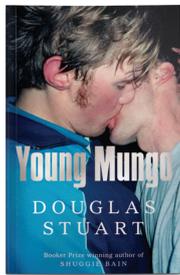


BOOKSELLERS' CHOICE YOUR MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



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

ADULT FICTION



Young Mungo
Douglas Stuart

PICADOR
TPB \$32.99

A powerful new novel from Booker Prize winner Douglas Stuart which is both a vivid portrayal of working-class life and a deeply moving story of the dangerous first love of two young men. Protestant Mungo and Catholic James live in a hyper-masculine world. They are caught between two of Glasgow's housing estates where men divide themselves along sectarian lines and fight territorial battles for the sake of reputation. The threat of discovery is constant and the punishment unspeakable, and love is a danger unto itself.



Everyone in My Family Has Killed Someone
Benjamin Stevenson

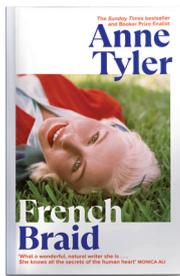
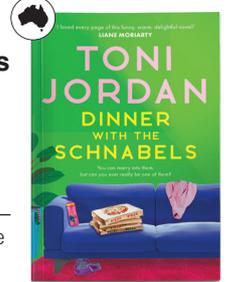
MICHAEL JOSEPH
AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

The Cunningham family don't really get along and have only one thing in common: they've all killed someone. This unique and hilarious Australian crime novel written in classic whodunit style follows the murderous family, stranded by a storm at a family reunion in a remote island resort where both snow and bodies begin piling up. A fiendish blend of classic and modern murder mystery.

Dinner with the Schnabels
Toni Jordan

HACHETTE
AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

The Schnabels are a bossy, nose-y, demanding, loud and loving family that Simon Larsen 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.



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.



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.



Lessons in Chemistry
Bonnie Garmus

DOUBLEDAY
TPB \$32.99

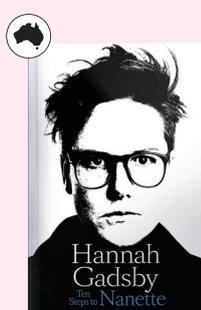
In this heartfelt and funny debut novel, we meet Elizabeth Zott, an incredibly forthright and driven scientist in a time when women weren't expected to do much more than cook, clean and raise children. Zott shoots to stardom at the helm of a TV cooking show, bringing chemistry and critical thinking to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



The Space Between the Stars
Indira Naidoo

MURDOCH BOOKS
HB \$32.99

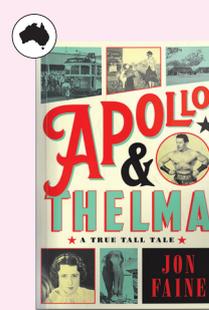
After her younger sister died suddenly, broadcaster Indira Naidoo's world was shattered. Turning to her urban landscape for solace, Indira found herself drawn to a fig tree overlooking Sydney harbour. A connection began to build between the two — one with a fractured heart, the other a centurion offering 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.



Ten Steps to Nanette
Hannah Gadsby

ALLEN & UNWIN
HB \$49.99

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. A memoir that combines the wittiness of stand-up with her deeply personal battles, this is genuinely hilarious, at times heartbreaking but always, unapologetically, Gadsby.

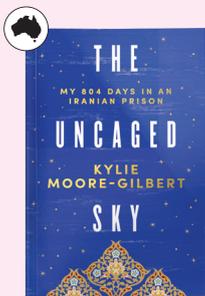


Apollo and Thelma
Jon Faine

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.

NON-FICTION



The Uncaged Sky
Kylie Moore-Gilbert
ULTIMO PRESS
TPB \$34.99

Dr Kylie Moore-Gilbert travelled to Iran with a genuine interest in learning more about Iranian society, religion and culture. She ended

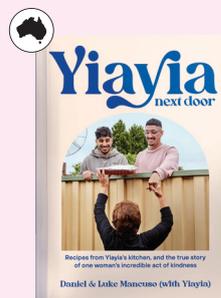
up being held prisoner for 804 days in Tehran, much of it in solitary confinement, and sentenced to 10 years' imprisonment on espionage charges. This compelling read details Moore-Gilbert's experience, the interrogations and psychological torture, and despite this, how she managed to maintain hope.



Meshi
Katherine Tamiko Arguile
AFFIRM PRESS
HB \$35.00

Katherine Tamiko Arguile was born in Tokyo and now lives in Adelaide.

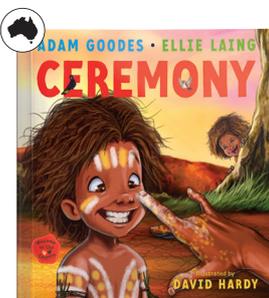
A woman from a Japanese and English heritage, she is a beautiful writer, and in this book she presents Japan to us in memories, history, stories and importantly food and recipes. A gorgeous package, this book is filled with exquisite writing and fascinating tales and is much more than just a cookbook.



Yiayia Next Door
Daniel Mancuso and Luke Mancuso with Yiayia
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 Yiayia) started passing them meals over the fence. Here is their story and a whole lot of Yiayia'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.

CHILDREN'S & YA



Ceremony
Adam Goodes, Ellie Laing and David Hardy (Illus)
ALLEN & UNWIN
HB \$24.99

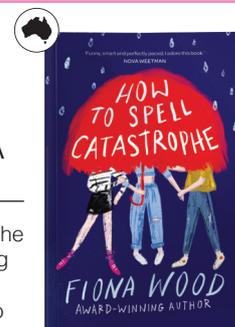
Welcome Children! Nangga! Nangga! Yakarti! Tonight will be our Ceremony. Incorporating words from the Adnyamathanha language group Ceremony is a joyful introduction to some of the rich traditions of Aboriginal culture including language, dance, family, community and caring for Country. Includes a visual glossary and QR code for a reading by Adam and Ellie.



Everything You Want to See
Kyle Hughes-Odgers
FREMANTLE PRESS
BOARD BOOK
\$14.99

From a tiger in a car to an electric guitar, from a horse to a monster, and a dog to a dinosaur this board book will have plenty of appeal to little ones. With fun rhyming text and plenty to look at on every page this board book will give little ones plenty to find and talk about on every page. A beautiful new board book from award-winning author and illustrator, Kyle Hughes-Odgers.

How to Spell Catastrophe
Fiona Wood
PAN AUSTRALIA
PB \$16.99



Nell is a catastrophe expert, but nothing 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 Nell 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 and give way to an understanding that it might not be such a disaster after all.



A Sprinkle of Sadie
Lana Spasevski and Joanie Stone (Illus)
AFFIRM PRESS
PB \$14.99

Sadie loves to bake for all occasions.

In these three stories she sets out to bake a surprise birthday cake for her mum, help out at a fundraising day and welcome someone new to her class. But Sadie's intentions do not always go to plan and on each occasion she needs to overcome a challenge. A fun new series for newly independent readers with the dual messages of resilience and kindness and even includes the recipes for Sadie's baking.



Hedgewitch
Skye McKenna
WELLBECK
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 Hedgely. And this is when the real adventure begins...



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+