ADULT FICTION

**Dinner with the Schnabels**
Toni Jordan

HACHETTE AUSTRALIA
TPB $32.99

The Schnabels are a bossy, nosey, demanding, loud and loving family that Simon Larsen had the ‘luck’ to marry into. Simon is not doing well, having lost his business he has become a permanent resident on the couch, and the Schnabels are not helping. Toni Jordan brings wit and warmth to this excellent page turner about a man on hard times and the chaotic nature of family life.

**French Braid**
Anne Tyler

CHATTO & WINDUS
TPB $39.99

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 heartbeat and hilarity, it illuminates the kindnesses and cruelties of our daily lives and the impossibility of breaking free from those who love us.

**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 each of his children follow in adulthood, their lives are intertwined in a country that draws ever closer to secession and civil war, and the family’s ties are stretched to breaking point.

**Elizabeth Finch**
Julian Barnes

JONATHAN CAPE
HB $35.00

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.

**A Solitary Walk on the Moon**
Hilde Hinton

HACHETTE AUSTRALIA
TPB $32.99

Evelyn quietly observes those around her during theordinariness of her everyday life, always ready to offer a friendly smile if it is deserved. Never afraid to put things right, she is determined to help those she observes whether they like it or not. A joyous and unique novel that celebrates the lives of those around us and the wonderful things that can come from truly noticing them.

**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.

**Peach Blossom Spring**
Melissa Fu

WILDFIRE
TPB $32.99

It’s China 1938 and Meilin 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.

**Lessons in Chemistry**
Bonnie Garmus

DOUBLEDAY
TPB $32.99

In this heartfelt and funny debut novel, we meet Elizabeth Zott, an 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.
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A tempestuous tale of passion and intrigue. Nancy Cunard was a great beauty, rich, promiscuous, with a mesmeric effect on men. She was also highly intelligent, reading widely and writing poetry. Of Nancy's many affairs the five included in this book are the ones with the American poet Ezra Pound, the novelists Aldous Huxley and Michael Arlen, Louis Aragon and finally and controversially the black American pianist Henry Crowder.

Don’t Be Too Polite, Girls

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.

Hannah Gadsby, one of comedy’s truly unique voices, returns with a refreshingly honest commentary on her life, society and the defining moments leading up to the ground-breaking *Nanette.* Ten Steps to *Nanette* traces Gadsby’s growth as a queer person in 90s’ Tasmania to her ever-evolving relationship with comedy, and her struggles with late-in-life diagnoses of autism and ADHD.

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Katherine Tamiko Arguile was born in Tokyo and now lives in Adelaide. A woman from a Japanese and English heritage, she is a beautiful writer, and in this book she presents Japan to us in memories, history, stories, and importantly food and recipes. A gorgeous package, this book is filled with exquisite writing and fascinating tales and is much more than just a cookbook.

Dr Kylie 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.

Sneaky Little Revolutions

This new edition of Charmian Clift's essays is drawn from the weekly newspaper column Clift wrote through the turbulent and transformative years of the 1960s. In these ‘sneaky little revolutions’, as Clift once called them, she supported the rights of women and migrants, called for social justice for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, opposed conscription and the war in Vietnam, fought censorship—and much more.

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Incredible traditional Greek recipes.

Mother tongues
Ceridwen Dovey & Eliza Bell

When Chloe Hooper’s partner is diagnosed with a rare and aggressive illness she has to find a way to tell their two young sons. Using the deep wisdom of children’s books she embarks on a quest to find what practical lessons children’s literature can teach about grief and resilience in real life. Both memoir and manual, and stunningly illustrated by Anna Walker.

Growing up in Country Australia
Rick Morton ed.
Growing up in Country Australia challenges many of the clichés about Australia and the bush. Nearly forty writers take us through the diverse realities of growing up in rural Australia—and stories of leaving regions for city life. Drawn together from established and emerging authors from a wide range of backgrounds, including First Nations and new migrants, these stories tell of adventure and freedom, but also natural disasters and isolation.

The life-changing magic of a little bit of mess
Kerri Sackville

In an era of decluttering gurus, cleaning bloggers and aspirational pantries, Kerri Sackville has studied the evidence and instead, she has embraced domestic imperfection. In this life-changing magic of letting your standards slip. Kerri explains why cleanliness is not next to godliness, why decluttering is the enemy of joy and why no-one cares about your messy bedroom.

Around the kitchen table
Sophie Hansen

Around the Kitchen Table is an invitation to pause our busy, demanding lives and cook something good everyday. 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.

A House Party in Tuscany
Amber Guinness

Amber Guinness grew up and learned to cook in an 18th-century farmhouse in Tuscany. And it is here she established The Amiamo Painting School, a residential painting and immersive art and food experience course. Filled with recipes for classic dishes and cocktails, feast curation, seasonal menu suggestions, A House Party in Tuscany will transport you to the Tuscan countryside and the magic of Amiamo.

Paon
Yasa

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 cookbook contains information specifically to realise that it was the world that was wrong, of fandom and obsession, the more she delved into the world she thought that something was seriously wrong with her. But the more she delved into the world of fandom and obsession, the more she came to realise that it was the world that was wrong, specifically, the squashing of women’s passions along the way to adulthood. This book reclaims women’s joy, unashamedly and very humourously.

This is not a book about Benedict Cumberbatch
Tabitha Carvan

When Tabitha Carvan woke up in her 40s with a raging crush on Benedict Cumberbatch, she thought that something was seriously wrong with her. But the more she delved into the world of fandom and obsession, the more she came to realise that it was the world that was wrong, specifically, the squashing of women’s passions along the way to adulthood. This book reclaims women’s joy, unashamedly and very humourously.
**The Kitchen Dresser**
Simon Griffiths

**THAMES & HUDSON AUSTRALIA**
**HB $49.99**

In The Kitchen Dresser, photographer Simon Griffiths captures the beauty and charm of this iconic piece of furniture that is at once functional, ornamental and deeply heartwarming. Made from Welsh oak or elm, Tasmanian Huon pine or reclaimed timber, the humble dresser – originally built for food preparation and storage – has become the treasured centrepiece of many a home and is having another renaissance.

**Home**
Victoria Alexander

**LOVE BOOKS**
**HB $90.00**

By Sydney-based designer, freelance stylist, former fashion editor and author of One, Colour and Real, 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.

**The Future is Fungi**
Michael Lim & Yun Shu

**THAMES & HUDSON AUSTRALIA**
**HB $49.99**

Future is 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.

**100 Australian Wildflowers**
Mel Baxter

**HARDE GRANT**
**PB $29.99**

May release

Inspired by the landscape around her, Baxter’s signature illustrations vibrantly showcase the Australian wildflower—with a healthy dash of Australiana whimsy. Add to that, comprehensive wildflower profiles, detailing everything from planting and foraging advice, to traditional first nations uses, and you get a perfect field guide to delight gardeners, conservationists, nature (and art) lovers alike.

**Wise Words from Bookish Women**

**HARPER BY DESIGN**
**HB $16.99**

This uplifting collection celebrates inspiring bookish women the world over by bringing us their thoughts on life, love, politics, education and beyond. From writers, thinkers, leaders, activists and change-makers, each of these quotes demonstrates the power of words and positive thinking in our everyday lives.

**Miimi Marraal, Mother Earth**
Melissa Greenwood

**ABC KIDS**
**PB $24.99**

May Release

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 Jiinda, this will make a beautiful gift for new mums.

**Feather and Brush: A History of Australian Bird Art 2nd Ed.**
Penny Olsen

**CSIRO PUBLISHING**
**HB $69.99**

Feather and Brush traces the history of bird art in Australia – from the simple engravings illustrating accounts of the earliest European voyages of discovery to the diversity of artwork available today. The illustrations have been selected for their interest, whether ornithological, historical or artistic. This second edition includes new and revised chapters, and features 200 new artworks, including some by Indigenous artists.

**Plantphabet / Be Your Own Wildflower**

**HARPER BY DESIGN**
**HB $24.99 EACH**

Two beautifully botanical projects to enjoy. Plantphabet is a magical A-Z celebration of indoor plants vividly brought to life in full-colour illustrations. Be Your Own Wildflower affirmation cards are inspired by Holly Ringland’s The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart. 30 gorgeous cards curated with simple daily meditations and featuring Australian wildflowers and botanical notes.