every page and finding lots of Australian animals along the way. Moira Court’s detailed collages will keep kids entertained for hours.

**Katerina Cruickshanks**
Daniel Gray-Barnett
Scribe
HB $24.99

May release

Katerina Cruickshanks is bold. Katerina Cruickshanks arrives with a bang and leaves in a whirl. Katerina is a lot of things. Their friends think maybe too much! With bright and joyful illustrations this book shows us that, of course, Katerina’s friends, in the end, will love them just as they are.
Bored: Milo Finds $105
Matt Stanton
ABC Books Kids
PB $14.99
Matt Stanton, bestselling author of the Funny Kids and The Odds series, is back with this new laugh out loud series filled with hilarious disasters that will keep your young one giggling. Milo knows that chasing $105 down the street towards Evie’s house could end in disaster but who could ignore that much money?

Rainbow the Koala/ Star the Elephant
Remy Lai
Allen & Unwin
PB $14.99 each
It’s time for Rainbow the Koala to go out and find a tree to call home but it’s scary out there and is that smoke? Star the Elephant’s herd is on the move and there are a lot of new things to learn about, like humans. The first two books in a new graphic novel series for early readers with a message of caring for the natural world around us.

Mim and the Woeful Wedding
Katrina Nannestad and Cheryl Orsini (Illus)
ABC Kids
PB $14.99
Mim Cohen roams the world in a travelling bookshop, with her dad and brother and a horse called Flossy. Mim has arrived on a charming Greek Island, where a wedding is about to take place. Everyone is excited—everyone, that is, except the bride and groom. Mim knows they’re here to help Anjelica, the bride and to stop the wedding…

Pearly and Pig and the Great Hairy Beast
Sue Whiting
Walker Books Australia
PB $15.99
Pearly Woe worries about everything, especially that she’ll never be brave enough to be like her parents and become a member of The Adventurists’ Guild, a top-secret group of adventurers. But when her parents go missing and her pet pig (called Pig) is kidnapped, Pearly realises she will need to face her fears. Before she knows it Pearly is on an icebreaker on her way to Antarctica and it is up to her to save the day.

How To Spell Catastrophe
Fiona Wood
Pan Australia
PB $16.99
Neil is a catastrophe expert, but no one has prepared her for mum’s plans to merge families with her boyfriend and his annoying daughter. And grade six is turning into an emotional obstacle course. When Neil decides to tackle the biggest catastrophe of them all, climate change, old and new friends come together, and along the way plans to foil the family merge give way to an understanding that it might not be such a disaster after all.

Dear Greta
Yvette Poshoglian
Puffin Australia
PB $16.99
When everything seems to be going wrong, sometimes you just have to stand up for what you believe in, even if it’s just in your own little corner of the world. This was meant to be Alice’s year to shine, but things are already going wrong. Through her letters to Greta, Alice finds herself opening up about her life. And as Alice approaches the hard questions by wondering, ‘What would Greta do?’, she starts to believe that she can make a difference — a big one.

The Callers
Kiah Thomas
Harper Collins Children’s
PB $15.99
May release
Welcome to Elipsom, a society reliant upon the Guild, a top-secret group of adventurers. But Neil thinks she’ll never be brave enough to be like her parents and become a member of the Guild. Neil decides to tackle the biggest catastrophe of them all, climate change, and along the way plans to foil the family merge give way to an understanding that it might not be such a disaster after all.

Hedgewitch
Skye McKenna
Welbeck
HB $22.99
It’s been seven years since Cassie last saw her mother. Left at boarding school, she spends her days hiding from the school bully and reading forbidden story books about the world of Faerie. Certain that her mother is still alive, Cassie runs away from school. Chased by goblins she escapes with the help of a flying broom and a talking cat who takes her to the magical village of Hedgedy. And this is when the real adventure begins…

Gustav and Henri
Andy Matthews and Peader Thomas
Hardie Grant Children’s Publishing
PB $14.99
Gustav and Henri are best friends, who love space, food, and adventure, and in this hilarious young graphic novel they will take you into three irresistible funny stories. Perfect for all little ones who love funny illustrations and feel-good stories of friendship and loyalty.

When Granny Came to Stay/ Maku
Alice Pung/ Meyne Wyatt
Pan Australia
PB $12.99 each
When Granny comes to stay everything changes but when she leaves will things go back to the way they were? Maku loves superhero movies and going bush with Nan and Pop. The first two titles in a new series for early readers that celebrate Australia’s multicultural society with authors and illustrators from a diverse range of backgrounds.

The Unstoppable Flying Flanagan
Felice Arena
Puffin Australia
PB $16.99
It’s 1942 in Melbourne and football mad Maggie doesn’t think much about the war taking place even though her brother Patrick is in the RAAF over in Europe. But when she sees a Japanese plane flying overhead and Darwin is bombed, she starts to wonder what this will mean for the upcoming football season. Then Patrick is reported missing, and Maggie decides to put on all-girl football match to raise money for the troops, but not everyone thinks girls should be playing football.

The Way of Dog
Zana Fraillon
UQP
PB $16.99
May release
Scruffity is a sad little dog waiting to be adopted, stuck in a lonely cage, he is about to give up when a young boy comes and helps him escape. They have a big, true love but tragedy strikes and Dog is alone again. Always searching for his boy. This beautiful verse novel, with lovely illustrations, is a moving tale for upper middle grade readers.

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Young Adult

**Family of Liars**
E. Lockhart  
Allen & Unwin  
TPB $24.99

The prequel to *We Were Liars* takes readers back to an earlier time and a different summer for the Sinclair Family on their private island off the coast of Massachusets. This time we focus on three sisters at a pivotal time in their teenage years. When tragedy upends what was meant to be a time of fun, laughter, and first love, the bonds of family are tested, revealing who will crack under the pressure, and who will forever uphold the Sinclair family’s rules.

**The Agathas**
Kathleen Glasgow and Liz Lawson  
HarperCollins Children’s  
PB $19.99

This exciting who-done-it is a smart and sarcastic nailbiter, led by the once super popular Alice and her tutor, Isis. The two team together to solve the murder of Alice’s former best friend and boyfriend stealer, Brooke. The town of Castle Cove holds many secrets, and The Agathas will have you thinking, what would Agatha Christie do?

**Slipping the Noose**
Meg Caddy  
Text  
PB $19.99

This historical fictional tale is based on the real pirate Anne Bonny, who managed to escape execution in the 1720’s due to the fortunate consequence of being pregnant. The actual fate of Bonny is unknown but author Meg Caddy breathes life into her subsequent fictional exploits and whereabouts, and brings them vividly and rakishly to life in this rollicking adventure.

**Sugar**
Carly Nugent  
Text  
PB $19.99

Persephone is angry. Angry that her life revolves around finger-prick tests, carbohydrate counts and insulin injections. Angry at Alexander Manson and angry with her mum, but most of all she’s angry with herself. Sugar is the story of a sixteen-year-old girl trying to make sense of the life changing events sending her world into a spin. 15+

**We Who Hunt the Hollow**
Kate Murray  
Hardie Grant Children’s Publishing  
PB $19.99

In a wild near future of risen seas, acid storms and beasts from beyond our universe, 17-year-old monster hunter Priscilla is the youngest daughter of a family of women warriors. She discovers she has a frightening new power—and the boy she’s falling for wants to use it to tear down the world.

**Unlimited Futures**
Rafeef Ismail and Ellen van Neerven  
Fremantle Press  
PB $19.99

Unlimited Futures is, as the title suggests, a way forward for established and emerging First Nations and People of Colour writers in this anthology of speculative fiction, reflecting visionary pasts, hopeful futures and the invisible ties between the writers. They point to new futures in both styles of writing and imagination.
**Around the Kitchen Table**
Sophie Hansen
Murdoch Books
PB $39.99

*Around The Kitchen Table* is an invitation to pause our busy lives and create something good every day. Celebrating the joy and sense of satisfaction that comes from making, and arranged by season, this lovely book is filled with recipes to cook, preserves to make, things to sketch, crafts for the not-crafty, and more.

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**Cinnamon and Salt: Cicchetti in Venice**
Emiko Davies
Hardie Grant Books
HB $40.00

*Cinnamon and Salt* is a collection of recipes, stories and photographs that invite you to beautiful Venice through its beloved cicchetti. Cicchetti (chi-ke-tee) are little morsels; think of them as appetisers, aperitivo or hors d’oeuvres — undeniably, distinctly Venetian and a delicious nod to Venice’s casual way of life. Italy-based food writer Emiko Davies delves into the rich, multicultural history of Venice and its unique cuisine.

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**Yiaiya Next Door**
Daniel Mancuso and Luke Mancuso
Plum
PB $36.99

This is a story that might make you cry but will also fill you with love. When the Mancuso boys lost their mother to domestic violence, their Greek next-door neighbour grandmother (or Yiaiya) started passing them meals over the fence. Here is their story and a whole lot of Yiaiya’s incredible traditional Greek recipes — from pastries to soups and rice dishes and delicious barbecued lamb. A percentage of the sales of this book will be donated to the Australian Childhood Foundation.

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**Paon**
Tjok Maya Kerthysa & Wayan Kresna Yasa
Hardie Grant Books
HB $50.00

*Paon* is a beautiful cookbook sharing more than 80 dishes alongside essays and photography capturing the life, culture and food from across the island. Showcasing the depth and diversity of Balinese cuisine, this is an essential cookbook for lovers of Indonesian food and culture.

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**Lanka Food**
O Tama Carey
Hardie Grant Books
HB $55.00

Chef, restaurateur, and Lankan Filling Station owner O Tama Carey brings her knowledge of Sri Lankan food with recipes that demystify vegetable-dominant curries, hoppers, and the full range of spices and curry powders that enrich Sri Lankan dishes. With essays that further contextualise the cuisine, this cookbook is a guide for people wanting a deeper understanding of the culture and place.

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*Paon* is the essential stylebook to create a home that will stand the test of time. She shows how to balance comfort and new. With foreword by Paul Bangay, *Colour Is Home* is the essential stylebook to create a home that will stand the test of time.

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**Home**
Victoria Alexander
Love Books
HB $90.00

Home is a stunning photographic celebration of ‘home’ — our nest, our safe place, to recharge and rest, explore and be our unguarded self. Home is about pleasure and nurturing, about varying ideas of physical and emotional comfort. Our homes are the very essence of us.

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**Eat Weeds**
Diego Bonetto
Thames & Hudson Australia
HB $49.99

*Eat Weeds* is your guide through the city’s late-night food scene: from noisy izakayas, ramen joints and tempura bars, to gyoza pit-stops, curry restaurants and the iconic convenience stores that dot the city. With its vibrant design and delicious recipes, this cookbook will have you reminiscing about hidden restaurants, lively nightlife and the scent of yakitori.

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**Gift, Travel and Illustrated**

**Mothertongues**
Eliza Bell and Ceridwen Dovey
Hamish Hamilton Australia
TPB $34.99

After sharing their artistic frustrations at the school gate, Eliza Bell and Ceridwen Dovey decided to co-write a book about early motherhood. The result is a collection of songs, memoir, fiction, poetry, letters and texts that provide an intimate collage of absurd mothering, failing mothering and moving mothering. *Mothertongues* up-ends ideas of genre and speaks to motherhood anew.

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**Ultimate Australia Travel List**
Lonely Planet
HB $39.99

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**The Tree Book**
DK
HB $59.99

Trees form a diverse biome and have adapted to an enormous variety of climates throughout the world. They are an essential part of our natural history, they purify our air and have provided humans with shelter, fuel and food. This beautifully illustrated book brings it all together — scientific, historical and mythological knowledge and trees importance in history.

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