

October highlights

The best books as chosen by Australia's Leading Booksellers

Adult Fiction

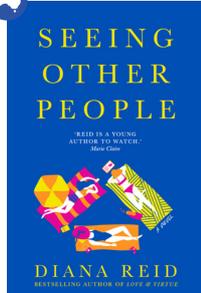


Limberlost Robbie Arnott

Text Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Ned hunts rabbits for their pelts, trying to save enough money to buy a boat. His father and sister are running the family orchard, Limberlost, while his

older brothers are away somewhere fighting in the war. With the orchard failing and his brother's absence, Ned must reconcile his personal dreams with the responsibilities that are thrust upon him. Masterful storytelling.



Seeing Other People Diana Reid

Ultimo Press
TPB \$32.99

Reid returns after the widespread success of *Love & Virtue*. Charlie and Eleanor are very different sisters living in Sydney, both trying

to work out how to be a good person. When Charlie's beautiful housemate Helen enters their lives, the two find their relationship stretched to breaking point. Reid weaves a wry tale of sexuality, selfishness and share-house tensions characteristic to one's 20s.

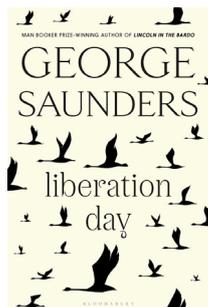


Demon Copperhead Barbara Kingsolver

Faber
TPB \$32.99

Inspired by *David Copperfield*, Kingsolver's story follows a young boy born into rural poverty

to a drug-addicted young single mother. Facing unbearable hardship in the derelict foster care system and hanging onto his childhood nickname from his copper-coloured hair, young Demon fights to make a better life for himself, despite many disasters and great loss. More brilliance from Kingsolver.



Liberation Day George Saunders

Bloomsbury
TPB \$29.99

The master of the short story turns his exacting gaze to contemporary America in this new collection exploring ideas of power, ethics, and justice, cutting to the

very heart of what it means to exist in a world with our fellow humans. Absurd, bizarre, and very, very funny, Saunders' great compassion for his characters shines through in these carefully crafted stories.



Our Missing Hearts Celeste Ng

Little, Brown
TPB \$32.99

This gripping, brilliant novel tells the story of 12-year-old Bird who lives with his father in a not-too-distant future America. His mother has

disappeared, as have her 'dissident' poems and stories from libraries and acceptable cultural history as they have been deemed 'un-American', and therefore dangerous. When Bird receives a mysterious letter, he is drawn into a quest to find her.



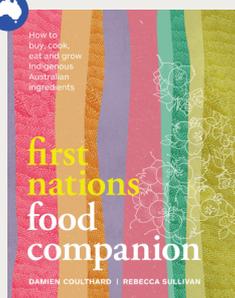
The Seven Skins of Esther Wilding Holly Ringland

4th Estate
TPB \$32.99

The last time Esther Wilding's sister Aura was seen, she was walking towards the

sea. Looking for answers, Esther travels from Tasmania to Copenhagen guided by stories left behind by Aura. Esther embarks on a haunting and magical journey of sisterly love and the transformation that can happen when you embrace both grief and joy. From the author of *The Lost Flowers of Alice Hart*.

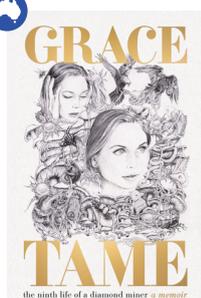
Non-Fiction



First Nations Food Companion Damien Coulthard & Rebecca Sullivan

Murdoch Books
HB \$49.99

Damien Coulthard and Rebecca Sullivan have produced a generously detailed ingredients guide of edible and accessible native plants available around Australia. Included is a First Nations flavour wheel that helps you visualise what these different ingredients can offer in the kitchen, allowing you to explore the recipes included and even develop some of your own.

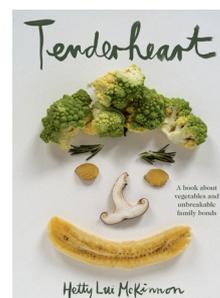


The Ninth Life of a Diamond Miner Grace Tame

Macmillan Australia
HB \$49.99

Grace's story, in Grace's words, on Grace's terms. Here she returns, again and again, to the things

that have driven and saved her: love, connection, and radical, unwavering honesty. Sharply intelligent, deeply felt and often blisteringly funny, offering a constructive and optimistic vision for a better future for all of us. This is the voice of the 2021 Australian of the Year, one that will no longer be silenced.



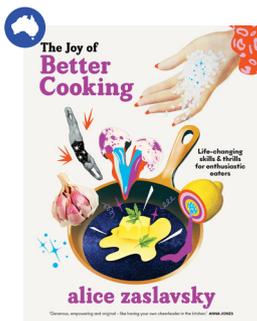
Tenderheart Hetty Lui McKinnon

Plum
HB \$59.99

Tenderheart is a book about vegetables. It is also a story of unbreakable family bonds, love and

loss, and the legacy of food as a way to stay connected to loved ones, including those who have passed. With each of the 22 chapters being dedicated to Hetty's favourite everyday vegetables, this book combines ingredients, flavours and textures in creative and inventive ways.

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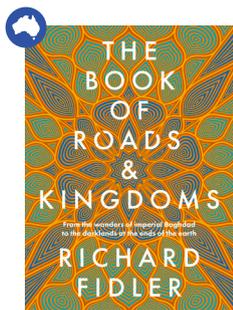


The Joy of Better Cooking Alice Zaslavsky

Murdoch Books
HB \$49.99

If you already enjoy the eating part, you have everything it takes to find joy in cooking too. With

her unbounding enthusiasm, let Alice lead you on a journey to confident, intuitive cooking. This vibrant kitchen manual contains stacks of veg-forward recipes with handy kitchen skills that will make you aspire to be a better cook.

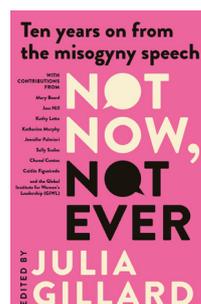


The Book of Roads & Kingdoms Richard Fidler

ABC Books
PB \$39.99

The story of medieval travellers during Islam's golden age, when Baghdad was the

richest city in the world. The citizens of Baghdad were modern, looking out to the world for knowledge that their traders, diplomats, soldiers, and scientists brought back from their journeys into the unknown. A tale of adventurers and their once great empire, expertly told by Richard Fidler.



Not Now, Not Ever Julia Gillard

Vintage Australia
TPB \$35.99

A wide spread of feminist contributors reflect on the legacy of former Prime Minister Julia Gillard's iconic 'misogyny speech'. From recollections by Wayne Swan and Cate Blanchett, to analysis of its ongoing popularity with young Australians on TikTok, Gillard herself has compiled an anthology that stands as testament to the speech's impact and longevity.

Children & Young Adults



Runt Craig Silvey

Allen & Unwin
HB \$19.99

Runt is the heartwarming story of Annie Shearer and her adopted best friend Runt. Runt is a fast and agile dog who after years of evading

capture has found companionship with Annie. This is one of those classic stories in which you are rooting for the underdog to win against all odds. You will laugh and cry and be moved by this tale of kindness and friendship. A classic in the making.



The Best Hiding Place Jane Godwin & Sylvia Morris

Affirm Press
HB \$29.99

Such a gloriously fun picture book that captures the highs and lows of a game of hide and seek. The relief of finding a good spot, the thrill of the chase and the slight terror when you wonder if you will ever be found in that dark, dusty hiding spot in the cupboard... Just like a good game of hide and seek, you will want to shout 'let's go again' as soon as you finish reading it! An absolutely delightful read.



How we came to be: Surprising Sea Creatures Sami Bayly

Lothian Children's Books
HB \$19.99

A fantastic book for curious kids who like reading about history, science and philosophy. With colour illustrations, maps, timelines and full of mind blowing facts about the history of humans on earth. A book to dip in and out of and to be read and re-read.



Off to the Market Alice Oehr

Scribble
HB \$24.99

Prepare your shopping list and take a wander through the Sunday fresh food market! Alice Oehr's

vibrant illustrations perfectly capture the lively atmosphere, introducing the community of growers and their produce. From different types of tomatoes, to herbs and their flavour profiles, this is packed with fun information, encouraging readers on the food journey.



The Jammer Nova Weetman

UQP
PB \$16.99

Roller Derby means everything to Fred, but when she loses her mum, she can't face playing anymore. However, newfound family and friends might just help

her on the track to healing. This is a beautiful story about loss, family and Roller Derby, deftly and sensitively crafted, creating an uplifting tale full of warmth.



Unnecessary Drama Nina Kenwood

Text Publishing
PB \$24.99

Brooke has always been the sensible one. She prides herself on her exceptional life admin and she's got every detail organised for

the start of her uni degree and re-location to Melbourne. Imagine her surprise when Jesse, her nemesis from high school, shows up as her new house mate. They both swear to follow one of the only rules in the house and keep things DRAMA FREE, but that is easier said than done. This is a funny and utterly charming story about finding love with the person you least expect and navigating life on your own for the first time. 14+.