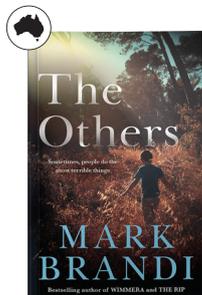


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ADULT FICTION

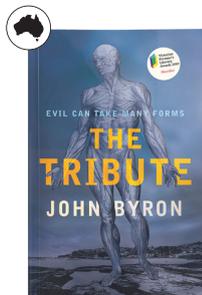


The Others
Mark Brandi

HACHETTE
AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

This gripping mystery is told through the musings of an 11-year-old boy living with his father in a plague ravaged world.

Trapped in a brutal subsistence, father and boy live in isolation on their farm, keeping safe from the plague and 'the others.' The setting is unclear, the time indeterminate, and Brandi expertly controls the tension between the survivalist narrative and the underlying sense that something is amiss with the father's motives.



The Tribute
John Byron

AFFIRM PRESS
TPB \$32.99

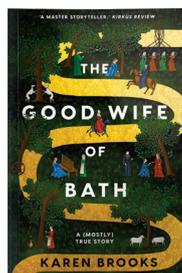
A serial killer has Sydney on edge with the chilling modus operandi of recreating scenes from the *Fabrica*, the 16th-century foundation

text of European anatomy. Detective David Murphy leads the investigation, but unable to find a breakthrough he turns to his art historian sister and his wife for assistance. The killer's motivations are revealed as the somewhat loathsome Murphy always seems a step behind. *The Tribute* is a superior crime debut, multi-layered, richly detailed and utterly chilling.

After Story
Larissa Behrendt

UQP
TPB \$32.99

Jasmine decides to take her mother, Della, on a literary tour of England, hoping to repair their relationship and reconcile the past. Jasmine's family was forever changed by the loss of her sister when she was three, and the intergenerational traumas of their indigenous heritage and family tragedy are beautifully observed through the narratives of mother and daughter. Behrendt explores English literary history and Australian colonial history, weaving a complex and moving narrative of place, loss, and familial love.



The Good Wife of Bath
Karen Brooks

HARLEQUIN
AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

Life for women in medieval England was harsh, with the plague,

no sanitation, and men controlling all means of power. Eleanor Cornfed will have none of that, despite her first of five marriages at the age of 12 to a farmer in his sixties, and the shortcomings of the rest. Her resourcefulness makes the most of her ever-fluctuating circumstances, in a time when women are denied justice on all levels. Karen Brooks expands on Chaucer's *Wife of Bath*, giving voice to Eleanor in this superb historical novel.



Catch Us the Foxes
Nicola West

SIMON & SCHUSTER
AUSTRALIA
PB \$32.99

Nicola West's debut novel is a murder mystery set in Kiama

NSW. West uses a book-within-a-book structure to tell the story of Marlowe 'Lo' Robertson's investigation into the murder of local girl Lily Williams. Lo finds Lily's body at the Kiama show, with cult-like symbols carved into her back. The police chief—Lo's father—insists she say nothing about the symbols, and as Lo begins to dig into the town's secrets she discovers no one can be trusted.



The Shut Ins
Katherine Brabon

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$29.99

Mai Takeda is newly married and uncertain about becoming a mother, an expectation which she fears she

must ultimately fulfil. A chance encounter brings her to an old school friend Hikaru, who has become a *hikikomori*—a recluse who refuses to leave his bedroom. Mai agrees to become a rental sister to Hikaru, while her husband regularly visits Sadako, an unhappy Tokyo hostess, each character experiencing profound social and physical isolation. A thoughtful meditation on societal and cultural constriction.



When You Are Mine
Michael Robotham

HACHETTE
AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

Philomena McCarthy has defied the odds and become a promising

young officer with the Metropolitan Police despite being the daughter of a notorious London gangster. Called to the scene of a domestic assault one day, she rescues a bloodied young woman, the mistress of a decorated detective. The incident is hushed up, but Phil has unwittingly made a dangerous enemy with powerful friends. Another exhilarating thriller from the master of Australian crime writing.

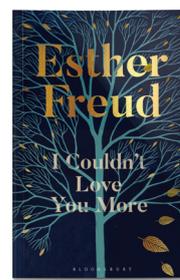


She is Haunted
Paige Clark

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$29.99

A mother cuts her daughter's hair because her own starts falling out. A woman leaves her boyfriend because he reminds her of a corpse;

another undergoes brain surgery to try to live more comfortably in higher temperatures. A widow physically transforms into her husband so that she does not have to grieve. *She Is Haunted* is an exquisite, moving and sophisticated debut collection of stories by a new Australian voice to watch.



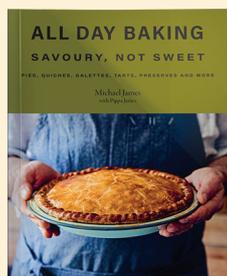
I Couldn't Love You More
Esther Freud

BLOOMSBURY
TPB \$29.99

Rosaleen is young, beautiful and still a schoolgirl when, in the early Sixties, she meets

the famous sculptor Felix Lehmann. Kate lives in present day London with her young daughter, her promise and energy as an artist stifled by the unhappiness of her marriage. Aoife sits at her husband Cashell's bedside as he lies dying, and tells him the story of their lifetime together. How are the lives of these three women spanning three generations connected? An unforgettable novel about love, motherhood, secrets and betrayal – and how only the truth can set us free.

NON FICTION

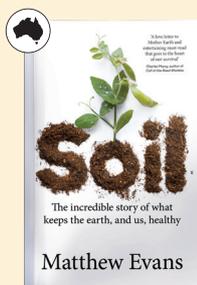


All Day Baking
Michael & Pippa James

HARDIE GRANT BOOKS
HB \$45.00

For every two lovers of sweet

baked treats, there is at least another who will take the gruyere gougere or the curry pastie every time. *All Day Baking: Savoury, Not Sweet* is a baking cookbook—at last—for them. Its mission is to deliver comforting, inventive and wholegrain-forward ideas for pies, sausage rolls, pasties and myriad other mostly pastry-based recipes, alongside with the tools to transform delicious bakes into nourishing any-time-of-day meals.



Soil
Matthew Evans

MURDOCH BOOKS
TPB \$32.99

In this ode to the thin veneer of Earth that gifts us life, commentator, farmer and the star of SBS TV show *The Gourmet Farmer*,

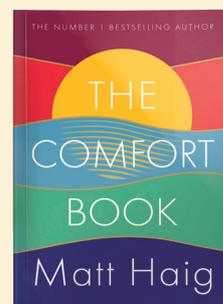
Matthew Evans, shows us that what we do in our backyards, on our farms, and what we put on our dinner tables really matters. If we want our food to nourish us, and to ensure our planet's long-term health, we need to understand how soil works—how it's made, how it's lost, and how it can be repaired.

The Comfort Book
Matt Haig

CANONGATE
HB \$34.99

The Comfort Book is a collection of little islands of hope. It

gathers consolations and stories that give new ways of seeing ourselves and the world. Matt Haig's mix of philosophy, memoir and self-reflection builds on the wisdom of philosophers and survivors through the ages, from Marcus Aurelius to Nellie Bly, Emily Dickinson to James Baldwin. This is the book to pick up when you need the wisdom of a friend, the comfort of a hug or just to celebrate the messy miracle of being alive.

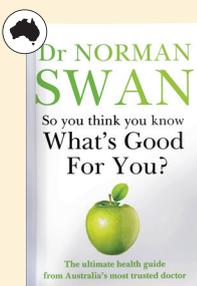


The Mother Wound
Amani Haydar

MACMILLAN AUSTRALIA
TPB \$34.99

Amani Haydar suffered the unimaginable when she lost her mother in a brutal act of

domestic violence perpetrated by her father. Five months pregnant at the time, her own perception of how she wanted to mother was shaped by this devastating event. Writing with grace and beauty, Haydar has drawn from this, a story of female resilience and the role of motherhood in the home and in the world. In *The Mother Wound*, she uses her own strength to help other survivors find their voices.



So You Think You Know What's Good for You?
Dr Norman Swan

HACHETTE AUSTRALIA
TPB \$39.99

When Australia needed clear, scientifically

backed COVID-19 facts and advice, it was Dr Norman Swan who stepped up every day to provide the answers we required. Now, in *So You Think You Know What's Good For You?*, he replaces medical myths, half-truths and misconceptions with the information you need to make better decisions about how to eat and how to live, to put your mind at ease and ensure your and your family's health is the best it can be.



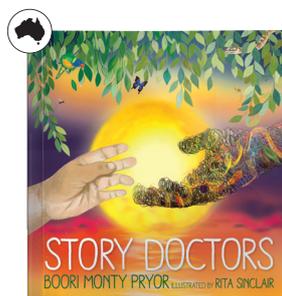
Too Migrant, Too Muslim, Too Loud
Mehreen Faruqi

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$32.99

As the first Muslim woman in any Australian parliament, Mehreen Faruqi has a unique

and crucial perspective on our country. *Too Migrant, Too Muslim, Too Loud*, is the story of a brown, migrant Muslim woman breaking into a white man's world. It is an honest, no holds barred account of what happens when reality meets perception and when you shatter long held stereotypes, and confront a system steeped in privileged hierarchies, racism and sexism.

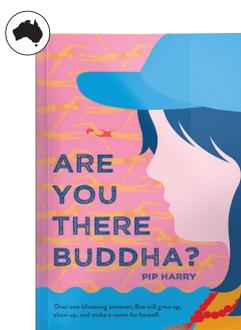
CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT



Story Doctors
Boori Monty Pryor & Rita Sinclair (Illus)

ALLEN & UNWIN CHILDREN'S
HB \$24.99

Legendary storyteller Boori Monty Pryor invites us to travel with him from the first footsteps through 80,000+ years of strength, sickness, and immense possibility. From the very first stories and art, to dance, language, and connection with the land. An exquisitely illustrated celebration of the power of storytelling to unite us, how nature connects us, and the wonderful truth that the medicine needed for healing lies within us all.

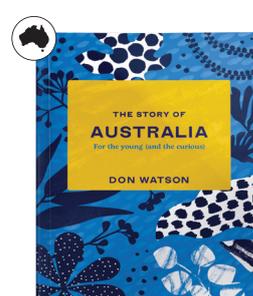


Are You There Buddha?
Pip Harry

LOTHIAN CHILDREN'S BOOKS
PB \$16.99

Bridget (known as Bee) is 12 and starting her first year at high school where she is

yet to find her tribe. Her best friend Leon also happens to be the hottest boy in year 8 and as long as he has her back she can survive the mean girls, her meddling step-mum and her swimming nemesis, The Piranha. A fresh, funny and contemporary take on puberty, first periods and relationships.



The Story of Australia
Don Watson

BLACK INC.
HB \$32.99

The Story of Australia weaves together the many strands of our nation's past—ancient and

indigenous, colonial and contemporary—to create a fascinating, inclusive history for all readers. In clear, succinct language that both children and adults will appreciate, Watson guides readers from the ancient lands of Gondwana, through human settlement, colonisation and waves of migration, to the challenges facing our diverse nation today. Each era is brought to life in a series of beautifully illustrated spreads.



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