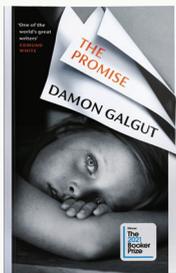


BOOKSELLERS' CHOICE YOUR SEASONAL HIGHLIGHTS

The season's best reads as chosen
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ADULT FICTION

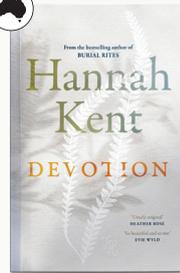


The Promise
Damon Galgut

CHATTO & WINDUS
TPB \$32.99

This year's winner of the Booker Prize is a taut and menacing novel that charts the crash and burn of an Afrikaans family. Punctuated by

funerals that bring the ever-diminishing family together, each of the four parts opens with a death and a new decade. A powerful story of a family in crisis by one of the world's greatest contemporary writers.



Devotion
Hannah Kent

PICADOR AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

Six years since her last novel, the author of *Burial Rites* and *The Good People* delivers another unforgettable story. In the 1830s a group of

Lutherans escape religious oppression by sailing from their small village in Germany to South Australia and form a new settlement. This is a moving story of forbidden love between two young women and their immeasurable bond. Kent's powerful prose is unsurpassed—a novel that will linger in your mind.

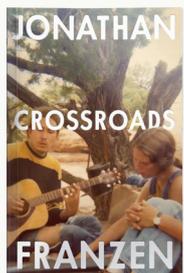


Wild Abandon
Emily Bitto

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$32.99

Six years after her debut novel *The Strays* won the Stella Prize, Emily Bitto returns with an exuberant road trip into oblivion. A young

Australian, Will, travels to New York in 2011 and vows to accede to every experience that comes his way. With Wayne, a Vietnam veteran and exotic animal enthusiast, Will ventures deep into the heartland of America, chasing the high of novelty.

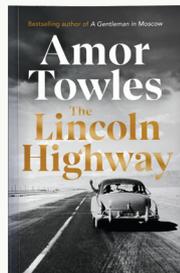


Crossroads
Jonathan Franzen

4TH ESTATE
TPB \$32.99

It's December 1971, and the Hildebrandt family are at a crossroads—they all seek something that each of the others threaten to complicate.

For one, patriarch Russ is looking to leave his brilliant and unstable wife, Marion (who may get there first...). This highly anticipated, dazzling novel about family, faith and the complicated pursuit of freedom is a tour de force of interwoven perspectives and sustained suspense.

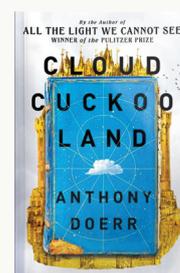


The Lincoln Highway
Amor Towles

HUTCHINSON
TPB \$32.99

Emmett Watson, released from the Salina juvenile work farm, is dropped at his family farm. Reunited with his younger brother

Billy, the boys are confronted with a harsh reality—their father is dead, their mother long gone, the farm foreclosed. They hatch a plan to make their way towards California on the Lincoln Highway. Plans always go awry, as Emmett and Billy join company with two escapees from Salina, and a rollicking road trip leads to ends no one has conceived. For the legion of fans who loved *A Gentleman in Moscow*.

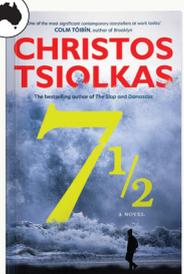


Cloud Cuckoo Land
Anthony Doerr

4TH ESTATE
TPB \$32.99

Anthony Doerr's much anticipated third novel is a luminous and expansive journey

across time and space. From 15th century Constantinople, before the fall of the Byzantine Empire, to modern day Idaho and into a spacefaring future, Doerr's characters grapple with their purpose in a world that is crumbling around them. Fans of David Mitchell and Kazuo Ishiguro will enjoy this deeply human and ultimately hopeful tale that celebrates the enduring power of literature.

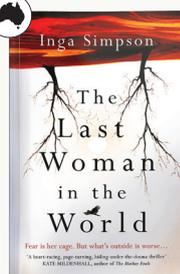


Seven and a Half
Christos Tsiolkas

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$32.99

A man moves to an isolated coastal house to write a book. He delves into his past and reflects upon the art and craft of writing, telling us stories

that may be memories and immersing himself in solitude. As the world outside reaches its own point of rupture, the writer contemplates the act of writing and considers beauty and joy in the creation and consumption of art. Masterful meta-fiction from an Australian master.

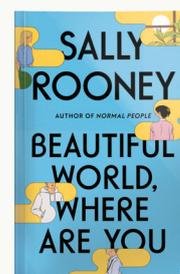


The Last Woman in the World
Inga Simpson

HACHETTE AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

After the fires, after the virus, they came. Fear has led Rachel to a

reclusive life on the land, with only occasional contact with her sister. But one night there is a hammering on her door. There stand a mother, Hannah, and her sick baby. They are running for their lives from a mysterious death sweeping the countryside. Literary horror from the acclaimed author of *Mr Wigg* and *Nest*.

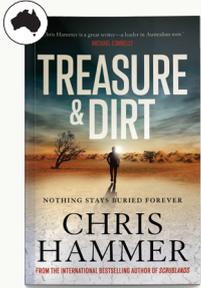


Beautiful World, Where Are You
Sally Rooney

FABER
TPB \$29.99

Beautiful World, Where Are You is the eagerly anticipated new novel from Sally Rooney,

the bestselling author of *Normal People*. Focusing on four young friends and their preoccupations with desire, delusion, connection and breakups. They worry about sex and friendships and the world they live in, and wonder if they are standing in the last lighted room before the darkness. Will they find a way to believe in a beautiful world?



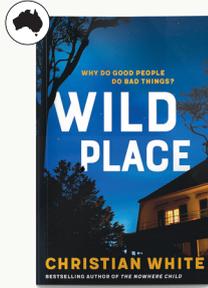
Treasure & Dirt

Chris Hammer

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$32.99

A superb standalone thriller from the acclaimed and award-winning author of the international bestsellers *Scrublands*, *Silver* and *Trust*. Sydney

homicide detective Ivan Lucic and young police officer Nell Buchanan are sent to investigate the murder of an opal miner found crucified down his own mine in the desolate outback town of Finnigans Gap.



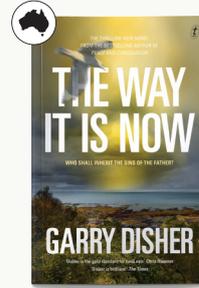
Wild Place

Christian White

AFFIRM PRESS
PB \$32.99

When a local teen goes missing from the idyllic Australian suburb of Camp Hill, schoolteacher Tom Witter becomes convinced he holds the

key to the disappearance. When the police won't listen, he takes matters into his own hands with the help of the missing girl's father and a local neighbourhood watch group. White has produced another thrilling page-turner.



The Way it is Now

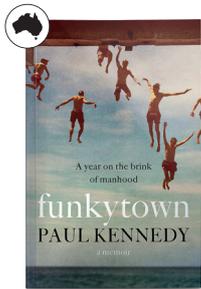
Garry Disher

TEXT PUBLISHING
TPB \$32.99

Set in a beach-shack town an hour from Melbourne, burnt-out cop Charlie is living in his family's holiday house, on forced

leave from work. Twenty years earlier his mother went missing in the area, and her body was never found. Until now, when the skeletal remains of a child and adult are found, and Charlie's past comes crashing in on him. Another masterful work from one of Australia's most celebrated crime writers.

BIOGRAPHIES & NON-FICTION



Funkytown

Paul Kennedy

AFFIRM PRESS
TPB \$32.99

In 1993, ABC journalist Paul Kennedy was in his final year of high school in the Melbourne suburb of Frankston. While Paul

was focused on finishing school and getting drafted into the AFL, a serial killer was on the loose bringing the national media and the state's police force to his stomping ground. Told with poignancy and humour, *Funkytown* is a love letter to adolescence, football, family and outer suburbia.



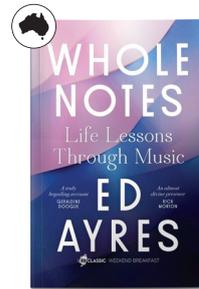
Love Stories

Trent Dalton

4TH ESTATE
HB \$32.99

The brilliant Trent Dalton, bestselling author of *Boy Swallows Universe*, took a table and chair, a typewriter

that had belonged to a dear friend, set up in the heart of Brisbane and asked people for their love stories. The outcome is this beautiful book filled with all types of people and all types of love. Daltons' love and acceptance of people and the stories they have to tell shines through and contains many beautiful lessons for us all.



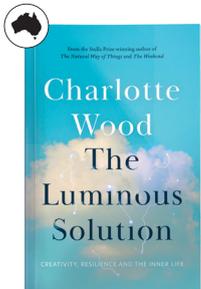
Whole Notes

Ed Ayres

ABC BOOKS
TPB \$34.99

Written with warmth, intimacy and a finely tuned sense for storytelling, *Whole Notes* focuses on music as the guiding thread through Ed Ayres's life. Tenderness

reverberates in every description—for Ayres, music is the lighthouse of his life, and the passion on the page will leave you reaching for an instrument when you've finished reading.



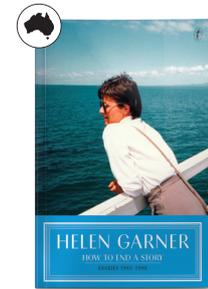
The Luminous Solution

Charlotte Wood

ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$32.99

Award-winning author Charlotte Wood shares stories and insights into the creative lives of artists in this new

collection of writing. Creative thinking need not be a bastion solely for artists but may be the door for us all to a rich inner life and help to find courage during difficult times.



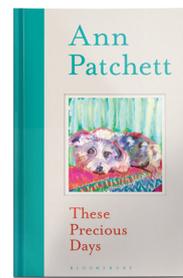
How to End a Story: Diaries 1995-1998

Helen Garner

TEXT PUBLISHING
HB \$29.99

The third volume of Helen Garner's diaries spanning her life from 1982 to 2009,

How to End a Story is a page turner! Helen's marriage slowly failing, her beautiful daughter marrying, controversy surrounding a book, friends, sadness and happiness. There is so much in these pages written with this beloved author's particular genius.



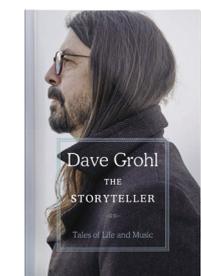
These Precious Days

Ann Patchett

BLOOMSBURY
TPB \$29.99

These Precious Days is a collection of essays from beloved author Ann Patchett based on her reflections

over the past eighteen months. Patchett meditates upon friendship and what it means to be seen, and turns her writer's eye to her own experiences, transforming the private into the universal. From much loved children's books to the delights of Paris, this is a book that provides us all with ways of looking at the world anew.



The Storyteller

Dave Grohl

SIMON & SCHUSTER AUSTRALIA
HB \$45.00

Grohl recalls his life with heartfelt humour and gratitude. From a classic Americana suburban

upbringing to a young punk living out of a dirty van, finding mainstream success with Nirvana and creative fulfillment with Foo Fighters and Them Crooked Vultures. This is a tale of enthusiastic collaboration and friends in high places; a joyful ride to be taken along on.

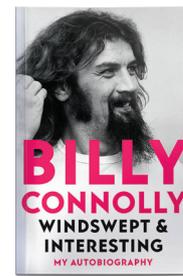


You're Doing It Wrong: A History of Bad & Bonkers Advice to Women

Kaz Cooke

VIKING AUSTRALIA
TPB \$34.99

You're Doing It Wrong examines what we're told to do as women (change shape, shoosh, do all the housework), and what we're not supposed to do (frown, have pockets, lead a country). It covers sex and romance, paid work, fashion and beauty, health advice, housework, and a motherlode of mad parenting instructions.



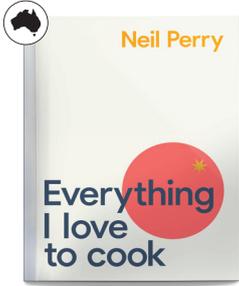
Windswept and Interesting

Billy Connolly

HACHETTE AUSTRALIA
HB \$49.99

In his first full-length autobiography, comedy legend Billy Connolly

reveals the truth behind his windswept and interesting life. This is Connolly's story in his own words—joyfully funny—stuffed full of hard-earned wisdom as well as countless digressions on fishing, farting and the joys of dancing naked.



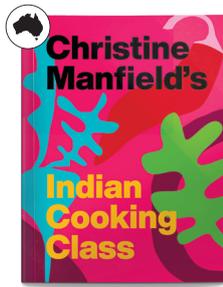
Everything I Love to Cook

Neil Perry

MURDOCH BOOKS
HB \$59.99

Perry revisits legendary dishes from his restaurants,

modern classics from his *Good Weekend* column and some new favourites in this substantial new cookbook. With tips and techniques covering everything from basic knife skills to the art of barbecuing, to mastering a roast dinner, this book will boost your kitchen know-how, and has more than 230 recipes that you'll love to cook too!



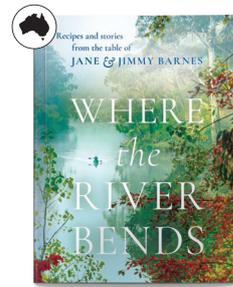
Christine Manfield's Indian Cooking Class

Christine Manfield

SIMON & SCHUSTER
HB \$59.99

Let Manfield guide

you through the deeply fragrant world of Indian home cooking, and understand the varied cooking styles and vibrant flavour combinations. Beautifully designed and featuring step-by-step photography, you will be cooking up everything from a simple dahl to an intricate biryani in no time!



Where the River Bends

Jane and Jimmy Barnes

HARPERCOLLINS
HB \$49.99

Jane and Jimmy invite you to their kitchen table to share

heart-warming stories and favourite dishes. From nutritious breakfasts and healthy lunches through to classics pastas, Thai curries, Sunday roasts and delectable desserts. Featuring personal recollections, anecdotes and over 70 recipes, *Where the River Bends* is inspired by the food they love and the feasts they host for family and friends.



Ottolenghi Test Kitchen: Shelf Love

Yotam Ottolenghi and Noor Murad

EBURY PRESS
HB \$49.99

Ottolenghi's test kitchen team takes you on

a journey through your kitchen cupboards, creating inspired recipes using humble ingredients. In perfect sync with recent times, wondering what to cook with what we've got, this book is all about relaxed, flexible home cooking with an 'Ottolenghi' twist.



Homemade Broadsheet Media

PLUM

HB \$49.99

A celebration of the diversity, positivity and innovation that defines Melbourne

food culture, *Homemade* features 80 diverse and cook-able recipes for home. Showcasing recipes by restaurant royalty, beloved home cooks and the next generation of top chefs, this is an homage to the people, creative minds and places that have made Melbourne one of the finest food cities in the world.



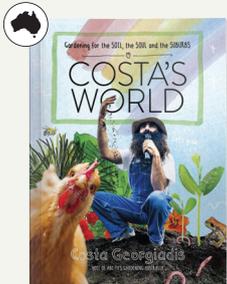
New Rural

Ingrid Weir

HARDIE GRANT BOOKS
HB \$60.00

This stunning book is a photographic guide for those dreaming of moving to the country

to enjoy a touch of rural magic in their home. It profiles regional Australian towns that embody the earthiness and romance of authentic and original rural living, including the Hawkesbury Highlands, Sapphire Coast, Coober Pedy, Kyneton, to name a few, and offers guidance on how to find and create it yourself.



Costa's World

Costa Georgiadis

ABC BOOKS
PB \$45.00

From the beloved host of ABC TV's *Gardening Australia*, *Costa's World* is a generous, joyous, fully illustrated

gardening book that brings together all of Costa's gardening and sustainability knowledge. From the lifechanging joy of chooks; kids in the garden; big ideas for small spaces; growing the right plants for your conditions and much more, this is a book for the whole family that reflects Costa's philosophy and quirky sense of fun.



The City Gardener

Richard Unsworth

THAMES & HUDSON AUSTRALIA
HB \$49.99

Sydney based

garden designer Richard Unsworth shows that no matter how small an outdoor space a plant paradise is possible. Showcasing twenty urban gardens, each with detailed plans and planting lists, and accompanied with beautiful photography, *The City Gardener* will help foster and inspire garden ideas.



Green Thumb

Craig Miller-Randle

PLUM
PB \$44.99

This beautifully presented and passionate ode to plants will have

amateurs and plant experts alike jumping for joy. With a large social following on his Instagram (@craigmilran) and 10+ years in the horticultural industry, Craig guides you to select, propagate and maintain your own lush indoor jungle. He leaves no leaf unturned!



Well Hello

Annabel Crabb and Leigh Sales

PENGUIN AUSTRALIA
TPB \$39.99

When Leigh Sales and Annabel Crabb sat at a kitchen table and

recorded the first episode of their podcast *Chat 10, Looks 3* on a mobile phone no one could have imagined what it would go on to become. *Well Hello* meanders through the wide range of topics covered on the podcast and is perfect for fans or those who just want to know what all the fuss is about.



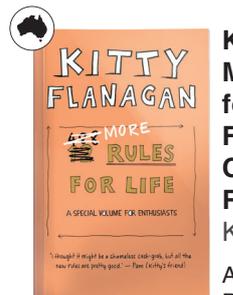
Life at the Edge

Edited by Jo Turner

THAMES & HUDSON AUSTRALIA
HB \$59.99

Collaborating with

photographers from around the country, *Life at the Edge* is a stunning collection of expansive panoramas and detailed closeups showcasing all of the textures and tenors of water in Australia: rugged coastlines to ocean pools, mirror-like lakes to micro details of seaweed and shells. This book celebrates all aspects of being in, near and around water.



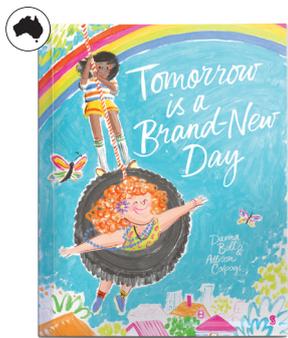
Kitty Flanagan More Rules for Life/Kitty Flanagan's Complete Set of Rules

Kitty Flanagan

ALLEN & UNWIN
PB \$9.99/29.99



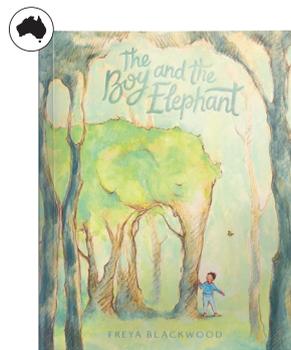
More Rules for Life is the perfect companion to Kitty Flanagan's bestselling *488 Rules for Life*. Inspired by a rapidly changing world, this special volume includes a whole batch of new rules, as well as some very specific rules for our pandemic-riddled society. Available as a single volume, or a two-book set comprising *488 Rules for Life* and *More Rules for Life*.



Tomorrow is a Brand-New Day
Davina Bell and Allison Colpoys (Illus)

SCRIBBLE
HB \$24.99

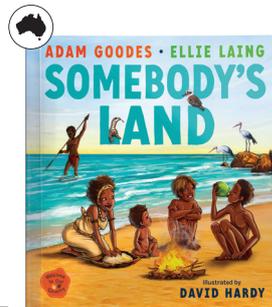
This wonderful picture book is a fabulous read aloud, with great rhyme, hilarious illustrations and a theme that is perfectly relatable. We all get cranky sometimes, feel rotten, make mistakes, but that's okay—it doesn't change how much you're loved. Pick yourself up, make amends and wake up to a brand-new day!



The Boy and the Elephant
Freya Blackwood

HARPER-COLLINS AUSTRALIA
HB \$24.99

This absolutely incredible wordless picture book is perfect for kids aged 0-99. We follow a lonely young boy whose only friends are the marvellous old trees that grow in a thicket beside his house. When the land is sold and the trees are destined for removal, something magical happens.



Somebody's Land
Adam Goodes, Ellie Laing and David Hardy (Illus)

A & U CHILDREN'S
HB \$24.99

This is a gentle story of First Nations history and the arrival of the British in Australia. With bright illustrations and repetitive text, this simple but poignant book builds on the Welcome to Country that most preschool aged children are familiar with and introduces them to the term "terra nullius". A must-have for all families.



Rabbit, Soldier, Angel, Thief
Katrina Nannestad

ABC BOOKS
HB \$19.99

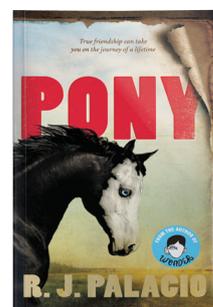
In the spring of 1942, Sasha, a young Russian boy, is found by comrades in the Red Army after his village has been destroyed. He quickly finds his place with the soldiers, telling them funny stories and fetching their water, and they become his family. He fights the war with the only thing he can — love. Katrina Nannestad proves once again that she is an exceptional storyteller.



Dragon Skin
Karen Foxlee

A & U CHILDREN'S
HB \$19.99

Pip finds a very unwell dragon by the waterhole and sneaks it home in her backpack. But home is not a safe place to be either. So many interesting threads weave through this beautifully written tale full of grief, hope, survival and courage. Karen Foxlee is the queen of magic realism and this wonderful book, just like her *Lenny's Book Of Everything*, will stay with you long after you have read it. Tremendous!



Pony
R.J. Palacio

PUFFIN
HB \$26.99

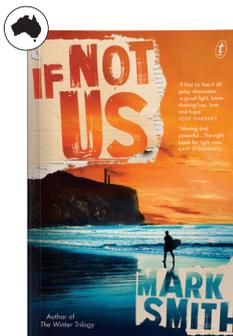
Set in 1860, part western and part ghost story, *Pony* is the tale of 12-year-old Silas Mariner's mission to find his kidnapped father. This becomes a dangerous and difficult journey, requiring great courage. The bestselling author of *Wonder* once again channels that emotional power through her phenomenal storytelling ability in this unique and heart-warming adventure. *Pony* is destined to become a future classic.



Seven Wherewithal Way
Samantha-Ellen Bound

AFFIRM PRESS
PB \$17.99

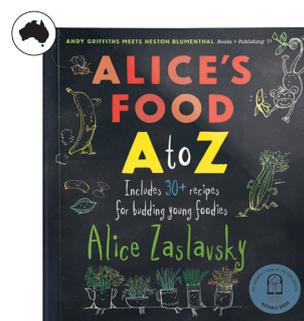
Celeste and Esme are stuck at home for the summer and bored to tears, until their eccentric cousin Ferd drops out of the sky—literally!—and carries them off for a fairytale adventure. This is a really fun, first instalment of a new fantasy series featuring characters from European folklore.



If Not US
Mark Smith

TEXT PUBLISHING
TPB \$19.99

Hesse lives in a small coastal town, where a coal mine and power station are a part of the scenery, and a part of the ever-growing problem of climate change. What will happen when he decides to speak up at a protest meeting that has the community divided? Even though he'd rather be surfing. Hesse realises that things are far more complex than he ever thought, but he knows he can make a difference. A story about growing up and standing up for what you believe is right. 13+



Alice's Food A-Z
Alice Zaslavsky

WALKER BOOKS AUSTRALIA
PB \$24.99

Alice Zaslavsky has created an edible adventure packed with delicious facts, clever cooking tips and kid-approved recipes. There is a veritable feast of information covering avocados to zucchini and everything in between. Includes over 30 recipes that will appeal to all skill levels.