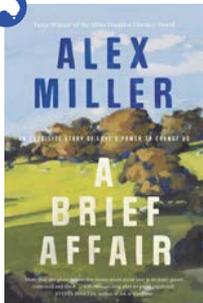


BookPeople Gift Guide

The best books for the holiday season as chosen by Australia's leading booksellers



Australian Fiction

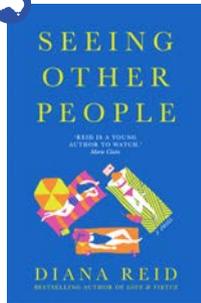


A Brief Affair Alex Miller

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

A Brief Affair is a gentle love story and a journey of self-discovery. It follows the life of Dr Frances Egan who, on the face of it, has it all—a well-established career

in academia, something she's worked hard to achieve, and a loving family. A brief affair, while on a visit to China, and the discovery of a long-forgotten diary, turn her life upside down and make her question her understanding of herself and everything she holds dear. Vintage Miller!



Seeing Other People Diana Reid

Ultimo Press
TPB \$32.99

Reid returns after the widespread success of *Love & Virtue*. Charlie and Eleanor are very different sisters living in Sydney, both trying

to work out how to be a good person. When Charlie's beautiful housemate Helen enters their lives, the two find their relationship stretched to breaking point. Reid weaves a wry tale of the delicate balance between selfishness and selflove, and how to navigate both when choosing between family and your heart.

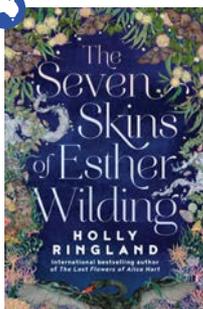


Limberlost Robbie Arnott

Text Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Ned hunts rabbits for their pelts, trying to save enough money to buy a boat. His father and sister are running the family orchard, Limberlost, while his older brothers

are away somewhere fighting in the war. With the orchard failing and his brother's absence, Ned must reconcile his personal dreams with the responsibilities that are thrust upon him. Masterful storytelling.

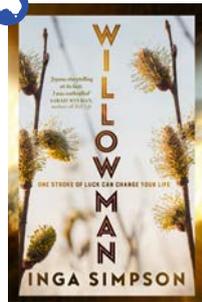


The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding Holly Ringland

4th Estate
TPB \$32.99

The last time Esther Wilding's sister Aura was seen, she was walking towards the sea. Looking for answers, Esther

travels from Tasmania to Copenhagen guided by stories left behind by Aura. Esther embarks on a haunting and magical journey of sisterly love and the transformation that can happen when you embrace both grief and joy. From the author of *The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart*.

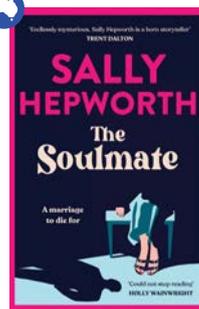


Willowman Inga Simpson

Hachette Australia
TPB \$32.99

Allan Reader is keeping the family business of Reader Cricket Bats alive in a small workshop in Melbourne. When Todd Harrow, a gifted young batter, catches

Allan's eye, a spark is lit and Allan decides to make a Reader bat for him, selecting the best piece of willow he's harvested. As Harrow charts a meteoric rise, Allan's magical bat takes centre stage. But can Allan's fledgling renaissance carry on after Harrow is stricken by injury and a strained personal life?



The Soulmate Sally Hepworth

Macmillan Australia
TPB \$34.99

The *New York Times* bestselling author is back with another twisty domestic thriller. Pippa and Gabe have just moved to a beautiful cliffside cottage in

Victoria that harbours a dark secret: it is a common suicide spot. Gabe becomes a town hero when he talks first one, then more, people off the brink, but when he fails to save someone, Pippa starts to ask questions.

International Fiction

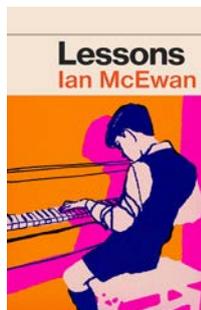


The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida Shehan Karunatilaka

Profile Books
TPB \$32.99

Winner of the 2022 Booker Prize, and ten years after his prizewinning novel

Chinaman established him as one of Sri Lanka's foremost authors, Shehan Karunatilaka is back with a mordantly funny, searing satire. *The Seven Moons of Maali Almeida* is a state-of-the-nation epic that proves yet again that the best fiction offers the ultimate truth.

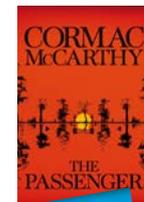


Lessons Ian McEwan

Jonathan Cape
TPB \$32.99

Roland Baines' life is a fascinating telling of 20th century events in McEwan's epic semi-autobiographical new novel. Difficult relationships with his

parents and complex influences of women in his life render Baines a seeker of the next thing, a scarred psychology in need of something but not quite knowing what. A brilliant and (at times) unusually autobiographical view of the (white male) Baby Boomer experience and the historical events that shape them.



The Passenger Stella Maris

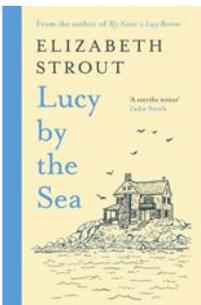
Cormac McCarthy

Picador | HBs
\$45.00 (*The Passenger*)
\$34.99 (*Stella Maris*) Dec Release

Bobby Western is a scuba diver and mathematical genius called to a strange job—a submerged jet with nine bodies intact, but missing the black box, the pilot's bag, and the tenth passenger. A decade earlier Western's sister

Alicia enters therapy, and these seven sessions comprise *Stella Maris*, an intellectual and emotional coda to *The Passenger*. The pairing is a thrilling mystery that weaves together science, maths, philosophy, and theology in examination of what it is to live, love and die.

International Fiction

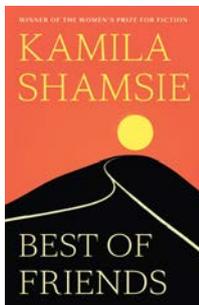


Lucy by the Sea Elizabeth Strout

Viking
HB \$32.99

Lucy by the Sea follows the heroine of *My Name is Lucy Barton* through the early days of the pandemic. In March 2020 Lucy's ex-husband pleads with her to leave New

York and escape to a coastal house he has rented in Maine. As she reluctantly agrees, what was thought to be a week or two turns into months as Lucy lives with William and their complex past in a little house nestled against the sea.



Best of Friends Kamila Shamsie

Bloomsbury
TPB \$29.99

Kamila Shamsie follows her tale of family, *Home Fires*, with an equally beautifully written novel. This is the story of Maryam, from a wealthy Karachi family, and Zahra, from a more modest, middle class, background. From school days in Karachi, to high flying careers in London, the friendship is at times stretched to its limit, but can it endure?

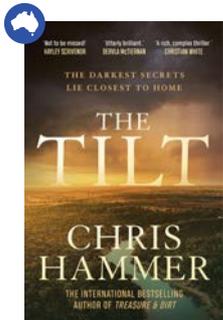


It Starts With Us It Ends With Us Colleen Hoover

Simon and Schuster
TPB \$32.99 (*It Starts with Us*)
PB \$22.99 (*It Ends With Us*)

It Starts with Us picks up right where the epilogue for the phenomenon *It Ends with Us* left off. Switching between the perspectives of Lily and Atlas, Colleen Hoover tells fan favourite Atlas' side of the story and shares what comes next in this long-anticipated sequel to the bestselling romance novel.

Crime & Thrillers

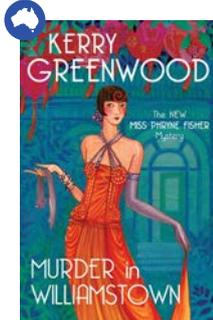


The Tilt Chris Hammer

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

This latest offering from the master of Australian crime fiction follows newly promoted detective Nell Buchanan as she returns to her hometown, and to a decades-old murder

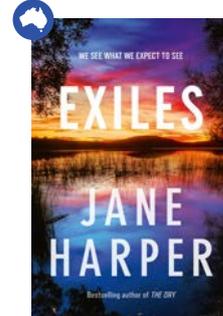
mystery. Set upon the backdrop of the Murray River, Chris Hammer deftly weaves together history, espionage, and family intrigue to create a gripping and multi-layered novel that will keep you guessing until the final page.



Murder in Williamstown Kerry Greenwood

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

What a delight to be back in the presence of the indomitable Phryne Fisher and her coterie of trusty sidekicks. A delightful romp with all the trademark elements—extravagant house parties, flirtatious dalliances, mysterious goings on, enterprising young people and of course the travails of Dot and Hugh. Pour a cup of tea or a glass of bubbles and get ready to savour every moment.

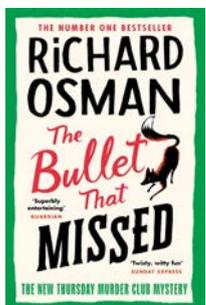


Exiles Jane Harper

Macmillan Australia
TPB \$32.99

A woman disappears from a small-town festival leaving a baby asleep in a pram. A year later her family are still holding out hope she is alive. When federal investigator

Aaron Falk arrives in town to attend a christening, he's drawn towards uncovering the truth and in the process stirs up simmering resentments and long-held secrets. Another masterful page-turner from the queen of rural noir.

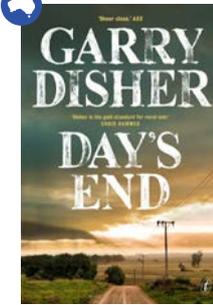


The Bullet that Missed Richard Osman

Viking
TPB \$32.99

The third outing for the Thursday Murder Club gang sees them investigate a young TV reporter's death from ten years ago. Joyce has a

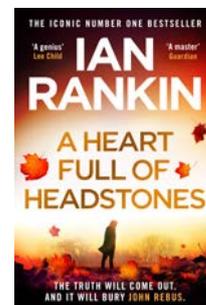
new cardigan especially to meet an esteemed TV journalist who may be able to help them. Could romance be on the cards for rough-around-the-edges Ron? And who is sending Elizabeth cryptic and threatening text messages?



Day's End Garry Disher

Text Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Hirsch is used to dealing with problems which beset small towns, and during the pandemic he sees heightened stress and emerging social divisions. Whilst helping international visitor Janne, whose backpacker son disappeared during the lockdowns, a call comes in about a roadside fire. A burned suitcase is found containing a body, not Janne's son, and the tension ramps up.



A Heart Full of Headstones Ian Rankin

Orion
TPB \$32.99

Ian Rankin returns with the 24th book in the John Rebus series. Rebus is in trouble, serious trouble with the possibility of prison time. Times have changed since the days of hard policing but has Rebus changed with them? As Inspector Siobhan Clarke works on this missing corrupt cop case, it seems increasingly likely that Rebus may be the perpetrator.

Biographies



My Dream Time Ash Barty

HarperCollins
HB \$49.99

"*My Dream Time* is about finding the path to being the best I could be, not just as an athlete but as a person ..." It's about tennis, family, teamwork, purpose, perspective,

gratitude, disappointment, doing what you love, being your best, winning and more. Ash Barty tells her compelling and exciting story, detailing the highs and lows, in a refreshing memoir from a new Australian icon.



I am NOT Fine, Thanks Wil Anderson

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

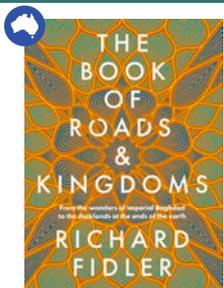
Part memoir, part manifesto, *I Am NOT Fine, Thanks* is a refreshing look back at the chaos of 2020 onwards, all told in Anderson's characteristic dry wit. Anderson rejects the pantomime of 'getting back to normal' and leads onwards to a future of hope and community. Fans of ABC's *Gruen*, and his stand-up comedy will not be disappointed.



Nothing Bad Ever Happens Here Heather Rose

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$32.99

Award-winning author Heather Rose lays herself bare in this luminous, compelling, and utterly surprising memoir. She reveals herself as a wild barefoot girl keen for adventure, a seeker of truth initiated in ancient rituals, a fledgling writer who becomes one of Australia's most acclaimed authors and a fierce mother whose body may falter at any moment.

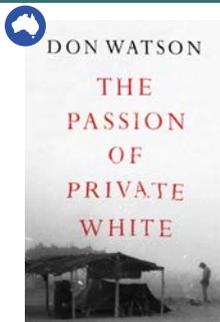


The Book of Roads & Kingdoms
Richard Fidler

ABC Books
HB \$39.99

The story of medieval travellers during Islam's golden age, when

Baghdad was the richest city in the world. The citizens of Baghdad were modern, looking out to the world for knowledge that traders, diplomats, soldiers, and scientists brought back from their journeys into the unknown. A tale of adventurers and a once great empire, expertly told by Richard Fidler.

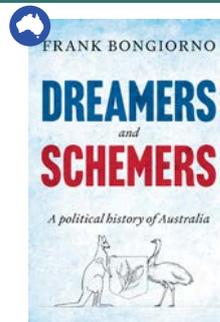


The Passion of Private White
Don Watson

Scribner
HB \$45.00

Anthropologist Neville White detailed the culture and history of the Yolgnu clans in north-east Arnhem Land over a 50-year relationship. White

also carried the scars of Vietnam and began to bring members of his old platoon to help him work with the community. This coming together of trauma delivers a story of humanity's resilience and adaptivity, and our need for personal and national healing.

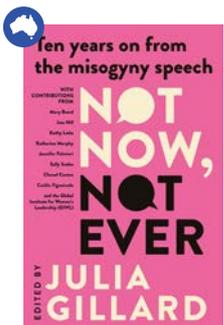


Dreamers and Schemers
Frank Bongiorno

La Trobe University Press
TPB \$39.99

Australian historian Frank Bongiorno has written a book depicting the social and cultural aspects of political life, from pre-settlement Indigenous

systems through to present times. His historical account covers informal to formal meeting places and all aspects of party formation and looks at how politics has influenced and transformed our nation to what it is today.



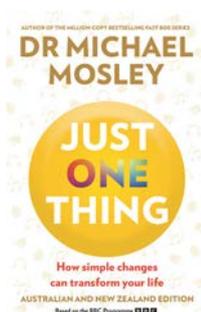
Not Now, Not Ever

Julia Gillard

Vintage Australia
TPB \$35.00

A wide spread of feminist contributors reflect on the legacy of former Prime Minister Julia Gillard's iconic 'misogyny speech'. From

recollections by Wayne Swan and Cate Blanchett, to analysis of its ongoing popularity with young Australians on TikTok, Gillard herself has compiled an anthology that stands as testament to the speech's impact and longevity.

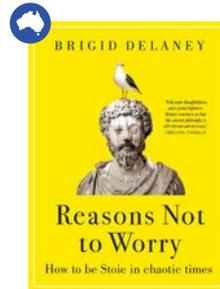


Just One Thing
Dr Michael Mosley

Hachette Australia
HB \$34.99

In *Just One Thing*, Dr Michael Mosley unearths a range of small simple things you can introduce into your routine, whose impacts are so surprising and intriguing you will be

desperate to try them out. He chats to experts, road-tests all his tips and even enlists the help of some very special guests to help you find that one small thing that could really make a difference to how you feel every day.



Reasons Not to Worry

Brigid Delaney

Allen & Unwin
PB \$24.99

The modern world presents us with so many problems and issues, one can get flustered

trying to find the answers. However, the human condition has been a talking point for millennia. In Brigid Delaney's brilliant book, she seeks truths from the ancient stoic philosophers Epictetus (Greek), Seneca (Roman), and Marcus Aurelius (Roman emperor) to provide our modern lives with some much-needed enlightenment.

Food, Garden & Illustrated



RecipeTin Eats Dinner
Nagi Maehashi

Macmillan Australia
PB \$44.99

A brilliant debut cookbook from Nagi Maehashi of 'RecipeTin Eats' blog fame. From naan bread to crispy

Korean pancakes to Beef Wellington, *Dinner* is a practical culture-hopping guide both for those keen to hone their culinary craft, or just starting out in the kitchen. Included with each recipe are links to Nagi's famous video tutorials, serving suggestions, and photographs of beloved kitchen assistant— Dozer the Golden Retriever.

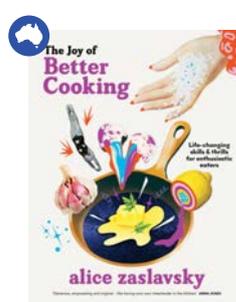


Lune
Kate Reid

Hardie Grant Books
HB \$55.00

Lune Croissanterie is one of the most famous bakeries in the world, loved by Nigella Lawson and Yotam Ottolenghi. Star baker Kate Reid has

spent months and months perfecting the recipe to make croissants at home. With step-by-step techniques for rolling and shaping croissants, followed by recipes for every hour of the day, plus what to do with leftovers and how to make a croissant a special occasion, this is the ultimate guide to baking the world's best-loved pastry.



The Joy of Better Cooking
Alice Zaslavsky

Murdoch Books
HB \$49.99

If you already enjoy the eating part, you have everything it takes to find joy in cooking too.

With her unbounding enthusiasm, let Alice lead you on a journey to confident, intuitive cooking. This vibrant kitchen manual contains stacks of veg-forward recipes with handy kitchen skills that will make you aspire to be a better cook.



Dream Gardens
Michael McCoy

Hardie Grant Books
HB \$70.00

A companion to the hit ABC TV series, in this beautifully photographed book, designer Michael

McCoy, shows us the challenges and rewards in creating gorgeous yet functional gardens and outside spaces. Featuring a wide variety of challenging spaces, from tiny plots in the inner city to expansive country acreages, this book proves that great design can always find a perfect solution to suit an owner's needs.



Bloom
Lauren Camilleri and Sophia Kaplan

Smith Street Books
HB \$55.00

Bloom features interviews with plant

lovers who have filled their homes with blooming plants. Learn all about the different types and how to care for them and find inspiration to introduce and style flowers in your own home. Whether you've never owned a plant or you've cultivated a greenhouse of orchids, *Bloom* has tips for care, style, and arrangements that will turn your house into an indoor garden.



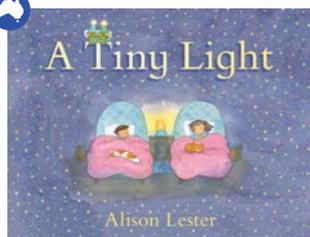
Lonely Planet's The Islands Book

Lonely Planet
HB \$49.99

Journey to 150 of the world's most unique and enchanting islands in this beautiful new pictorial book

from Lonely Planet. Featuring photography, detailed maps, bespoke illustrations, and practical information to help plan your trip, this gorgeous hardcover provides endless ideas for future seaside escapes and makes the perfect gift for the intrepid traveller in your life.

Children’s & Young Adult

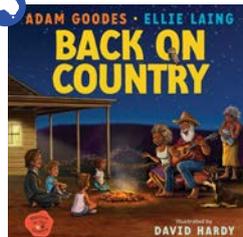


A Tiny Light Alison Lester

UQP
HB \$19.99

Alison Lester once again

delivers everything we’ve come to expect from the former Australian Children’s Laureate. Wonderful rhyming text accompanies her trademark illustrations, as she takes us on an adventure through the night sky. At once hopeful and comforting, it is perfect for any child aged from 0-6.



Back On Country Adam Goodes, Ellie Laing and David Hardy (illus)

Allen & Unwin
HB \$19.99

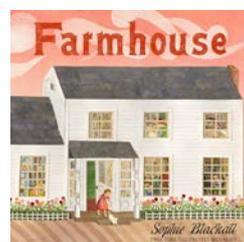
A wonderful story of children going back on Country for the first time. Told using some Indigenous language and using a simple illustrated glossary, lessons about Indigenous culture are woven through the story. This is a beautiful book about reconnecting with family, culture and Country.



Come Together Isaiah Firebrace and Jaelyn Biunmaiwai (illus)

Hardie Grand Explore HB \$24.99

A heart-warming book from pop artist and Yorta Yorta and Gunditjmarra man Isaiah Firebrace, inspired by his petition to the Australian Government calling for Aboriginal history to be taught in every classroom. Using his own story, Isaiah looks at 20 key topics that every Aussie kid should know about First Nations people.



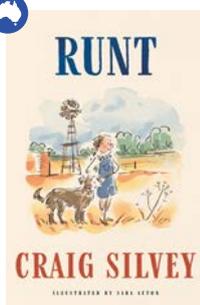
Farmhouse Sophie Blackall

Lothian Children’s Books

HB \$24.99

This extraordinary picture book by two-time Caldecott winner Sophie

Blackall is an instant classic. Telling the story of an old, dilapidated farmhouse and the family who used to live there, Sophie has used scrumptious layers of collage salvaged from the actual house to create a dollhouse-like interior and a snapshot into a long past time and place. It is one of those special books that can be enjoyed by young and old and definitely one to spend hours appreciating the love and detail in each gorgeous page. A divine gift for every member of the family!



Runt Craig Silvey and Sara Acton (illus)

Allen & Unwin
HB \$22.99

Runt is the heart-warming story of Annie Shearer and her adopted best friend Runt. Runt is a fast and agile dog

who after years of evading capture has found companionship with Annie. This is one of those classic stories in which you are rooting for the underdog to win against all odds. You will laugh and cry and be moved by this tale of kindness and friendship.

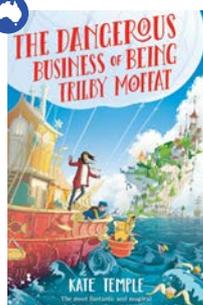


Waiting for the Storks Katrina Nannestad

ABC Kids Books
HB \$19.99

Set during WWII we meet Zofia, a young Polish girl who is taken from her home and adopted by a wealthy German

family giving her a comfortable and loving home, but in this process, she loses her Polish heritage. One day a Polish boy arrives, and her past is back to haunt her. Told with Katrina’s amazingly tender style this book is powerful and heart-wrenching.



The Dangerous Business of Being Trilby Moffat Kate Temple

Lothian Children’s Books
PB \$16.99

I wish all books could be narrated by a thylacine who studies law. This

book is really crazy, there is a strange sleeping disease sweeping the world, there is a lot of eating cakes for breakfast, time bending, and parallel universes and I really loved the clever crossword clues at the beginning of every chapter. It was so funny I kept reading lines out loud so then my whole family ended up reading the book too! **Reviewed by Rose, aged 9**

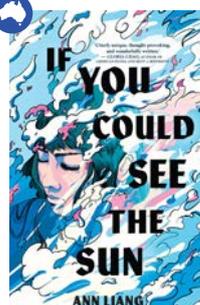


The Jammer Nova Weetman

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PB \$16.99

Roller Derby means everything to Fred, but when she loses her mum, she can’t face playing anymore. However, newfound family and friends might just help

her on the track to healing. This is a beautiful story about loss, family and Roller Derby, deftly and sensitively crafted, creating an uplifting tale full of warmth from one of Australia’s most popular middle-grade authors.



If You Could See the Sun Ann Liang

HQ Young Adult
PB \$19.99

Chinese-American scholarship student Alice Sun has two problems. First, she finds out her parents can no longer afford the balance of

fees for the elite Beijing international boarding school she attends and then she starts to turn invisible but maybe this new ‘skill’ can be her ticket to stay. Part fantasy, part romance and a wholly entertaining debut from Melbourne author Ann Liang.