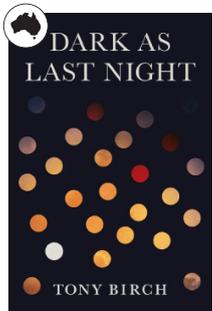


BOOKSELLERS' CHOICE YOUR MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

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



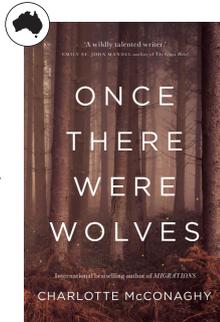
ADULT FICTION



Dark as Last Night
Tony Birch
UQP
TPB \$29.99

Tony Birch returns to the form that started this writing career with his new collection of short stories, *Dark as Last Night*. In *Bobby Moses*

a chance encounter between a small-town cop and an Aboriginal man returning to country reveals an unexpected kindness. *After Life* tells of a brother and sister cleaning their deceased brother's filthy council flat. These are stories of our brutal truths, moral ambiguities and small victories. Exceptional writing, harsh, beautiful and brimming with truth.

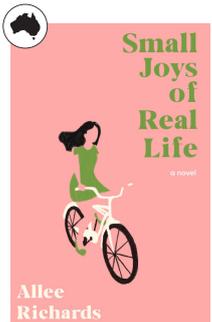


Once There Were Wolves
Charlotte McConaghy
HAMISH HAMILTON
AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

Aggi follows her twin, Inti, a biologist, to the remote Scottish Highlands to return fourteen wolves to the wilderness. Aggi and Inti have a disturbing past, and trauma and cruelty has left them damaged. The locals are not happy about the wolves, but the animals begin to adapt, and Inti begins to relax. Then a farmer disappears, and Inti cannot accept it is the wolves. But if not the wolves, then who?

When Things Are Alive They Hum
Hannah Bent
ULTIMO PRESS
TPB \$32.99

Marlowe and Harper's bond is unbreakable, forged through the early loss of their mother. Harper is happy in her relationship with boyfriend Louis and lives with what she calls the Up syndrome alongside a congenital heart disease. Marlowe is abroad studying rare butterflies but rushes home to Hong Kong when she hears that Harper urgently needs a heart transplant. A luminescent debut novel about grief, love and wonder.



Small Joys of Real Life
Allee Richards
HACHETTE
AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

Small Joys of Real Life is a brilliant Australian debut novel about the

vagaries of life. In their late 20s, Eva and Pat have something special but when Pat dies Eva is pregnant and bereft, and left with a huge choice to make. A poignant and nuanced story of loss and desire and finding those true friendships that can either break your heart or make it soar.



Mrs March
Virginia Feito
4TH ESTATE
PB \$27.99

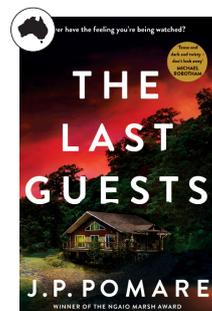
Mrs March spends her time as an Upper East Side wife living anxiously under the weight of expectations

placed on her by society and herself. When she is compared to the grotesque main character of her husband's new novel, her tidy world begins to fall apart and a descent into suspicion, obsession with a murdered girl, and conflicting memories follow.



The Echo Chamber
John Boyne
DOUBLEDAY
TPB \$23.99

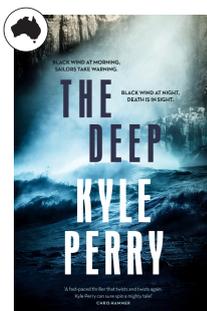
The Cleverley family are a dysfunctional lot though hold themselves in great esteem, until George, the patriarch, throws them all into an unwanted spotlight via one misguided tweet. A darkly satirical, clever novel exposing our obsession with social media and a not-so-subtle reminder that living life through an app may not be the greatest choice.



The Last Guests
J.P. Pomare
HACHETTE
AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

You may never stay in an AirBnB again after reading this suspenseful and thrilling novel. It tells a completely believable

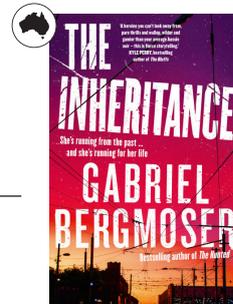
story of husband and wife, Cain and Lina, who rent out their holiday home on Lake Tarawera to make some extra cash. But both have been keeping secrets and somebody is watching and knows something they shouldn't. Surveillance, it seems, is everywhere.



The Deep
Kyle Perry
MICHAEL JOSEPH
AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

A Tasmanian gothic thriller full of modern-day pirates and family betrayals from the author of *The Bluffs*.

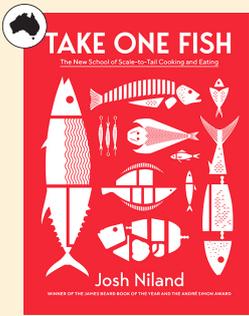
The drug smuggling Dempsey family thought their secrets were long buried at sea. When 13-year-old Forest Dempsey reappears from the ocean after being thought dead for seven years it sets off a chain of events that will test the lengths the family will go to protect what is theirs.



The Inheritance
Gabriel Bergmoser
HARPER COLLINS
TPB \$29.99

Following the success of *The Hunted*, Bergmoser brings us another high-octane Australian thriller. Fleeing a drug cartel in North Queensland, Maggie makes her way to Melbourne in search of answers about her past. The bikies are following in her wake, the police are tracking her and a bent cop is her only dubious ally - is Maggie in over her head?

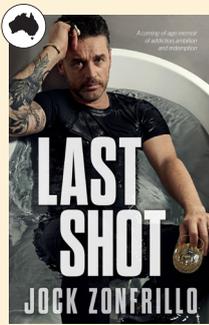
NON FICTION



Take One Fish
Josh Niland
HARDIE GRANT BOOKS
HB \$55.00

Josh Niland's bestselling and award-winning *The Whole Fish*

Cookbook, revealed the blueprint for a new and unprecedented kind of fish cookery. In this latest book, Niland continues to open our eyes to the potential of fish in the kitchen. With 60 mind-blowing recipes from just 15 global varieties of fish, this cookbook will take you on a gustatory journey - from elaborate to easy, small to large and - always - scale to tail.

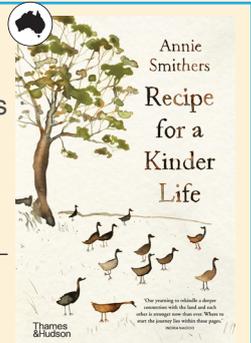


Last Shot
Jock Zonfrillo
SIMON & SCHUSTER
TPB \$45.00

From running amok on the streets of Glasgow to cooking under legendary British chef Marco Pierre White, Jock Zonfrillo is a controversial figure.

Like White, Zonfrillo is of Italian heritage, and finding cooking (and working under a three-star Michelin chef) saved his life. But passion is no guarantee, and life never easy. Australia has made Zonfrillo a celebrated MasterChef judge, but he had to move on from drugs, alcohol, failed marriages and the past. It's a hell of a story.

Recipe for a Kinder Life
Annie Smithers
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THAMES & HUDSON AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99



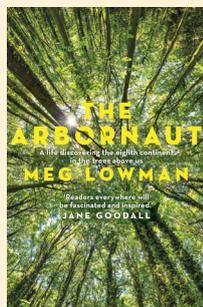
In this generous account of life on the land and in the kitchen, trailblazing cook Annie Smithers chronicles her quest for a more sustainable existence, in harmony with the environment and the self. Part meditation, part memoir, the book offers practical advice and wisdom gleamed from a life dedicated to seasonal food and living lightly on the ground.



Garden Like a Nonno
Jaclyn Crupi
AFFIRM PRESS
HB \$24.99

Author of *Nonna Knows Best*, Jaclyn Crupi is back with more Italian wisdom. In *Garden Like a Nonno*, Crupi uncovers

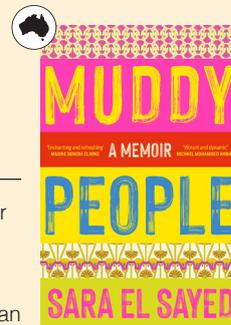
the secrets of the green thumbbed nonnos - from their no-nonsense approach to life to their zero-waste gardening. Featuring gardening tips and tricks, recipes for pickling and preserving your produce, plus classic nonno sayings, *Garden Like a Nonno* will help you to get in touch with your inner Italian.



The Arbonaut
Meg Lowman
ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$32.99

Meg Lowman spent her childhood summers in a cottage constructed around a magnificent elm tree, and thus began her obsession with

nature. This is the inspirational story about how this young botanist became one of the world's foremost arbonauts, an ecologist and conservationist. It's a fascinating journey through the wonders of the eighth continent, the treetops of the world.

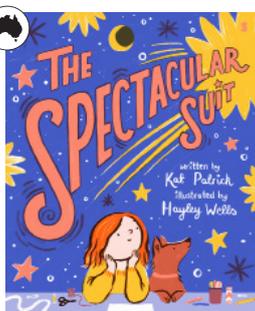


Muddy People
Sara El Sayed
BLACK INC.
PB \$29.99

A warm-hearted and hilarious memoir about negotiating family and cultural expectations. When Egyptian born El Sayed migrates to

Australia with her family as a young girl, she is faced with the desire for freedom but also doing right by her family. A wonderfully drawn cast of characters written with charm, wit and love, by a new literary talent.

CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT



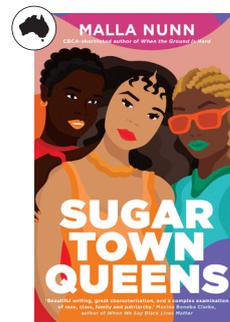
The Spectacular Suit
Kat Patrick & Hayley Wells (Illus)
SCRIBBLE KIDS
HB \$24.99

It's almost Frankie's birthday and everything is ready - except for something to wear. All of her party dresses feel wrong. Her family tries to help, but it's no good. What Frankie longs for is a suit. A spectacular suit. Can Frankie find the outfit of her dreams? A buoyant and heartwarming celebration of individuality, identity, and dressing to suit yourself!



The Travelling Bookshop: Mim and The Baffling Bully
Katrina Nannestad & 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. Flossy leads them to places where they are needed most, the place where the perfect book will find its way home. An enchanting new series for younger readers along with a wisp of magic, because books are magic.



Sugar Town Queens
Malla Nunn
AU CHILDREN'S
PB \$19.99

Amandla's mother has always been strange. For starters, she's a white woman living in one of South Africa's infamous shanty towns. She won't tell Amandla about her past and she has visions. When Amandla finds a mysterious address at the bottom of her mother's purse along with a large amount of cash, she decides it's time to get some answers. With the help of her best friend she's ready to confront her family's secrets. 13+