

BOOKSELLERS' CHOICE YOUR MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS

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

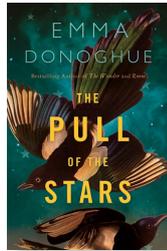


ADULT FICTION



The Last Migration
Charlotte McConaghy
HAMISH HAMILTON
TPB \$32.99

Set in a world disquietingly similar to our own, Franny Stone follows the last of the Arctic terns on what may be their final migration. Amidst mass extinctions and a volatile political landscape, Franny's journey across the seas is inextricably linked to her own murky past. This compulsive literary debut will appeal to fans of *Station Eleven* and *The Animals in That Country*.

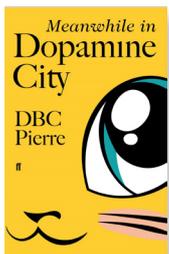


The Pull of the Stars
Emma Donoghue
PICADOR
TPB \$32.99

In 1918, nurse Julia Power finds herself quarantined with expectant mothers who have come down with a strange flu, in an understaffed hospital in Dublin's city centre. Set over three intense days, new life and death come together in this tiny ward. This timely story is written with the wisdom and tenderness that Donoghue is revered for.

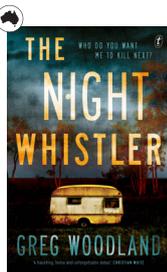
Kokomo
Victoria Hannan
HACHETTE AUSTRALIA
TPB \$32.99

When her mother leaves the house for the first time in twelve years, Mina drops everything to fly home to Melbourne. However her mother will not talk about her return to the world, nor why she has spent so much time hiding from it, leaving Mina to rake through their painful past to find the truth. Tender and fierce, *Kokomo* shows how secrets and love have the power to bring us together and tear us apart.



Meanwhile in Dopamine City
DBC Pierre
FABER
TPB \$29.99

In this near-future fiction from the ingenious mind of DBC Pierre, laid-off sewer worker Lonnie Cush finds his nine-year old daughter the target of online hatred. Lonnie goes online and finds a perverse and murky world. Layered over this is a narrative of billionaires orchestrating digital manipulation of our neurochemistry in pursuit of world domination. Surreal and razor-sharp satire..searing, brilliant book.



The Night Whistler
Greg Woodland
TEXT PUBLISHING
TPB \$32.99

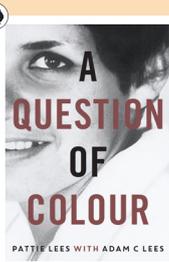
Missing pets meet a brutal end in the small town of Moorabool in 1966, and Hal's mum receives late night calls from a man who whistles before hanging up. Recently demoted city detective, Mike Goodenough, suspects a killer-in-training, but will the locals believe him and can he protect young Hal and his mother? Woodland brings late 60s rural Australia to life in this evocative debut.



The Girl in the Mirror
Rose Carlyle
ALLEN & UNWIN
TPB \$29.99

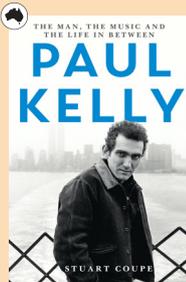
Summer has a charmed life until a medical emergency in Thailand causes her to call in a favour from her identical twin Iris. Embarking on a treacherous passage to Sri Lanka on their deceased father's yacht sets a new course for their lives. Which twin's story will be believed? A darkly twisted psychological thriller with a blockbuster ending. readers alike.

NON FICTION



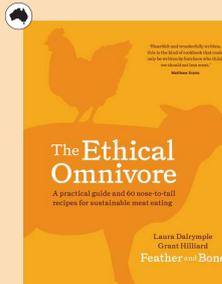
A Question of Colour
Patricia Lees, with Adam C Lees
MAGABALA BOOKS
PB \$22.99

The removal of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children from their families remains a dark chapter in Australia's history. Pattie Lees was 10 years old when she and her siblings were separated from their mother. *A Question of Colour* recounts Pattie's experiences as a 'fair skinned Aboriginal' during Australia's assimilationist policy era, and her survival after sexual, physical and emotional abuse as a Ward of the State.



Paul Kelly
Stuart Coupe
HACHETTE AUSTRALIA
TPB \$35.00

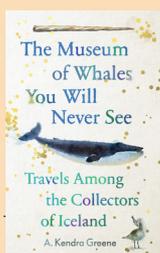
With access to Paul Kelly, his family and contemporaries in the music world, Stuart Coupe tells the story of one of Australia's most acclaimed and loved musicians. The sixth of nine children, Kelly only took to the guitar in his late teens, and the balance between rock and roll and real life wasn't always pretty. Paul Kelly's story is a must for Australian music fans.



The Ethical Omnivore
Laura Dalrymple and Grant Hilliard
MURDOCH BOOKS
PB \$39.99

The *Ethical Omnivore* is a user-friendly recipe and handbook that will open your eyes to a better way to buy, cook and eat. This book traces how animals can be raised ethically and demonstrates ways regenerative farmers care for their animals. It offers tried-and-tested recipes from the Feather and Bone community, and shows all of us how to live with less impact on the animals and environment that support us.

NON FICTION



The Museum of Whales You Will Never See

A. Kendra Greene

GRANTA

TPB \$32.99

Discover and delight in a surprisingly large number of (mostly) very small museums scattered across Iceland. Founded in the backyards of houses, begun as jokes or bets or memorials to lost friends, these museums tell the story of an enchanted island where bridges arrived only at the beginning of the 20th century, and waterproof shoes only with the second world war.



Stalin's Wine Cellar

John Baker

VIKING AUSTRALIA

TPB \$34.99

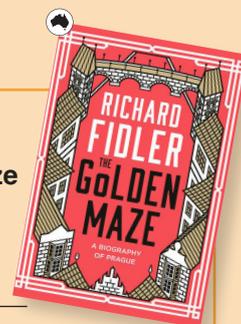
In the late 1990s John Baker, a purveyor of quality rare and old wines, was approached with a mysterious wine list. The list was discovered to be a comprehensive catalogue of the wine collection of Nicholas II, the last Tsar of Russia. *Stalin's Wine Cellar* is John and his partner Kevin's story of their audacious and potentially dangerous journey to Georgia to attempt to verify and purchase the wine.

The Golden Maze

Richard Fidler

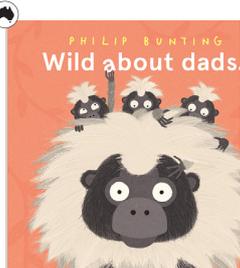
ABC BOOKS

HB \$39.99



Richard Fidler turns his intellect and curiosity to Prague, one of Europe's most beautiful cities, and uncovers a history stretching back to medieval times. From the founding of the city through to the uncertain present, Fidler is the consummate guide through layers of historic strata. *The Golden Maze* is a fascinating biography of the city from a favourite of ABC listeners and readers worldwide.

CHILDREN'S & YA BOOKS



Wild About Dads

Philip Bunting

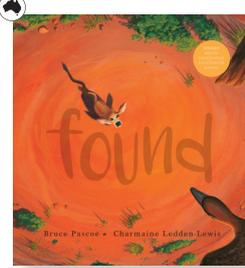
HARDIE GRANT

EGMONT

HB \$19.99

Author/illustrator
Philip Bunting has

created a gorgeous picture book celebrating the way different animal dads tend to their young. It can be enjoyed and read as a story book but has fun animal facts on each page for the inquisitive reader to explore.



Found

Bruce Pascoe

MAGABALA BOOKS

HB \$24.99

From the author of *Young Dark Emu* come this

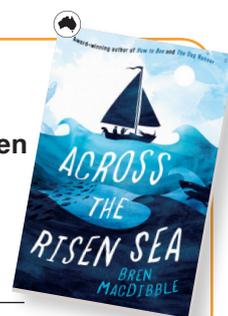
gentle story set in the rugged Australian bush about a small calf who becomes separated from his family after they are taken away in the back of a noisy truck. So begins the little calf's journey to find his family. An evocative story accompanied by stunning illustrations.

Across the Risen Sea

Bren MacDibble

A&U CHILDREN

PB \$16.99



A thrilling adventure set in a future world that has been devastated by climate change. Since the rising of the seas, the people of the Ockery Islands have learnt to live in a way that minimizes their impact on the world; that is until strangers arrive and threaten to disrupt everything unless they can be stopped.



I Saw Pete and Pete Saw Me

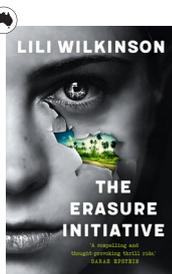
Maggie Hutchings

AFFIRM PRESS

PB \$19.99

Twig is all alone after his dad goes missing. But when he meets Flea, a

cheerful pickpocket, the pair become fast friends. Together they raise themselves on the crime-ridden streets. But then Twig wakes up in the Afterlife and has to find his way home. A powerful story of hope and friendship from the award-winning author of *The Bone Sparrow*.



The Erasure Initiative

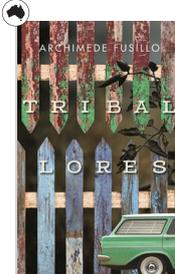
Lili Wilkinson

A&U CHILDREN'S

PB \$19.99

Cecily wakes up on a speeding driverless bus, part of a bizarre

psychological experiment, the Erasure Initiative. With no memory of who she is, or why the other passengers seem familiar, it's a race against time to save their lives. A dystopian thriller for readers who question the status quo. 14+.



Tribal Lores

Archimede Fusillo

WALKER BOOKS

PB \$19.99

Frankie Rescio and Lochie Marsh are neighbours. But at an Australia Day BBQ, the boys struggle to keep up with the rules and lore of their families to maintain the perfect image. Bubbling beneath the surface of both their lives are fractured families and tough decisions to be made. Fusillo paints a very real portrait of what it means to grow up as a man and create your own rules amid the tensions of tradition. 14+