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

ADULT FICTION

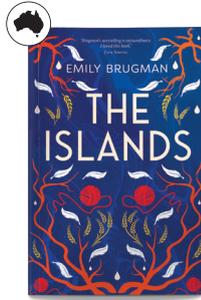


Love Marriage

Monica Ali

VIRAGO
TPB \$32.99

Yasmin Ghorami is getting married, not in an arranged union, but a love marriage. Her parents are Bengali and fiancé Joe's family are English, presenting a culture clash that exposes crises on both sides of the aisle. Issues of class, race and religion intertwine with the personal struggles of Yasmin and Joe, who must navigate a seemingly endless stream of internecine challenges. A wonderful read from the author of *Brick Lane*.



The Islands

Emily Brugman

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$29.99

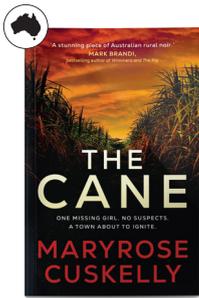
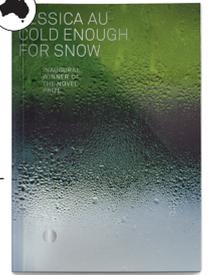
On an archipelago off the coast of Western Australia, a group of Finnish migrants settle into a new life on Little Rat Island. Crayfishing is in its infancy, but it promises the chance of a future for Onni Saari, his stoic wife Alva, and daughter Hilda, who dreams of captaining her own boat. The story of the Saari family unfolds as the Little Rat settlement evolves into a place they can call home.

Cold Enough for Snow

Jessica Au

GIRAMONDO
PB \$24.95

This beautiful novel is a complex and dense story of family, art, memory and place. As a daughter travels through Japan with her mother, a series of memories and musings illuminate their relationship, revealing the complexities of their Chinese-Australian heritage and the gulf between their life experiences. A profound and intricate work by one of Australia's finest young novelists.



The Cane

Maryrose Cuskelly

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$32.99

Sixteen-year-old Janet McClymont disappears, last seen walking into the cane fields in the North Queensland town of Quala. The police are clueless, the town is scared, and the cane needs to be burned for harvesting. Janet's mother tries desperately to stop the burning until the girl is found. The region's distrust and prejudices hamper the search for truth in this taut, atmospheric thriller.

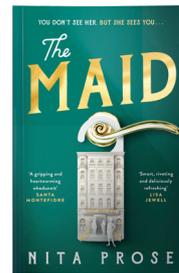


The Furies

Mandy Beaumont

HACHETTE AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

At sixteen Cynthia has a resume of trauma, with her sister's disappearance, her mother's incarceration, and her father absconding. She is at the centre of repeating violence against women, against the land and against animals. Set against the backdrop of a barren landscape, *The Furies* is a raw, unflinching and utterly authentic debut novel from Mandy Beaumont.



The Maid

Nita Prose

HARPERCOLLINS
TPB \$29.99

Molly is a maid at the Regency Grand Hotel. She struggles with the nuances of social cues, often misreading the intentions of others. Since her Gran died, Molly has been alone, taking pleasure in transforming messy rooms into perfection. This routine is shattered when she finds the wealthy Charles Black dead in his bed. Caught in a web of deception, Molly must find the killer with the help of friends she never realised she had.

NON-FICTION



Mabu Mabu

Normie Bero

HARDIE GRANT
HB \$45.00

Mabu Mabu restaurant is renowned in Melbourne and beyond for

its innovative and delicious Australian Indigenous food by First Nations chef Normie Bero. This book, also called *Mabu Mabu*—which means help yourself—reflects Normie's approach to cooking: simple, accessible, delicious, and colourful. Her native pantry includes seeds, succulents, nuts, plants and herbs, and her recipes range from Pumpkin and Wattleseed dampers to Pickled Karkalla and Pulled Wild Boar.



Facts and Other Lies

Ed Coper

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$32.99

Facts and Other Lies puts fake news in its historical context and explains how

disinformation has fractured society, even threatening democracy itself. It explains why disinformation is so potent and so hard to stop, and what we can do to help prevent its proliferation in Australia. It outlines how anyone can defuse disinformation in the home, office or pub. Essential and timely read.

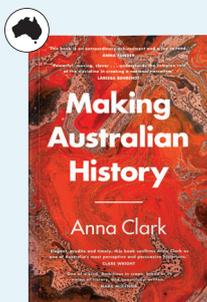


Australian Architecture

Davina Jackson

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$39.99

A comprehensive narrative history of building and design styles in Australia, from traditional Aboriginal gunyahs; to the local interpretations of northern hemisphere trends; to the sustainable and high-tech constructions of the 21st century. Illustrated throughout, *Australian Architecture* offers an overview of the main design influences and key examples to visit.



Making Australian History

Anna Clark

VINTAGE AUSTRALIA
TPB \$34.99

Australian history has been revised and reinterpreted by successive generations of historians, writers, governments and public commentators, yet there has been no account of the ways it has changed and how. *Making Australian History* responds to this critical gap. It catalogues and contextualises changing readings of the past and examines the problematic role of historians as national storytellers.



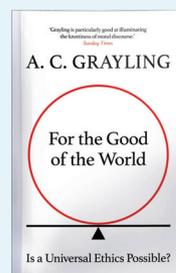
The Ethical Investor

Nicole Haddow

NERO
TPB \$29.99

Is it possible to grow wealth while also doing your bit for the planet and its population? In

The Ethical Investor, Nicole Haddow guides us through the steps she took to ensure her hard-earned money isn't going straight into the pockets of toxic companies. Nicole shares the changes she made to have a superannuation account that's investing in ethical organisations and a strategy for making her home more sustainable.



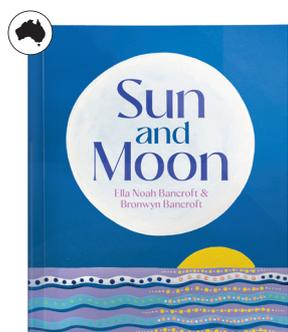
For the Good of the World

A. C. Grayling

ONEWORLD
HB \$34.99

The three biggest challenges facing the world today, in A. C. Grayling's view, are climate change, technology and justice. In his timely new book, he asks: can human beings agree on a set of values that will allow us to confront the numerous threats facing the planet, or will we simply continue with our disagreements and antipathies as we collectively approach our possible extinction? The solution he proposes is both pragmatic and inspiring.

CHILDREN'S & YA



Sun and Moon

Ella Noah Bancroft & Bronwyn Bancroft (Illus)

HARDIE GRANT CHILDRENS'
HB \$24.99

Buhwi Bira is a warrior, and his sister Baribun is a dreamer. With very different personalities, can brother and sister work together? A gorgeous story about the power of sibling bonds with artwork by Bronwyn Bancroft, one of Australia's foremost indigenous illustrators, and written by her daughter Ella Noah Bancroft.



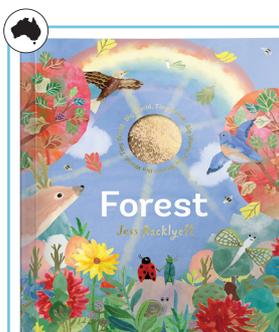
In an Artist's Garden

Claire Orrell

THAMES & HUDSON AUSTRALIA
HB \$24.99

Step into the gardens of celebrated artists from

around the world in this enchanting seek-and-find picture book of rhyming verse. *In an Artist's Garden* takes young readers on a magical journey over desert plains, along windswept coastlines and into the jungle, telling the stories of each artist and their gardens. With all manner of creatures and objects to find, discover the delights of each artist's garden and the inspiration found in nature.

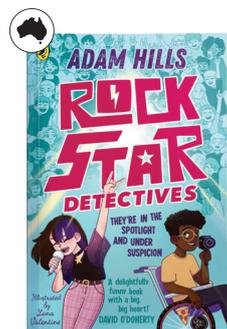


Big World, Tiny World: Forest

Jess Racklyeft

AFFIRM PRESS
HB \$19.99

Step into the forest and explore the many worlds that exist beneath the treetops, from birds that make their nests up high to neighbourhoods of bugs who are working hard underground. Wander through the big worlds and tiny worlds of the forest, get lost in the quiet magic of the towering trees, and delight in the busy lives of all who live above, below and within. A stunning ode to our natural treasures.



Rockstar Detectives

Adam Hills

PUFFIN
PB \$14.99

When a priceless painting goes missing, Charley—a 12-year-old virl singing sensation—

and her best friend George—camera whizz and budding comedian—are shocked to discover they're the prime suspects. Now Charley and George have to prove they're not international criminals. Can they solve these baffling crimes and save themselves, or will their shot for stardom be over almost as soon as it's begun? A fabulously funny debut novel from comedian Adam Hills.



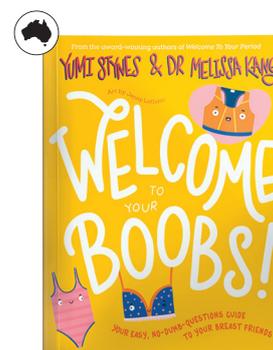
Only a Monster

Vanessa Len

ALLEN & UNWIN CHILDRENS'
PB \$22.99

Every family has its secrets, but the summer Joan Chang-Hunt goes to stay with her Gran

in London, she learns hers is bigger than most. The Hunts are one of twelve families in London with terrifying, hidden powers. Joan is half-monster. And what's more, her summer crush Nick isn't just a cute boy—he's hiding a secret as well; a secret that places Joan in terrible danger. A brilliantly compelling YA fantasy from a dazzling new Australian talent.



Welcome to Your Boobs

Yumi Stynes & Dr Melissa Kang

HARDIE GRANT CHILDRENS'
PB \$19.99

Whether you're worried they won't grow, or that they are growing too quickly, this book has all the info—and is reassuring, interesting, and funny! Packed with honest advice on all the things you need to know: from the easiest way to put on a bra, to the nitty gritty of the titty, to why boobs get so much attention. *Welcome to Your Boobs* includes case studies, first-person accounts, and questions from real teens, answered by real experts.