

# Mother's Day Gift Guide

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The best books for Mum as chosen by Australia's leading booksellers

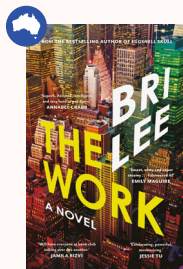
## Australian Fiction



**Safe Haven**  
**Shankari Chandran**  
Ultimo Press  
TPB \$34.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

Fina, a refugee and tireless advocate for others, is removed from her home in country Australia and threatened with deportation. Lucky Dharman, investigating a death, arrives at the brutal detention centre where Fina is held and soon realises his investigation and Fina's fate are inextricably linked. The 2023 Miles Franklin winner returns with another brilliant story of the immigrant experience.



**The Work**  
**Bri Lee**  
Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$32.99

When Lally—a wealthy, ambitious art curator—meets Pat—an antiques appraiser struggling to pay his rent—sparks fly immediately. Their international affair ebbs and flows like the market, while their aspirations and insecurities drive them both towards career-ending mistakes. A stunning debut novel about art, power, love and money from the acclaimed and bestselling author of *Eggshell Skull*.



**What Happened to Nina?**  
**Dervla McTiernan**  
HarperCollins  
TPB \$34.99

In this gripping suspense novel by the bestselling author of *The Ruin*, two families clash when Nina vanishes during a weekend trip with her partner, Simon. As Simon's story raises doubts, Nina's family battles against his influential relatives, resorting to unconventional tactics to uncover the truth amidst media frenzy and conspiracy theories.



**Thunderhead**  
**Miranda Darling**  
Scribe Publications  
HB \$29.99

Unfolding over a seemingly typical day, Winona Dalloway is a young mother running her household. Her waking day starts prior to the 'tiny tornado of little hands and feet', an indication of that which sustains her. As the day proceeds to its end, Winona's chaotic inner mindscape is revealed to be darkly funny and intense in its lacerating sharpness.



**Cool Water**  
**Myfanwy Jones**  
Hachette  
TPB \$32.99

A Queensland family gathers at the dam they built in the 1950s to celebrate a daughter's wedding. As the water begins to recede, strange objects begin to emerge, summoning disquieting memories along with them. An unforgettable novel about angry fathers and secretive sons that asks what it means to be a good man.



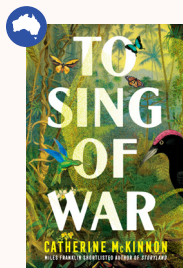
**Pheasants Nest**  
**Louise Milligan**  
Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$32.99

After humiliating a dangerous man on a girls' night out, journalist Kate Delaney finds herself beaten, bound, and gagged in the back of a car. While her best friend and boyfriend race to put together the clues to aid the search for her, Kate knows all too well how these stories end and every minute that passes diminishes her chances of survival. An unputdownable thriller debut.



**One Another**  
**Gail Jones**  
Text Publishing  
TPB \$34.99

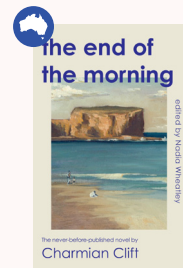
An examination of the intersections of art and life in Gail Jones's distinctively immersive and rich prose. At Cambridge, in 1992, Australian student Helen is completing her thesis on Joseph Conrad. But she is distracted by a charming and dangerous lover, and the loss of her thesis on a train. The drama of the lost manuscript sets in motion a series of events with possibly fatal consequences.



**To Sing of War**  
**Catherine McKinnon**  
4th Estate  
TPB \$32.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

From the author of *Storyland*, comes a beautiful, rich and thrilling novel of love, war and friendship. Set in the last months of WWII, the story moves from New Guinea to Los Alamos, the US and Japan. When a weapon of mass destruction changes the nature of war; how does fear shape our behaviour and what is unforgivable in love and war?



**The End of the Morning**  
**Charmian Clift & edited by Nadia Wheatley**  
NewSouth Publishing  
PB \$34.99

Charmian Clift's unfinished semi-autobiographical novel set in a NSW coastal town during the Great Depression introduces Cressida Morley and her eccentric family, reflecting Clift's own upbringing. Published for the first time alongside a selection of Clift's essays, it showcases the talent of one of Australia's most celebrated essayists.

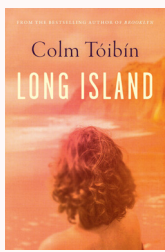
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**Long Island**  
**Colm Tóibín**

Picador Australia  
TPB \$34.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

It is 1976, and Ellis Lacey, now in her forties with teenage children, lives in Long Island with her extended Italian American family. When a stranger arrives with shattering news, Ellis has choices to make, and what she chooses to do makes this one of Tóibín's most riveting and emotional novels to date. This gorgeous, enthralling sequel to *Brooklyn* is about longing and the rekindling of bonds with places and people left behind.



**All Fours**  
**Miranda July**

Canongate  
TPB \$32.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

*All Fours* follows a semi-famous artist who abruptly changes her cross-country journey to seek a new kind of freedom at a local motel. With humor and a deep dive into personal intimacy, Miranda July explores the reinvention of life through the eyes of a 45-year-old woman, blending absurdity with sincere insights into sexual and domestic experiences.

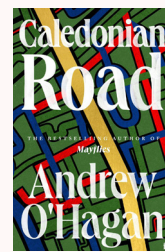


**Table for Two**  
**Amor Towles**

Hutchinson Heinemann  
TPB \$34.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

*Table for Two* brings together six glamorous short stories based in New York and a peek into what happened to Eve Ross of *Rules of Civility* fame. Towles considers the fateful consequences that can spring from brief encounters and the delicate mechanics of compromise that operate at the heart of modern marriages. The novella, *Eve in Hollywood*, serves as a follow up to Towles's novel *Rules of Civility*. Towles fans are in for a treat.

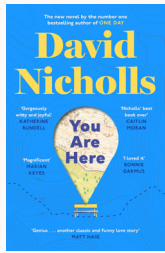


**Caledonian Road**  
**Andrew O'Hagan**

Faber  
TPB \$34.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

Campbell Flynn has it all. He's a well-regarded art historian with the status of celebrity intellectual. When he strikes up a working relationship with a former student, his liberalism and assumptions come to seem performative and shallow as his world view is challenged. A brilliant contemporary satire skewering the inequities and pretensions of Brexit times.



**You Are Here**  
**David Nicholls**

Sceptre  
TPB \$32.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

David Nicholls leads us on a walk across the north of England, seen through the eyes of Marnie and Matthew. Strangers both, they have each succumbed to singledom, but their friend Cleo is having none of that and conspires to get them out of their comfort zones. Perhaps two weeks of all-weather cross-country walking is exactly the fix they need.



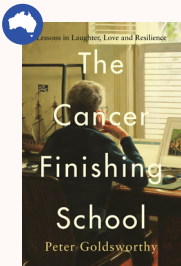
**The Summer We Crossed Europe in the Rain**  
**Kazuo Ishiguro & Bianca Bagnarelli (illus)**

Faber  
Demy HB \$39.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

From the Nobel Prize-winning author of *Never Let Me Go* comes a gorgeously illustrated volume of lyrics written for the Grammy-nominated jazz singer Stacey Kent. An exquisite coming together of the literary and musical worlds, with lyrics infused with yearning, melancholy, love, and the romance of travel and liminal spaces.

Biographies & Memoirs



**The Cancer Finishing School**  
**Peter Goldsworthy**

Viking  
TPB \$36.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

Novelist, poet and Doctor 'Pete' Goldsworthy's new memoir offers wisdom, humour and wonder in the face of incurable illness. Darkly humorous and deeply moving, Goldsworthy turns his cancer into a meditation on life, love and acceptance, resulting in a fascinating mixture of his own experiences and stories of odd and interesting cases of coping with the inevitable.

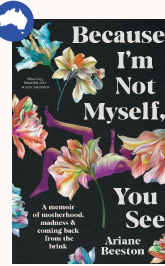


**Love, Death & Other Scenes**  
**Nova Weetman**

UQP  
TPB \$34.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

Beloved Australian author Nova Weetman's unforgettable memoir asks how we can continue to live and love through unimaginable loss. A moving, honest account of losing a partner of twenty-five years during Covid, parenting teenagers through grief, and buying property for the first time at the age of fifty, all told in a warm and wise, and often joyful tone.



**Because I'm Not Myself, You See**  
**Ariane Beeston**

Black Inc.  
TPB \$36.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

For anyone who is a mother or has a mother, this is an important, unflinching, and raw memoir. Postnatal depression affects one in seven Australian families. Beeston's honesty and bravery to tell her story provide us all with insights and perspectives on motherhood and mental illness that we need to understand more about as a society.

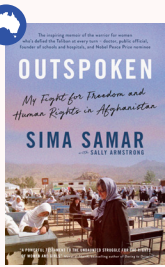


**Hope**  
**Rosie Batty**

HarperCollins  
TPB \$35.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

Following on from *A Mother's Story*, which detailed the lead up to her son's murder, *Hope* shares what happened to Rosie Batty the day after the worst day of her life and how she has reclaimed hope when all seemed lost. She shares her struggles as well as the stories of those who have inspired her to keep going.



**Outspoken**  
**Dr. Sima Samar & Sally Armstrong**

HarperCollins  
TPB \$34.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

*Outspoken* is a compelling memoir of Dr. Sima Samar, a Hazara woman who bravely challenged the Taliban to fight for women's rights in Afghanistan. As a doctor, public official, and founder of schools and hospitals, she has dedicated her life to pursuing justice and equality for all citizens in her country, despite facing significant personal risk.



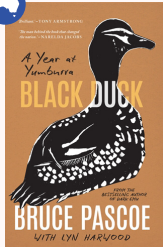
**Sure, I'll Join Your Cult**  
**Maria Bamford**

Gallery Books  
TPB \$32.99

**May release, pre-orders welcome**

Maria Bamford's memoir, *Sure, I'll Join Your Cult*, is a candid and humorous exploration of her struggles with mental health and belonging, detailing her journey through self-help groups and the entertainment industry. Known for her unique humour and resilience, Bamford transforms her challenges into comedy, aiming to connect with others feeling isolated.





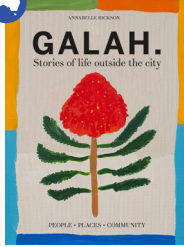
**Black Duck: A Year at Yumburra**

**Bruce Pascoe with Lyn Harwood**

Thames & Hudson Australia  
TPB \$34.99

In *Black Duck*, Bruce Pascoe and Lyn Harwood

share a vision for Australia's future, focusing on sustainable agriculture, forestry, and cuisine. Their memoir, set at their farm in Yumburra, encourages a deeper connection with nature and a path toward environmental restoration.



**Galah.**

**Annabelle Hickson**

Murdoch Books  
HB \$69.99

From the much-loved magazine of the same name, this stunning book brings together

the best work from more than 50 writers, photographers and artists, showcasing incredible landscapes, remarkable places, and the diversity and creativity of the people that call the country home.

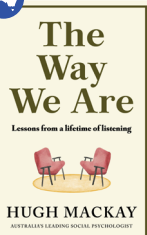


**A Very Secret Trade**  
**Cassandra Pybus**

Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

Cassandra Pybus reveals the colonial era's grim trade of Tasmania's Indigenous peoples' remains, highlighting the 19th-century obsession with collecting exotic specimens, including human bones. Her unflinching work uncovers the dark history of these 'gentleman' collectors and their impact on Tasmania's First People.



**The Way We Are**

**Hugh Mackay**

Allen & Unwin  
TPB \$34.99

May release, pre-orders welcome

One of Australia's leading social psychologists brings

a compelling portrait of Australia today. Drawing on thousands of interviews, Hugh Mackay shows the varying ways we as a society have changed over the years and the major trends that are shaking the foundations of the Australian way of life. Suffused with affection for our country, this is an important and ultimately an uplifting book.



**Your Time Starts Now**

**Julie Goodwin**

Ebury Australia  
TPB \$36.99

*Your Time Starts Now*, covers Julie Goodwin's journey from youth

worker to Australia's first *MasterChef* winner and a bestselling author. After her *MasterChef* victory, Goodwin achieved fame but struggled privately with depression and addiction, leading to hospitalisation. Goodwin's memoir offers a candid look at her difficult journey towards recovery, highlighting her resilience and ongoing commitment to healing.



**Kin: Family in the 21st Century**

**Marina Kamenev**

NewSouth Publishing  
PB \$34.99

The shape of family has changed in the 21st century. While the

nuclear family still exists, other forms of kinship surround us today. *Kin* is in-depth investigation of what influences us to have children and the new ways parenthood has been made possible. It examines couples without children, single parents by choice and rainbow families, and investigates the impacts of adoption, sperm donation, IVF and surrogacy, and the potential for a future of designer babies.



**Sister Viv**

**Grantlee Kieza**

ABC Books  
TPB \$35.99

Grantlee Kieza has yet again brought us another amazing tale of Australian history, this time of

Australian Army nurse Vivian Bullwinkel. At just twenty-six, she was the sole survivor of a Japanese execution and then spent the next three and a half years in captivity. Viv went on to become a leader in the Australian nursing field and recipient of numerous awards.



**Power of Balance**

**Dr Kerryn Phelps**

Hardie Grant  
HB \$49.99

Dr Kerryn Phelps AM has been a changemaker in Australian life, as Deputy Lord Mayor of Sydney

and a leader of the LGBT+ community in Australia. Phelps explores her struggles around the Medevac issue, Covid-19 policy, Marriage Equality and her ascension to Federal Parliament to represent the people of Wentworth. A provocative memoir of a fascinating woman and an Australian leader.



**How to Knit a Human**

**Anna Jacobson**

NewSouth Publishing  
PB \$34.99

This is Anna Jacobson's memoir-quest to regain her life after experiencing psychosis and electroconvulsive therapy

at age 23. As memory barriers begin to crumble, Anna weaves her experiences around the gaps of memories that are still not accessible alongside the cathartic act of knitting. This book is a reclamation of story and self.



**Artful Lives**

**Penny Olsen**

Melbourne Books  
PB \$39.99

From socialites to bohemians, Melbourne sisters Valerie and Yvonne Cohen were artists who

lived frugally, enjoyed mischief, and flaunted their unconventional lifestyle. Their circle included Lina Bryans, Clifton Pugh, and Arthur Boyd. Spanning most of the last century, their fascinating story is told by their cousin, Penny Olsen.

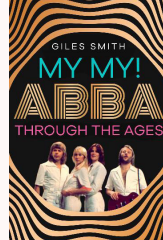


**Hazzard and Harrower: The Letters**

**Edited by Brigitta Olubas & Susan Wyndham**

NewSouth Publishing  
TPB \$39.99

The friendship between two of Australia's greatest writers was conducted primarily by letter, eventuating in four decades of letters, cards, and telegrams from Harrower's home in Sydney and Hazzard's abodes in New York and Italy. The correspondence, released after Harrower's death in 2020, bears witness to a complex friendship, including their infamous falling out.



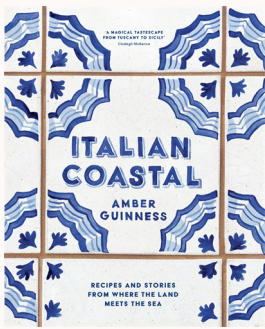
**My My!**

**Giles Smith**

Simon & Schuster  
TPB \$34.99

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of *Waterloo* (the song, not the battle) — a seminal moment in

pop history which saw Swedish sensation ABBA burst on to the international music scene. How is it that half a century later this seventies Eurovision act is bigger than ever—reaching listeners of all ages and spinning off into musicals, museums and holograms? Giles Smith, writer and music fan, sets out to find out why.



**Italian Coastal Amber Guinness**

Thames & Hudson Australia  
HB \$59.99

Travel down the coast of the Tyrrhenian Sea—the stretch of

Mediterranean from the Tuscan coast down to the Amalfi coast and on to northern Sicily—to learn the history, stories, and flavours of this iconic region, in recipes that pack maximum flavour with minimum effort. Sumptuously produced, this beautiful cook and coffee table book, is a great companion to Guinness's *A House Party in Tuscany*.

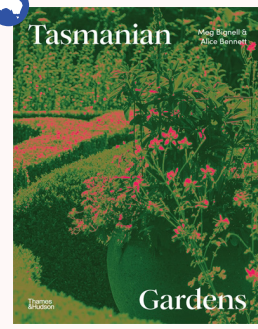


**Beatrix Bakes: Another Slice**

Natalie Paull  
Hardie Grant Books  
HB \$50.00

Following on from her bestselling *Beatrix Bakes*, Natalie Paull

returns with *Beatrix Bakes: Another Slice*, a vibrant collection of beloved recipes, including previously unseen favourites, like lemon cream tart and chocolate sour cream layer cake. From cookies to cakes, tarts to pies, this book is a delightful addition to any dessert-lover's collection, complete with helpful tips and a warm tone.

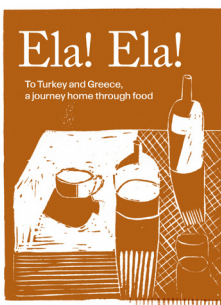


**Tasmanian Gardens Meg Bignell & Alice Bennett**

Thames & Hudson Australia  
HB \$79.99

Meg Bignell and award-winning photographer Alice Bennett

have joined together to explore 20 Tasmanian gardens, from coastal headlands to beautiful flower farms. Each of these gardens envisage the diverse and stunning artistry of lutruwita/Tasmanian gardens, where every garden is a story and every gardener is a storyteller.

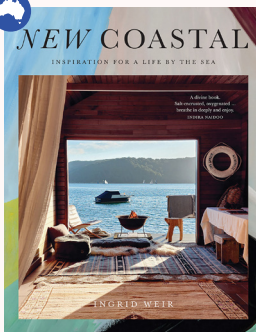


**Ela! Ela! Ella Mittas**

Murdoch Books  
HB \$39.99

*Ela! Ela!* (Come! Come! in Greek) by Melbourne chef and food writer Ella Mittas, features recipes and stories inspired by her

experiences in Crete, Istanbul, and her Greek heritage. It explores themes of food, culture, and community, offering comforting dishes influenced by her travels and personal evolution as a cook.



**New Coastal Ingrid Weir**

Hardie Grant Books  
HB \$60.00

May release, pre-orders welcome

This beautiful, photo-filled hardback serves as an inspiration and compass for

life lived by the sea. In chapters including Remote Coastal, Bohemian Coastal and City Coastal, interior designer and photographer Ingrid Weir transports you to coastal towns both near and far, from Esperance, King Island and the Bay of Fires in Australia to Montauk, Malibu and Laguna Beach in the USA.

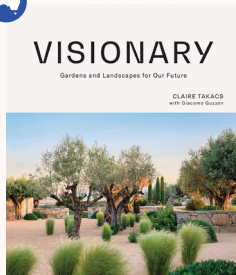


**Modern Heritage Cameron Bruhn**

Thames & Hudson Australia  
HB \$79.99

*Modern Heritage* delves into Australian homes from the

1920s to the 1940s, showcasing twenty residences with charm from bygone eras to highlight the cultural context behind these structures and emphasise the responsibility of owners in preserving their legacy. *Modern Heritage* is a testament to the enduring significance of these cherished homes.



**Visionary Claire Takacs & Giacomo Guzzon**

Hardie Grant Books  
HB \$70.00

Photographer Claire Takacs and landscape

architect Giacomo Guzzon introduce stunning private and public gardens from around the world that have addressed both sustainability and climate change with outstanding results. Be inspired by the new ways garden and landscape designers are thinking about planting and garden design in the face of climate change.

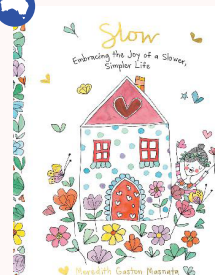


**Easy Wins Anna Jones**

4th Estate  
HB \$55.00

With twelve hero ingredients including lemon, mustard, miso and tahini, Anna Jones brings us

132 flavour-filled simple recipes. From Double Lemon Pilaf with Buttery Almonds to Traybake Lemon Dhal, Miso Rarebit, and Cherry and Chocolate Peanut Butter Sundae, these are recipes that you'll want to cook again and again.



**Slow Meredith Gaston Masnata**

Hardie Grant Books  
HB \$24.99

With Meredith's iconic words of wisdom and beautiful illustrations,

*Slow* shows us that now is the time to relish the sweetness of life. Each chapter explores how slow living can create a more meaningful life that has connect, joy and beauty, empowering us to ultimately slow down and appreciate what we have.

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