

BOOKSELLERS' CHOICE

YOUR MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS



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

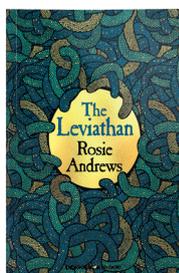
ADULT FICTION



Hovering
Rhett Davis

HACHETTE AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

When Alice returns to her family home in Australia after 16 years away, her appearance reignites long dormant tensions with her sister. The city they live in has changed, but it now does so as a living entity, with streets and buildings literally moving around overnight. Unsettling and boldly experimental, *Hovering* looks at the strangeness in our world and the ways we seek to break through the clutter of modern life.



The Leviathan
Rosie Andrews

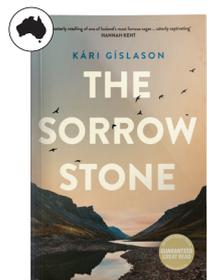
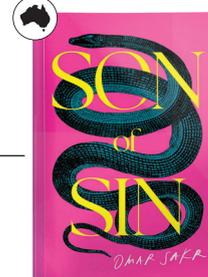
BLOOMSBURY
TPB \$29.99

Mid 17th century England, war torn and unstable. Thomas Treadwater returns home from the war at his sister's request to find the sheep are dead, his father catatonic, and the new maid accused of witchcraft. Thomas seeks rational explanation, but instead finds an ancient malevolence more terrifying than witchcraft. A thrilling gothic horror for fans of *The Essex Serpent*.

Son of Sin
Omar Sakr

AFFIRM PRESS
TPB \$29.99

Omar Sakr brings his poetry chops to this engrossing debut novel of a young Arab-Australian boy's sexual coming of age, his ruptured family, and a lifelong struggle with faith, love and repressed desire. Jamal's struggle to reconcile faith and sexuality is set firmly in racism, family trauma, and homophobia, and is propelled by a streak of dark humour.



The Sorrow Stone
Kári Gíslason

UQP
TPB \$32.99

It is 10th century Iceland and Disa and her 12-year-old boy Sindri are on the run. Disa has avenged her brother's murder, but has only her own strength and courage to keep them safe. They must navigate both the landscape and their ancient culture in this compelling Viking thriller.



A Great Hope
Jessica Stanley

PICADOR AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

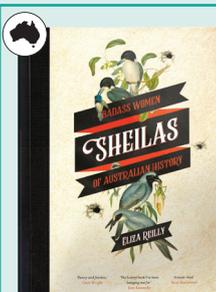
John Clare, union leader, husband, philanderer, father, played a key role in the election of Kevin Rudd. He could have been Labor leader himself, but he has suffered a brutal and fatal fall, and those who knew him remember and mourn a complex and deeply flawed man. A gripping mystery and a novel for our maddening, energising, hypocritical times.



The Mother
Jane Caro

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$32.99

Miriam's daughter Ally, widowed, remarries after a whirlwind romance. Miriam is delighted for her daughter, but access to Ally and her kids starts to dwindle. Miriam becomes suspicious, and finds herself planning her own intervention. A gripping look at the insidious yet commonplace issue of domestic coercion and violence, with Jane Caro bringing her journalistic excellence to the novel form.



Sheilas
Eliza Reilly

MACMILLAN AUSTRALIA
HB \$34.99

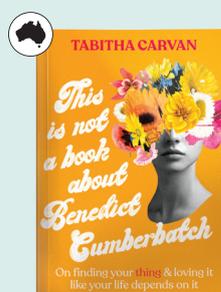
Sheilas is an entertaining romp through Australian history that celebrates the badass heroes we were never taught about in school. Meet the Indigenous rights fighter Faith Deceive and bushranger Mary Ann Bugg; infiltrate Nazi strongholds on the back of Nancy Wake's bike and much, much more. Cracking with satirical wit, *Sheilas* is a celebration of the tough-titted ladies who hiked up their petticoats and fly-kicked down the doors of opportunity for modern Australia.



The Future is Fungi
Michael Lim and Yun Shu

THAMES & HUDSON AUSTRALIA
HB \$49.99

The kingdom of fungi has survived all five major extinction events. *The Future is Fungi* is a complete introduction to this hidden world. Exploring their past, present and potential future impact in four key areas—food, medicine, psychedelics and mental health, and environmental remediation—this book not only reveals how fungi have formed the foundations of modern life but how they might help shape our future.

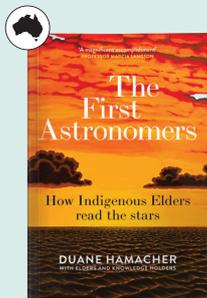


This is Not a Book About Benedict Cumberbatch
Tabitha Carvan

HARPERCOLLINS AUSTRALIA
NSP \$32.99

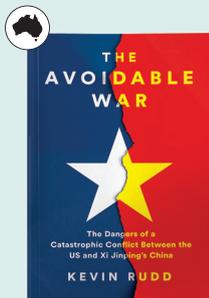
When Tabitha Carvan woke up in her 40s with a raging crush on Benedict Cumberbatch, she thought that something was seriously wrong with her. But the more she delved into the world of fandom and obsession, the more she came to realise that it was the world that was wrong: specifically, the squashing of women's passions along the way to adulthood. This book reclaims women's joy, unashamedly and very humourously.

NON-FICTION



The First Astronomers
Duane Hamacher, with Elders and Knowledge Holders
ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$34.99

Guided by six First Nations Elders from around the world, Duane Hamacher takes us on a journey across space and time to reveal the wisdom of the first astronomers. These living systems of knowledge challenge conventional ideas about the nature of science and the longevity of oral tradition. Indigenous science is dynamic, adapting to changes in the skies and on Earth, pointing the way for a world facing the profound disruptions of climate change.



The Avoidable War
Kevin Rudd
HACHETTE AUSTRALIA
TPB \$34.99

Written by one of Australia's former prime ministers and China expert, this book challenges the politicians, strategists and generals on both sides as they happily embark on the slippery slope of decoupling, containment, confrontation, conflict and Cold War. Possibly even the unthinkable: war itself.

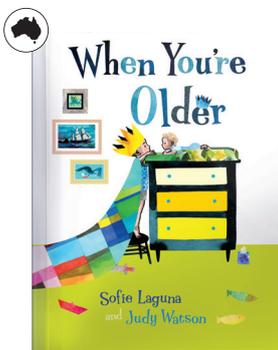


Diaries and Notebooks
Patricia Highsmith
W&N
TPB \$34.99

29th March Release

Published for the very first time for the centenary of her birth, Patricia Highsmith's diaries and notebooks offer an unparalleled insight into the life and mind of one of the 20th century's most talented and fascinating writers. Written in her inimitable and dazzling prose and offering all the pleasures of Highsmith's novels, these are one of the most compulsively readable literary diaries to be published.

CHILDREN'S & YA



When You're Older
Sofie Laguna and Judy Watson (Illus)
ALLEN & UNWIN CHILDREN'S
HB \$24.99

A young boy tells his baby brother about all the amazing adventures they will have together when he is older. They'll ride bikes through the jungle, take a wooden boat out on the ocean to see whales spurting fountains and search for new lands. A stunningly illustrated celebration of the bond between brothers that's sure to become a household favourite.



Mim and the Woeful Wedding
Katrina Nannestad and 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 wherever they're needed most, the place where the perfect book will find its way home. Mim has arrived on a Greek Island where a wedding is about to take place. Everyone is excited except the bride and groom and Mim realises she's there to help Anjelica, the bride, stop the wedding so she can follow her dreams. The second book in an enchanting series for younger readers that reminds us all that books are magic!

Families
Jane Godwin and Yael Frankel (Illus)
HARDIE GRANT CHILDREN'S
HB \$24.99



There are lots of different kinds of families and they are all special in their own way. Some live in towers, some are glamorous, some have pets and some have step-kids and step-parents and "it's hard to work out who is who". Much-loved children's author Jane Godwin has teamed with Argentinian illustrator Yael Frankel to create this warm and humorous picture book that is sure to delight little readers becoming curious about the world around them.



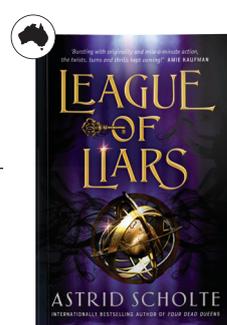
The Rat-Catcher's Apprentice
Maggie Jankuloska
MIDNIGHT SUN PUBLISHING
PB \$17.99

It's 1665. Rats have infested twelve-year-old Marie Perrin's provincial French town. Instead of becoming a maid, Marie is forced to apprentice for an intimidating rat-catcher. Away from her parents and twin brother, and handling gnarly rat traps, Marie must overcome a new set of challenges which come after a plague enters her town. An atmospheric historical adventure story of bravery and belonging. 9+



Dear Greta
Yvette Poshoglian
PUFFIN
PB \$16.99

Nothing is going right for Alice. First she's given Greta Thunberg as her pen pal for a fictional writing assignment and not some fun celebrity. Then she's put in charge of taking the Harmony Day Food Fair online with the most annoying boy in her school. Then she's kicked out of her bedroom by her grandmother coming to stay. And no matter what Alice does, she'll never be able to live up to her big sister's achievements. Alice finds herself asking "What would Greta do?" and starts to believe that even she can make changes that will make a difference.



League of Liars
Astrid Scholte
ALLEN & UNWIN CHILDREN'S
PB \$19.99

Ever since his mother was killed in a freak edem-based crime, seventeen-year-old Cayder Broduck has dreamt of becoming a public defender so he can bring the criminals to justice. He jumps at the chance to apprentice under the city's best public defender to learn how the enemy thinks and use this to his advantage. But when he meets the criminals he has to defend, he finds they are teenagers, like him, and their stories are complicated, like his. A thrilling YA fantasy full of twists and turns. 14+