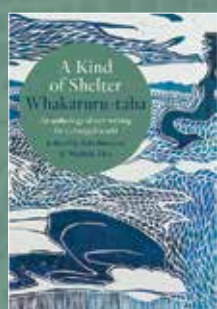


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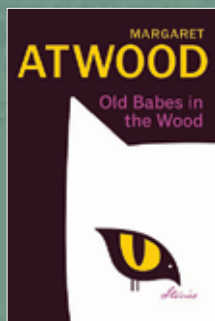


Winter Reads



A Kind of Shelter
Whakaruru-taha
WITI IHIMAERA,
MICHELLE ELVY
(EDS) (MASSEY
UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE
\$39.99

Sixty-eight writers and eight artists gather at a hui in a magnificent cave-like dwelling or meeting house. In the middle is a table, from which the rangatira speak; they converse with honoured guests, and their rangatira-kōrero embody the tāhuhu, the over-arching horizontal ridge pole, of the shelter. They look at decolonisation, indigeneity, climate change... this is what they see. A fresh, luminous anthology featuring poetry, short fiction and creative non-fiction, this is a book to return to time and again.



ATWOOD
Old Babes in the Wood
MARGARET
ATWOOD
(CHATTO &
WINDUS)
HB \$50.00

A new collection of short stories from Margaret Atwood, exploring the full warp and weft of experience. At the heart of the collection is a stunning sequence that follows a married couple as they travel the road together, the moments big and small that make up a long life of love – and what comes after. The glorious range of Atwood's creativity and humanity is on full beam in these tales, which by turns delight, illuminate and quietly devastate.



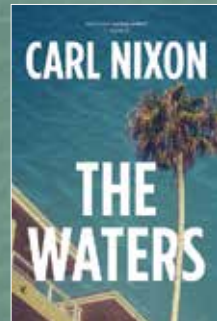
The Witching Tide
MARGARET MEYER
(MOA PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE
\$37.99

East Anglia, 1645. Martha Hallybread has lived for more than four decades in her beloved coastal village of Cleftwater. Everyone knows Martha, but no one has ever heard her speak. One morning, the peace is violently shattered and Martha becomes a silent witness to a witch hunt. In desperation, she revives a witching doll that she inherited from her mother, in the hope that it will bring protection. But the doll's true powers are unknowable, and time is running out.



Audition
PIP ADAM (TE
HERENGA WAKA
UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE
\$35.00 OUT IN JUL

Audition is hurtling through space towards the event horizon. Squashed into its rooms are three giants: Alba, Stanley and Drew. If they talk, the spaceship keeps moving; if they are silent, they resume growing. As they talk, they recover their shared memory of what has been done to their incarcerated former selves. Part science fiction, part social realism, *Audition* asks what happens when systems of power decide someone takes up too much room, and imagines a new kind of justice.



The Waters
CARL NIXON
(PENGUIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE
\$32.99 OUT IN AUG

The Waters kids – Mark, Davey, and the baby of the family, Samantha – have had to face more than their fair share of challenges. In 1979, their father sold up the farm and invested all the family's money in a doomed property development next to the ocean in Christchurch. Is that when 'everything started going wrong', as Mark believes? Will their bond survive the passage of time or will the three siblings succumb to their parents' legacy of failure?



Everything is Beautiful and Everything Hurts
JOSIE SHAPIRO
(ALLEN &
UNWIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE
\$36.99

Mickey Bloom: five foot tall, dyslexic, and bullied at school. One day, she discovers running, and she realises she's everything she thought she wasn't – powerful, strong and special. But her success comes at a cost, and the relentless training and pressure to win leaves Mickey broken. Years later, a chance encounter with a stranger sees Mickey reignite her dreams. The two women form an unbreakable bond, as Mickey is shown what it means to run in the right direction.



Lioness
EMILY PERKINS
(BLOOMSBURY)
PB NZ TITLE
\$36.99 OUT IN JUL

From humble beginnings, Therese has grown used to a life of luxury after marrying into an empire-building family. When rumours of corruption gather around her husband's latest development, Therese begins to look at her privileged, insular world with new eyes. In the flat below, something else is brewing. Her neighbour Claire believes she's discovered the secret to living with freedom and authenticity. Therese is forced to confront her choices – how did she become this person? What should she do about it?



The Bone Tree
AIRANA NGAREWA
(MOA PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE
\$37.99 OUT IN AUG

After the death of both parents, Kauri and Black must find a way to survive in a world that doesn't care much about them. Kauri embarks on a journey into his father's past, to come to terms with the trauma he's experienced, and to break the cycle of violence as he raises his younger brother. This is a gritty coming of age novel, with lyrical beauty, and a powerful message of love at its heart. **S**

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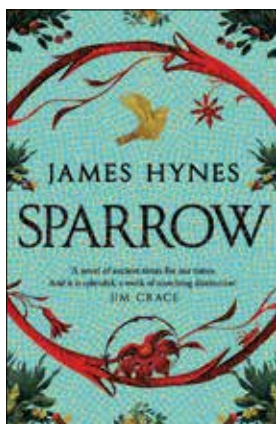
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FICTION



A Better Place
STEPHEN DAISLEY (TEXT)
PB NZ TITLE \$38.00
OUT IN JUL

The old people in the district would often say that Roy was not quite the same after he come back. There was a twin brother. Tony Mitchell, different boy but a good rugby player. Bit of a mental case, they said, but Roy would have none of it. They both went off to fight, must have been 1940. Only the one come back, though... Beautifully written, brutal, tender, visceral – this novel is about brothers at war, and love in its many forms.



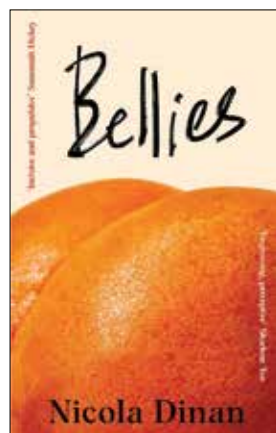
Sparrow
JAMES HYNES (PICADOR)
PB \$37.99

Raised in a brothel at the edge of a dying empire, a boy of no known origin creates his own identity. A hard fate awaits him, one that involves suffering, murder, mayhem, and the scattering of the women who have been his whole world. Through meticulous research and bold imagination, Hynes brings the entirety of the Roman city of Carthago Nova to vivid, brutal life. This story belongs to the slave class that made an infamous empire function.



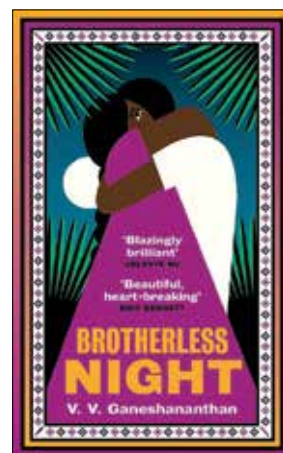
Lady Tan's Circle of Women
LISA SEE (SIMON & SCHUSTER)
PB \$37.99 OUT IN JUL

According to Confucius, 'an educated woman is a worthless woman,' but Tan Yunxian – born into an elite family, yet haunted by death and loneliness – is being raised by her grandparents to be of use. From a young age, Yunxian learns about women's illnesses, many of which relate to childbearing. This is a captivating story of women helping women, and a triumphant reimagining of the life of someone who was remarkable in the Ming dynasty and would be considered remarkable today.



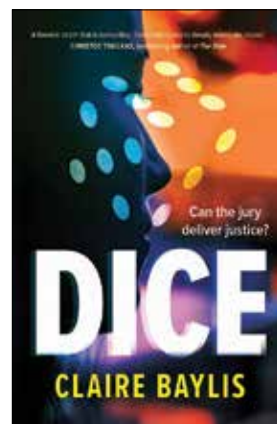
Bellies
NICOLA DINAN (DOUBLEDAY)
PB \$37.00 OUT IN JUL

It begins as your typical boy meets girl. At their local university drag night, Tom buys Ming a drink, and their connection is instant. Shortly after they move to London to start their next chapter together, Ming announces her intention to transition. From London to Kuala Lumpur, New York to Cologne, we follow Tom and Ming as they face the shifts in their relationship, each answering the essential question: is it worth losing a part of yourself to become who you are?



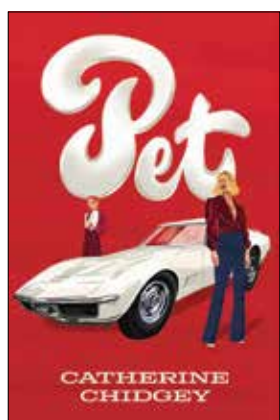
Brotherless Night
V.V. GANESHANANTHAN (VIKING)
PB \$37.00 OUT IN JUL

Sixteen-year-old Sashi wants to become a doctor. But as a vicious civil war subsumes Sri Lanka over the next decade, her dream takes her on a different path as she watches those around her get swept up in violent political ideologies and their consequences. She must ask herself: is it possible for anyone to move through life without doing harm? And, when the wrong person asks you to do the right thing, would you do it?



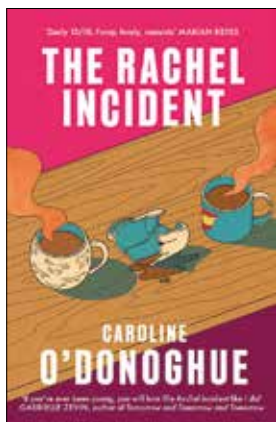
Dice
CLAIRE BAYLIS (ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$36.99
OUT IN JUL

Four teenage boys invent a sex game based on the toss of a dice. The police charge them with multiple sexual offences against three teenage girls. Twelve jurors must work out what actually happened. How will twelve women and men of different ages, backgrounds and beliefs decide whether consent was given or crimes were committed? A compelling courtroom drama, *Dice* is an incredibly timely exploration of how sexual violence is viewed in New Zealand.



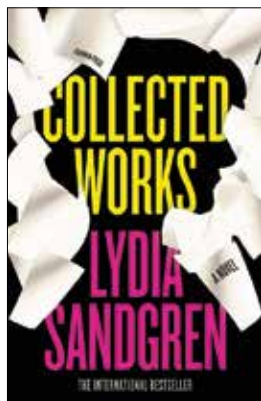
Pet
CATHERINE CHIDGEY (TE HERENGA WAKA UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB/HB NZ TITLE \$38.00/\$50.00

Like every other girl in her class, twelve-year-old Justine is drawn to her glamorous, charismatic new teacher and longs to be her pet. When a thief targets the school, Justine gets the sense that something isn't quite right. With each twist of the plot, this gripping story of deception and the corrosive power of guilt takes a darker turn. Set in New Zealand in 1984 and 2014, *Pet* is an elegant and chilling psychological thriller.



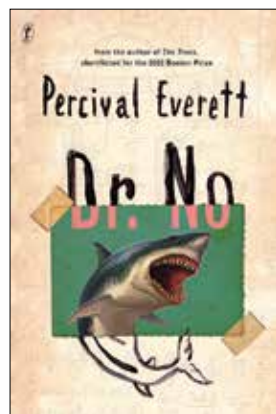
The Rachel Incident
CAROLINE O'DONOGHUE (VIRAGO)
PB \$37.99 OUT IN JUL

Rachel is working at a bookstore when she meets James, and the two begin a friendship that changes the course of both their lives forever. When Rachel falls in love with her married professor, Dr. Fred Byrne, James helps her devise a reading at their local bookstore, with the goal that she might seduce him afterwards. A brilliantly funny novel about friends, lovers, Ireland in chaos, and a young woman trying to manage all three.



Collected Works
LYDIA SANDGREN (PUSHKIN PRESS)
PB \$36.99

Writer Martin Berg is slowly falling into crisis. Martin's manuscript has long been languishing in a desk drawer, his best friend has stopped answering his calls, and his wife, Cecilia, has been missing for years. When Martin's daughter stumbles across a clue about what happened to her mother, she becomes determined to fill in the gaps in her family's story. A captivating, characterful and witty novel that asks searching questions about motherhood, family relationships, and the stories we inherit.



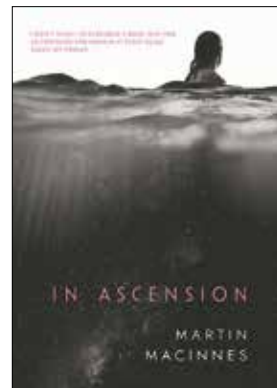
Dr. No
PERCIVAL EVERETT (TEXT)
PB \$38.00

Wala Kitu is an expert on nothing. That is to say, he is an expert, and his area of study is nothing, and he does nothing about it. This makes him the perfect partner for the aspiring villain John Sill, who wants to break into Fort Knox to steal not gold bars, but a shoebox containing nothing. *Dr. No* is a wildly mischievous novel from one of America's most inventive, provocative and productive writers.



Biography of X
CATHERINE LACEY (GRANTA)
PB \$36.99 OUT IN JUL

When X – an iconoclastic artist, writer and polarising shape-shifter – dies suddenly, her widow, wild with grief, hurls herself into writing a biography of the woman she deified, opening a Pandora's box of secrets, betrayals and destruction. Pulsing with suspense and intellect, *Biography of X* is a roaring epic that plumbs the depths of grief, art and love, and that introduces an unforgettable character who shows us the fallibility of the stories we craft for ourselves.



In Ascension
MARTIN MACINNES (ATLANTIC)
PB \$36.99

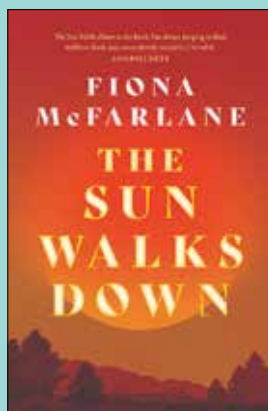
Leigh grew up in Rotterdam, drawn to the waterfront as an escape from her unhappy home life. Enchanted by the undersea world of her childhood, she excels in marine biology, travelling the globe to study ancient organisms. When a trench is discovered in the Atlantic ocean, Leigh joins the exploration team, hoping to find evidence of the earth's first life forms – what she finds instead calls into question everything we know about our beginnings. A compassionate, deeply inquisitive epic.

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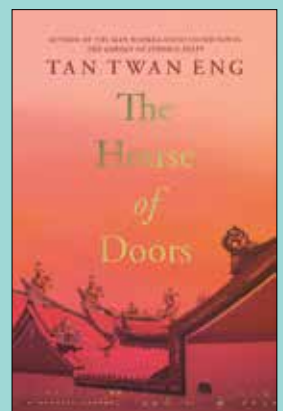
The Deck
FIONA FARRELL (VINTAGE NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$37.00

► In the near future, during a time of plague and profound social collapse, a group of friends escapes to a house in the country where they entertain themselves by playing music, eating, drinking and telling stories about their lives. *The Deck* borrows the motifs of Giovanni Boccaccio's 14th-century masterpiece, *The Decameron*, in which another small group gathered to avoid contagion and passed the time telling stories. But what is the role of fiction, this novel asks, as civilisation falters?



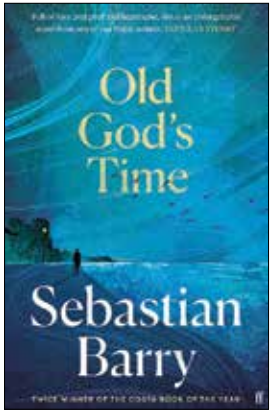
The Sun Walks Down
FIONA MCFARLANE (ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB \$36.99

► In September 1883, the South Australian town of Fairly huddles under strange, vivid sunsets. Six-year-old Denny Wallace has gone missing during a dust storm, and the whole town is intent on finding him. As they search the desert and mountains for the lost child, the residents of Fairly – newlyweds, landowners, farmers, mothers, artists, Indigenous trackers, camelers, children, schoolteachers, widows, maids, policemen – explore their own relationships with the complex landscape and unsettling history of the Flinders Ranges.



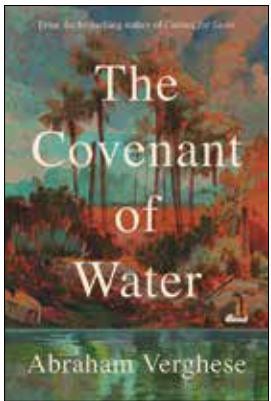
The House of Doors
TAN TWAN ENG (CANONGATE)
PB \$36.99

► 1921. Robert, a well-to-do lawyer, and his steely wife Lesley live at Cassowary House in Penang. Their lives are invigorated when writer Willie Somerset Maugham comes to stay. The more Lesley's friendship with Willie grows, the more clearly she sees him as he is. As Willie prepares to leave and face his demons, Lesley confides secrets of her own. Based on real events, this novel is a drama of love and betrayal under the shadow of Empire. **5**



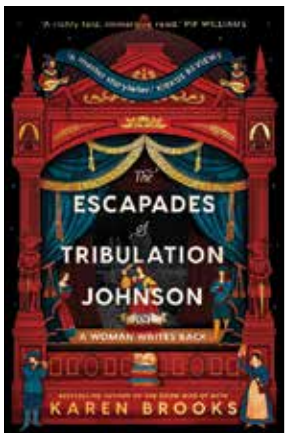
Old God's Time
SEBASTIAN BARRY
(FABER & FABER)
PB \$36.99

Retired policeman Tom Kettle is enjoying the quiet of his new home overlooking the sea. For months he has barely seen a soul, but his peace is interrupted when two former colleagues turn up at his door to ask questions about a traumatic, decades-old case which Tom never quite came to terms with. A beautiful, haunting novel about what we live through, what we live with, and what will survive of us.



The Covenant of Water
ABRAHAM VERGHESE
(GROVE PRESS)
PB \$37.99
OUT IN AUG

The Covenant of Water follows a family in southern India that suffers a peculiar affliction: in every generation, at least one person dies by drowning – and in Kerala, water is everywhere. Spanning 1900 to 1977, this is a shimmering evocation of a lost India and of the passage of time itself, a hymn to progress in medicine and to human understanding, and a humbling testament to the hardships undergone by past generations for the sake of those alive today.

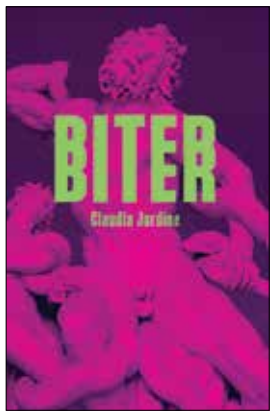


The Escapades of Tribulation Johnson
KAREN BROOKS
(HQ FICTION)
PB \$34.99 OUT IN JUL

It's 1679 and into the politics and colour of Restoration London comes Tribulation Johnson. Cast out from her family, Tribulation discovers ►

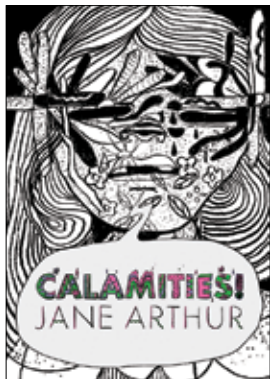
that the widowed cousin she's been sent to live with is the playwright and polemical poetess, Aphra Behn. Under Aphra's guidance, Tribulation is encouraged to write, think and speak for herself. But women aren't supposed to have a voice, or ideas, let alone wield a pen, and there are harsh consequences for those who don't obey society's rules. **✎**

POETRY



BITER
CLAUDIA JARDINE
(AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$24.99

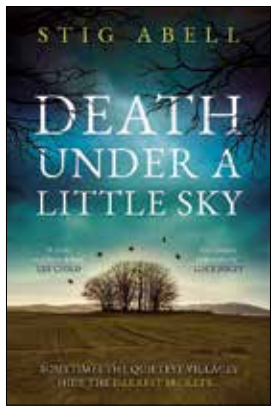
Filled with hiccups, puttaneca and tart wit, *BITER* is an apt title for Claudia Jardine's debut collection of verse. Fresh translations of erotic Greek epigrams are threaded through boozy sonnets, ecstatic odes and startlingly vulnerable love poems. Jardine weaves ancient and modern together into a rich, glitzy, idiosyncratic tapestry – and in doing so crafts a poetic voice that is at once classical and frisky.



Calamities!
JANE ARTHUR (TE HERENGA WAKA UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$25.00

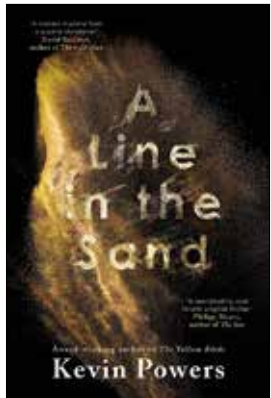
In her second, spine-cracking collection, Jane Arthur wants 'to get morbid'. Moving with ease between the cerebral and the ethereal she measures her anxieties against a cosmic canvas – taking in everything from meteorites and distant planets to pomanders and cat's ears. Whether contemplating time, regret or the end of the world, these poems don't flinch. But in writing against hope, Arthur also writes against hopelessness, and finds, at the heart of it all, a bear, sleeping soundly – or perhaps dead. **✎**

MYSTERY



Death Under a Little Sky
STIG ABELL
(HARPERCOLLINS)
PB \$35.00

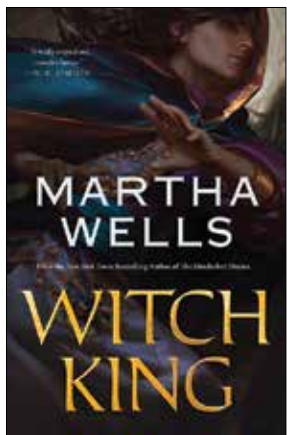
For years, Jake Jackson has been a high-flying detective in London. Then he receives a letter from his reclusive uncle – he has left Jake his property in the middle of the countryside. It is the perfect opportunity for a fresh start. His new home is beautiful, his surroundings are stunning, and he enjoys getting back to nature. But when a young woman's bones are discovered, Jake is thrust once again into the role of detective.



A Line in the Sand
KEVIN POWERS (SCEPTRE)
PB \$37.99 OUT IN JUN

An early morning on a beach in Virginia. As he is taking his daily swim, Arman Bajalan – formerly an interpreter in Iraq – discovers a dead body. After surviving an assassination attempt, Arman has been given lonely sanctuary in the US. Now, sure that the murder is connected to his past, he knows he's still not safe. *A Line in the Sand* is a sinuous, powerful, white-knuckle thriller, shot through with treachery, trauma and the long tentacles of war. **✎**

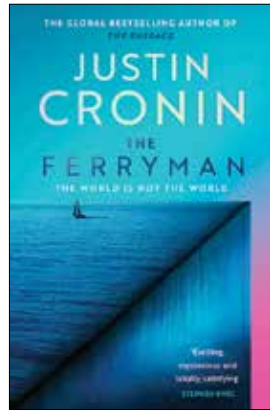
SCI-FI/FANTASY



Witch King
MARTHA WELLS
(ST MARTIN'S PRESS)
PB \$37.99

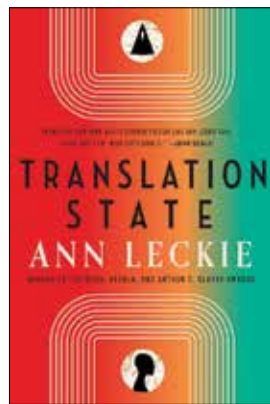
After being murdered, his consciousness dormant while confined in an elaborate water trap, Kai-Enna wakes to find ►

a lesser mage attempting to harness Kai's magic to his own advantage. But why was Kai imprisoned in the first place? What has changed in the world since his assassination? And why does the Rising World Coalition appear to be growing in influence? A remarkable story of power and friendship, trust and betrayal, and the families we choose.



The Ferryman
JUSTIN CRONIN (ORION)
PB \$37.99

Citizens of the main island of Prospera enjoy privileged lives, attended to by staff who live on a cramped neighbouring island, where there are whispers of revolution. Meanwhile, life for Prosperans is perfection – and when it's not, their bodies are sent to the mysterious third island: The Nursery. Proctor Bennett is a Ferryman. He never questioned his work until the day he receives a cryptic message and unravels something greater that could change the fate of humanity itself...



Translation State
ANN LECKIE (ORBIT)
PB \$37.99

Qven was created to be a Presger translator. The pride of their Clade, they always had a clear path before them: learn human ways and, eventually, make a match and serve as an intermediary between the dangerous alien Presger and the human worlds. The realisation that they might want something else isn't 'optimal behaviour'. But Qven rebels. *Translation State* masterfully merges space adventure and mystery, and is a poignant exploration about relationships and belonging.



The Blighted Stars
MEGAN E. O'KEEFE
(ORBIT)
PB \$29.99 OUT IN AUG

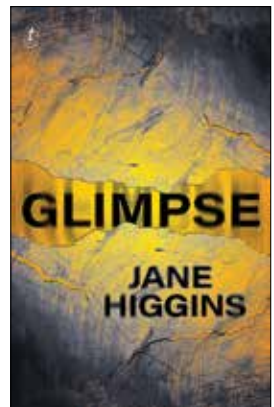
Humanity is running out of options. Habitable planets are being destroyed as quickly as they're found, and spy and revolutionary Naira Sharp thinks she knows the reason why. When she and her mortal enemy crash-land on a dying planet, she must figure out how to survive long enough to uncover the deadly, galaxy-spanning conspiracy that landed them there. *The Blighted Stars* is the first book in an epic new space-opera trilogy.



A House with Good Bones
T. KINGFISHER (TITAN)
PB \$29.99

Sam's excited for a rare visit to her mother's house, but she quickly realises home isn't what it used to be. Gone is the warm, cluttered charm her mum is known for, and she jumps at the smallest noises. Out the back, Sam finds a jar of teeth hidden beneath the rose bushes, and vultures are circling the garden. To find out what's got her mum so frightened, Sam will go digging for the truth. But some secrets are better left buried. **✎**

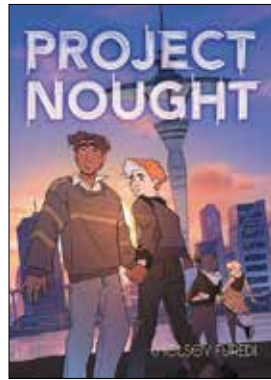
YOUNG ADULT



Glimpse
JANE HIGGINS (TEXT)
PB NZ TITLE \$24.00

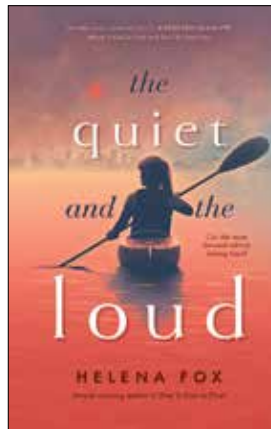
The city authorities have abandoned the D-Zone as damaged beyond repair, where ongoing earthquakes threaten to destroy what's left. Jonah can see the quakes – before the ground shudders and grinds, before ►

the buildings fall. Glimpsing is a rare ability and a great survival asset, and it has attracted the attention of the entertainment company GlimpseCorp and the cult movement People for a New Nation. Both are desperate to control and cash in on this remarkable power. A totally compelling adventure. 14+



Project Nought
CHELSEY FUREDI
(CLARION BOOKS)
PB NZ TITLE \$29.99

Ren Mittal's last memory in the year 1996 is getting on a bus to visit his mystery pen pal Georgia. When he wakes up in 2122, he thinks he might be hallucinating, but he isn't. Tech conglomerate Chronotech sponsors a time-travel program to help students in 2122 learn what history was really like, from real-life subjects who've been transported into the future – and Ren is one of them. This debut graphic novel is a fast-paced time travel adventure. 13+



The Quiet and the Loud
HELENA FOX (PAN AUSTRALIA)
PB \$22.99

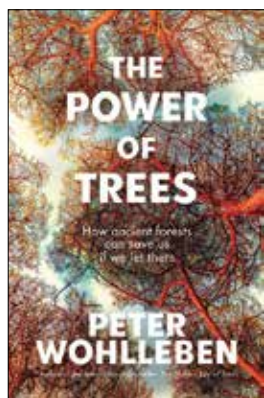
George's life is loud. On the water, though, with everything hushed above and below, she is steady, silent. When her estranged dad says he needs to talk, and painful memories roar back to life, George turns to Calliope, the girl who has cartwheeled into her world and shot it through with colours. It's here George would stay – quiet and safe – if she could. A novel about the contours of friendship, family, forgiveness, trauma, love, and about our hopeless, hopeful world. 15+ **✎**

NON-FICTION



Rethinking Our World: an invitation to rescue our future
MAJA GÖPEL, DAVID SHAW (SCRIBE)
PB \$37.00

Our world is at a tipping point. On the one hand, we have never been so well off; on the other hand, we find destruction and crisis everywhere we look. Our systems – environmental and societal – are under stress. In this book, Maja Göpel, co-founder of the Scientists for Future initiative and a former secretary-general of the German Advisory Council on Global Change, presents a compelling and persuasive look at the social transformations needed to cope with our environmental crises.



The Power of Trees
PETER WOHLLEBEN (BLACK INC)
PB \$40.00

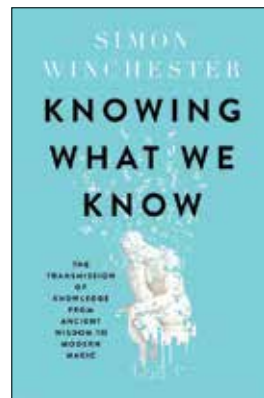
This is Peter Wohlleben's follow-up to his internationally bestselling *The Hidden Life of Trees*. Wohlleben shares astonishing discoveries about how trees pass knowledge down to succeeding generations to help them survive climate change, and he is unsparing in his criticism of those who wield economic and political power as they ruthlessly exploit nature. It is a love letter to the forest and a passionate argument for protecting nature's boundless diversity – not only for the trees, but also for ourselves.



Blue Machine: How the Ocean Works
HELEN CZERSKI (TORVA)
PB \$40.00

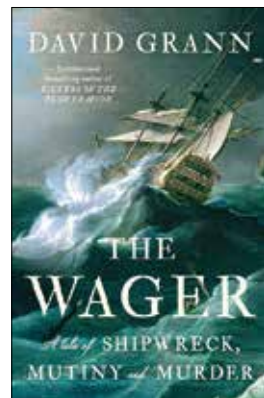
Earth is home to a huge story that is rarely told – that of ▶

our ocean. Not the fish or the dolphins, but the massive ocean engine itself. Timely, elegant and passionately argued, this book presents a fresh perspective on what it means to be a citizen of an ocean planet. Helen Czerski captures the magnitude and subtlety of Earth's defining feature, showing us the thrilling extent to which we are at the mercy of this great engine.



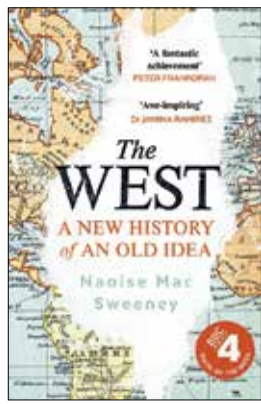
Knowing What We Know
SIMON WINCHESTER (WILLIAM COLLINS)
PB \$37.99

From the creation of the first encyclopedia to Wikipedia, from ancient museums to modern kindergarten classes, this is a brilliant, all-encompassing look at how humans acquire, retain and pass on information and data, and how technology continues to change our lives and our minds. Throughout this fascinating tour, Winchester forces us to ponder what rational humans are becoming. What is information without wisdom? What will the world be like if no one in it is wise?



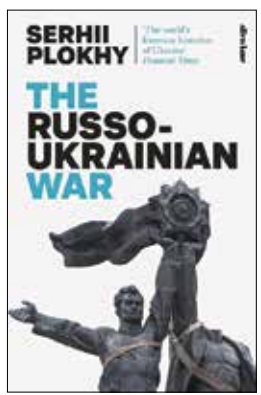
The Wager
DAVID GRANN (SIMON & SCHUSTER)
PB \$39.99

On January 28, 1742, a ramshackle vessel washed up on the coast of Brazil. Inside were thirty emaciated men with an extraordinary tale to tell. Six months later, another, even more decrepit craft landed on the coast of Chile containing just three castaways, with a very different story. The thirty sailors who landed in Brazil were not heroes – they were mutineers. A page-turning story of shipwreck, survival and savagery, culminating in a court martial that reveals a shocking truth.



The West: A New History of an Old Idea
NAOISE MAC SWEENEY (VH ALLEN)
PB \$40.00

We tend to imagine Western Civilisation as a golden thread, leading through the centuries from classical antiquity to the countries of the modern West – an idea often invoked in the speeches of politicians, and which remains deeply embedded in popular culture. But what if it is wrong? Told through the lives of fourteen fascinating historical figures, *The West* is a ground-breaking retelling of Western history and a powerful corrective to one of the greatest myths of all: Western Civilisation.



The Russo-Ukrainian War
SERHII PLOKHYY (ALLEN LANE)
PB \$40.00

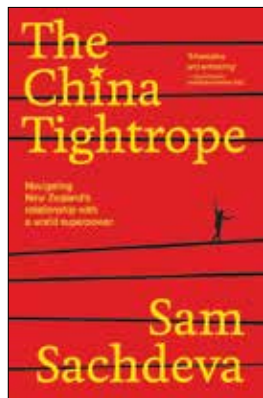
This is the comprehensive history of a conflict that has burned since 2014. Based on decades of research and his unique insight into the region, renowned Ukrainian historian Serhii Plokhyy argues that Ukraine's defiance of Russia, and the West's demonstration of unity and strength, has presented a profound challenge to Putin's Great Power ambition, and further polarised the world along a new axis. A riveting, enlightening account, this is present-minded history at its best.



'A Bloody Difficult Subject'
BAIN ATTWOOD (AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$59.99

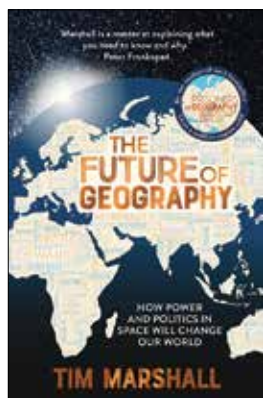
Ruth Ross is hardly a household name, yet most New ▶

Zealanders today owe the way they understand the Treaty of Waitangi to this remarkable woman's path-breaking historical research. A frank and moving meditation on the making of history and its advantages and disadvantages for life in a democratic society, this is a surprising story full of unforeseen circumstances, unexpected twists, unlikely turns and unanticipated outcomes.



The China Tightrope
SAM SACHDEVA (ALLEN & UNWIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$36.99

For the past 50 years, New Zealand has prided itself on a history of breaking new ground with China. But what might the next 50 years have in store? Based on interviews with former and current politicians, diplomats and leading academics from home and abroad, this book is a valuable resource for those seeking to better understand the Asian superpower and how it is changing our world – for better and for worse.



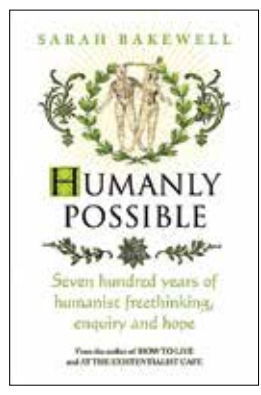
The Future of Geography
TIM MARSHALL (ELLIOTT & THOMPSON)
PB \$39.99

Spy satellites orbiting the moon. Space metals worth more than most countries' GDP. People on Mars within the next ten years. Humans are venturing up and out, and we're taking our competitive spirit with us. Soon, what happens in space will shape human history as much as the mountains, rivers, and seas have impacted civilisations around the world. Written with insight and wit, *The Future of Geography* is an essential read about global power, politics and the future of humanity.



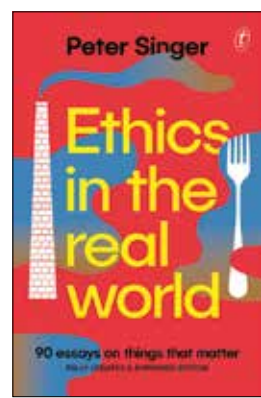
Enchantment: Reawakening Wonder in an Exhausted Age
KATHERINE MAY (FABER & FABER)
PB \$32.99

After years of pandemic life – parenting while working, battling anxiety about things beyond her control, feeling overwhelmed by the news-cycle and increasingly isolated – Katherine May feels bone-tired, on edge and depleted. Could there be another way to live? Blending lyricism and storytelling, sensitivity and empathy, *Enchantment* invites each of us to open the door to human experience in all its sensual complexity, and to find the beauty waiting for us there.



Humanly Possible: Seven hundred years of humanist freethinking, enquiry and hope
SARAH BAKEWELL (CHATTO & WINDUS)
PB \$48.00

Humanly Possible asks what humanism is and why it has flourished for so long, despite opposition from fanatics, mystics and tyrants. It is a book brimming with ideas, personalities and experiments in living. It joyfully celebrates open-mindedness, optimism, freedom and the power of the here and now – humanist values which have helped steer us through dark times in the past, and which are just as urgently needed in our world today.



Ethics in the Real World: 90 Essays on Things that Matter
PETER SINGER (TEXT)
PB \$30.00

A fully updated, revised and expanded edition of Peter ▶

Singer's powerful collection, including 37 new essays. From free speech and fake news, stopping Putin, pandemic ethics, climate change, extreme poverty, abortion, euthanasia, sports doping, the sale of kidneys, happiness, the parenting style of elephants, to our relationship with kangaroos and colonising space. This collection brings clarity, focus and brilliant analysis to a wide range of current real-world ethical matters. These provocative short essays will challenge the way you think.



Elixir: In the Valley at the End of Time
KAPKA KASSABOVA (JONATHAN CAPE)
HB \$50.00

Over several seasons, Kassabova spends time with the people of the Mesta, one of the oldest inhabited river valleys in Europe. She meets women and men who work in a long lineage of foragers, healers and mystics. She learns about wild plants and the ancient practice of herbalism, and experiences a symbiotic system where nature and culture have blended for thousands of years. Immersive and enthralling, *Elixir* is an urgent call to rethink how we live.



Man-Made: How the bias of the past is being built into the future
TRACEY SPICER (SIMON & SCHUSTER)
PB \$39.99

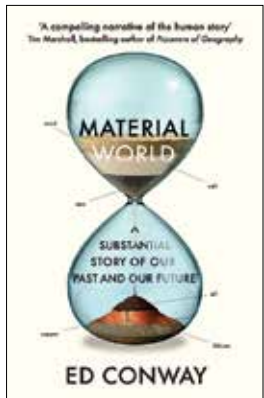
'Mum, I want a robot slave.' Broadcaster Tracey Spicer had an epiphany when her young son uttered these six words. Suddenly, her life's work fighting inequality seemed futile. What's the point in agitating to change the present, if bigotry is being embedded into our futures? This is a deeply researched yet accessible, illuminating and gripping ride into an uncertain future, culminating in a resounding call to action that will shake the tech sector to its foundations.

BIOGRAPHY



Under The Weather:
A future forecast
for New Zealand
JAMES RENWICK
(HARPERCOLLINS NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$39.99

A warmer world will change more than just our weather patterns. It will change the look of the land around us, and what grows and lives on it. In this must-read book, Renwick untangles what New Zealand's changing climate means for our everyday lives. He looks at New Zealand's increasingly frequent natural disasters, warming and acidifying waters, the creep of rising sea levels, and the ways that the changing weather will affect our agriculture, lifestyle, food security and economy.



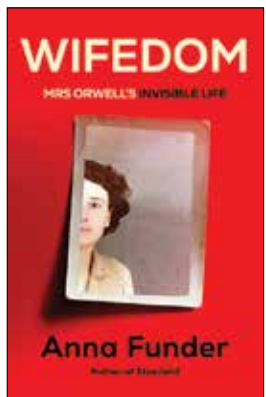
Material World: A Substantial Story of Our Past and Future
ED CONWAY (WH ALLEN)
PB \$40.00

Sand, salt, iron, copper, oil and lithium. They took us from the Dark Ages to the present day. They power our computers and phones, build our homes and offices, and create life-saving medicines. But most of us take them completely for granted. Conway shows why these substances matter more than ever before, and how the hidden battle to control them will shape our geopolitical future. This is the story of civilisation – from a new perspective: literally from the ground up. **5**



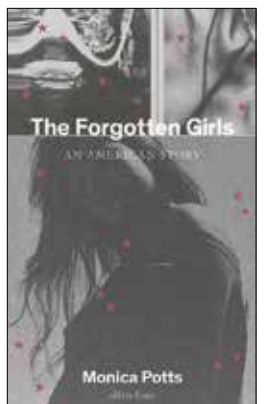
Laughing at the Dark
BARBARA ELSE
(PENGUIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$40.00

In her forties, Barbara was married to a globally recognised academic physician and had two beautiful teenage daughters. As her writing career developed, her husband became angry at the prospect of her being anything but a housewife. In a moment of madness – or realisation – she packed her car and took off to live with the man who would become her second husband. This funny, moving memoir is about how she rebelled against being a 'good girl'.



Wifedom: Mrs Orwell's Invisible Life
ANNA FUNDER
(HAMISH HAMILTON)
PB \$40.00 OUT IN JUL

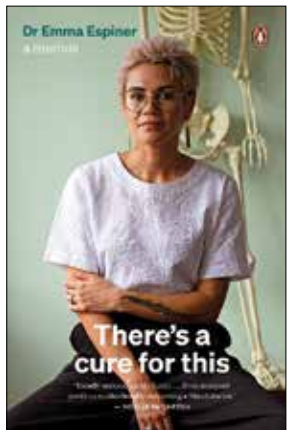
Looking for wonder and some reprieve from the everyday, Anna Funder slips into the pages of her hero George Orwell. When she uncovers his forgotten wife, it's a revelation. Eileen O'Shaughnessy's literary brilliance shaped Orwell's work and her practical nous saved his life. As Funder rolls up the screen concealing Orwell's private life, she is led to question what it takes to be a writer – and what it is to be a wife.



The Forgotten Girls: An American Story
MONICA POTTS
(ALLEN LANE)
PB \$40.00

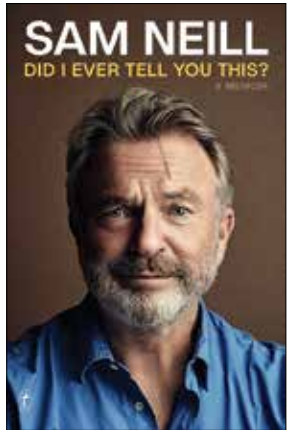
Growing up gifted and working-class in the foothills of the Ozarks, Monica and Darci became fast friends. They pored over the map in their classroom, vowing to escape. **►**

In the end, only Monica left for university. Years later they reconnect, and Monica, now working as a journalist, finds that her once talented and ambitious friend has become a statistic. Deeply aware that Darci's fate could have been hers, she explores how such similar women had very different destinies.



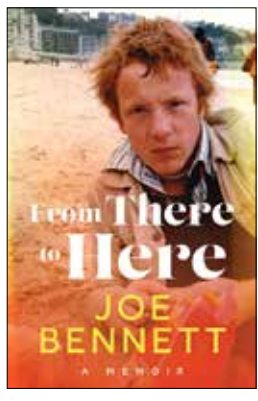
There's a Cure for This
EMMA ESPINER
(PENGUIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$35.00

Encompassing whānau, love, death, '90s action movies and scarfie drinking, this is Espiner's story, from a childhood spent shuttling between state houses and rentals, to navigating parenthood on her own terms; from the quietly perceived inequities of her early life to hard-won revelations as a Māori medical student and junior doctor during Covid. Clear, irreverent and beautiful, this book offers a candid examination of what it means to be human when it seems like nothing less than superhuman will do.



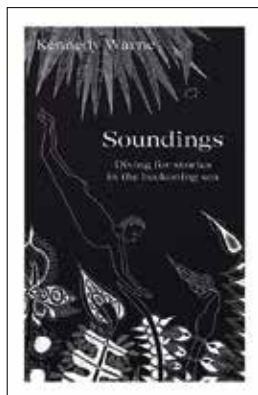
Did I Ever Tell You This?
SAM NEILL (TEXT)
HB NZ TITLE \$55.00

In this unexpected memoir, written in a creative burst of just a few months in 2022, Sam Neill tells the story of how he became a celebrated actor. *Did I Ever Tell You This?* is a joy to read, a marvellous and often very funny book – the work of a natural storyteller who is a superb observer of other people and very good company. He writes with love and warmth about his family and his brilliant career.



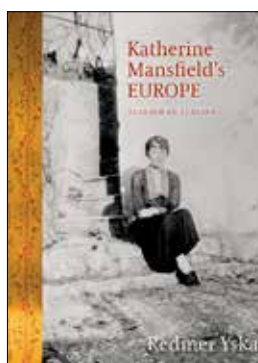
From There to Here
JOE BENNETT (HARPER COLLINS NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$35.00

Joe Bennett is the author of countless columns, over twenty books, and now, at long last, a memoir. *From There to Here* describes a childhood of fishing, cricket, friends, a dog, some mild molestation and a few deaths. There's the long-haired gloom and vehemence of adolescence. There's love and heartache, an urge to write and a fruitless struggle against teaching for a living. Superbly written, of course, and laugh-out-loud funny in places, it's also honest, unsparing, unexpected and moving.



Soundings: Diving for stories in the beckoning sea
KENNEDY WARNE
(MASSEY UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$39.99

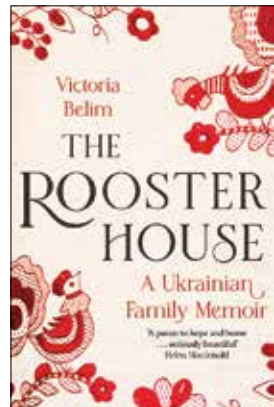
Perhaps the closest we can come to visiting another planet is to descend into the sea. In *Soundings*, Kennedy Warne connects his lifelong exploration of the underwater world with a global story of humanity's relationship with the sea. Drawing on years of fieldwork for National Geographic, he shares a myriad of underwater encounters, and a wider conversation emerges about human engagement with the sea. One question dominates: How can we care for and reconnect with the oceans around us?



Katherine Mansfield's Europe: Station to Station
REDMER YSKA (OTAGO UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$50.00

Guided by Mansfield's journals and letters, author **►**

Redmer Yska pursues the traces of her restless journeying in Europe, seeking out the places where she lived, worked and – a century ago this year – died. Along the way, he meets a cast of present-day Mansfield devotees who help shape his understanding of the impressions Mansfield left on their territories, and how she is formally (and informally) commemorated in Europe. Part travelogue, part literary biography, part detective story and part ghost story.



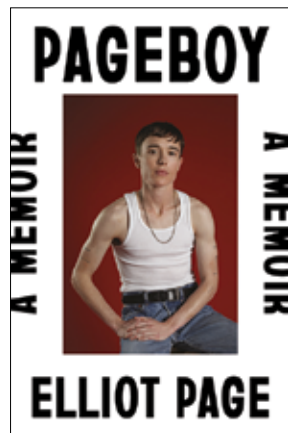
The Rooster House: A Ukrainian Family Memoir
VICTORIA BELIM
(VIRAGO)
PB \$39.99

In Poltava stands a building called the Rooster House. When Victoria was growing up in the 1980s, her great-grandmother would take pains to avoid walking past it. Years later, Victoria learns about an uncle who vanished in the 1930s fighting for a free Ukraine. She becomes obsessed with his story, returning to her birth country again and again in pursuit of it. Her winding search takes her to the Rooster House, and the dark truths contained in its basement.



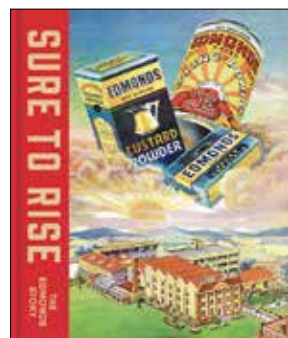
Wavewalker: Breaking Free
SUZANNE HEYWOOD
(WILLIAM COLLINS)
PB \$37.99 OUT IN JUL

Aged just seven, Suzanne Heywood set sail with her family on a three-year voyage around the world. What followed turned instead into a decade-long way of life, through storms, shipwrecks, reefs and isolation, with little formal schooling. Suzanne fought her parents, longing to return to England – to education, friends, safety and stability. This memoir tells how the adventure of a lifetime became one child's worst nightmare – and how determination helped her escape.



Pageboy
ELLIOT PAGE
(DOUBLEDAY)
PB \$40.00

The Oscar-nominated star who captivated the world with his performance in Juno finally shares his story in a groundbreaking and inspiring memoir about love, family, fame – and stepping into who we truly are with strength, joy and connection. Full of intimate stories, from chasing down secret love affairs to battling body image and struggling with familial strife, *Pageboy* is a love letter to the power of being seen.

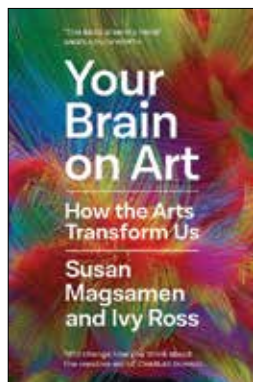


Sure to Rise: The Edmonds story
PETER ALSOP, KATE PARSONSON, RICHARD WOLFE (CANTERBURY UNIVERSITY PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$59.99

Edmonds is one of New Zealand's best-known brands – its radiant sun and 'Sure to Rise' promise have embellished baking powder labels and the much-loved Edmonds Cookery Book for over a hundred years. This is the story of Thomas Edmonds, who, from humble beginnings, created that iconic business, with thanks to hard work, creativity and persistence, and considerable support from his wife. Richly illustrated, *Sure to Rise* is a fascinating slice of New Zealand's social and culinary history. **5**

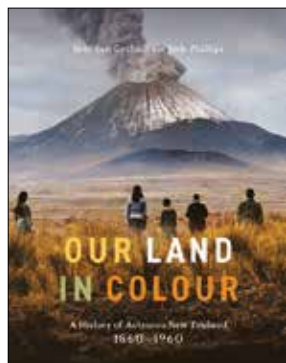
ART, COOKING & GARDENING

ART



Your Brain on Art: How the Arts Transform Us
SUSAN MAGSAMEN, IVY ROSS (CANONGATE)
HB \$45.00

Many of us think of the arts as entertainment – a luxury of some kind. But there's a cultural shift taking place, in which the arts can deliver potent, accessible and proven solutions for the well-being of everyone. This book is a life-altering journey through the science of neuroaesthetics, which offers proof for how our brains and bodies transform when we participate in the arts – and how this knowledge can improve our health, enable us to flourish, and build stronger communities.



Our Land in Colour
BRENDAN GRAHAM, JOCK PHILLIPS (HARPERCOLLINS NZ)
HB \$55.00 OUT IN AUG

Our Land in Colour celebrates the rich story of Aotearoa through two hundred images, meticulously colourised, opening a window back in time with remarkable detail. Aotearoa New Zealand from 1860 to 1960 was a world of black and white. It was a time when communities were isolated, made their lives from the land and lived an identity forged by the outdoors. These images are a reminder of who we were and where we've come from.



Monsters: A Fan's Dilemma
CLAIRE DEDERER (SCEPTRE)
PB \$37.99

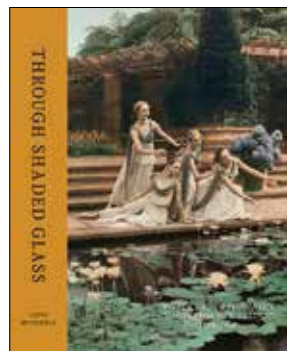
What do we do with the art of monstrous men? Does genius deserve special dispensation? ►

What makes women artists monstrous? And what should we do with beauty, and with our unruly feelings about it? Claire Dederer explores these questions in *Monsters*, a passionate, provocative and blisteringly smart interrogation of how we experience art in the age of #MeToo, and whether we can separate an artist's work from their biography.



Te Rā: The Māori Sail
ARIANA TIKAO, MAT TAIT (CHRISTCHURCH ART GALLERY TE PUNA O WAIWHEŪ)
HB NZ TITLE \$24.90 OUT IN JUL

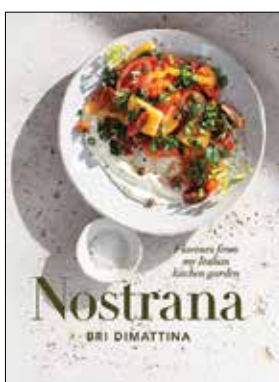
Te Rā is the last remaining customary Māori sail in the world. Woven from harakeke more than 200 years ago, *Te Rā* has for many years been held in storage at the British Museum. In July 2023, our oldest taonga will return home to Aotearoa. Evocatively written by Ariana Tikao and beautifully illustrated by Mat Tait, this book commemorates the homecoming of our oldest taonga, and celebrates our past, present and future as New Zealanders.



Through Shaded Glass: Women and Photography in Aotearoa New Zealand 1860-1960
LISSA MITCHELL (TE PAPA PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$75.00

The contribution of women to the first century of photography has been overlooked across the world, including in New Zealand. This book takes the reader on a journey through the backrooms of nineteenth and early twentieth-century photographic studios, into private homes, out onto the street and up into the mountains, and looks at the range of photographic practices in which women were involved. Through superb images and fascinating individual stories, it brings an important group of photographers into the light. ►

COOKING



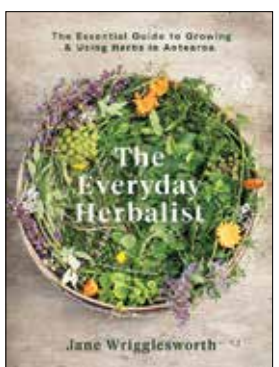
Nostrana: Flavours from my Italian kitchen garden
BRI DIMATTINA (HARPERCOLLINS NZ)
HB NZ TITLE \$55.00

Nostrana means homegrown, ours; growing food with the intent of sharing it. Inspired by the abundant lemon trees and trellised tomato vines of her Italian grandparents' vegetable garden, Bri DiMattina started her own edible pantry in her back garden and discovered the joys of bringing food from seed to table. Organised seasonally, and with growing guides for each ingredient, *Nostrana* shares simple, gorgeous and delicious recipes with fresh vegetables and fruits you can easily grow and harvest yourself.



Winter Warmers: Recipes and stories from a New Zealand high country station
PHILIPPA CAMERON (ALLEN & UNWIN NZ)
HB NZ TITLE \$49.99

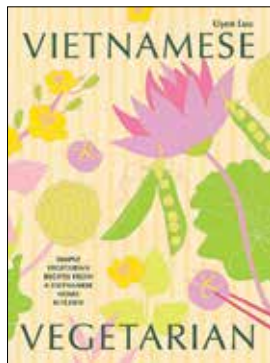
The bestselling author of *A High Country Life* shares more stories of living in the isolated mountains of New Zealand, plus 70 hearty recipes, in *Winter Warmers*. This book includes more fascinating tales from people who have life-long connections to the land and life on the station, along with lots of no-waste ideas and tips on how to use leftovers to create exciting and inspiring new meals, complete with incredible photography of life in the high country.



The Everyday Herbalist
JANE WRIGGLESWORTH (ALLEN & UNWIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$49.99

The Everyday Herbalist contains detailed information on 30 ►

must-have herbs and usage suggestions for a wide variety of others. Learn how to make remedies for a range of ailments; gain practical information on how to make teas, tinctures, balms, ointments, poultices and much more; and find out more about using herbs in the kitchen. This is the ultimate guide for anyone interested in herbs, and is fully illustrated with identification photos throughout.



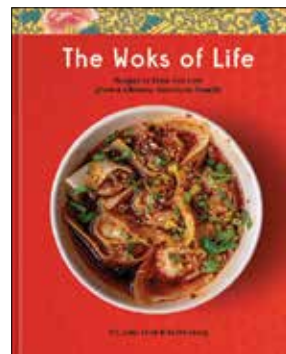
Vietnamese Vegetarian: Simple Vegetarian Recipes from a Vietnamese Home Kitchen
UYEN LUU (HARDIE GRANT)
HB \$50.00

Vietnamese Vegetarian showcases over 80 of the tastiest vegetarian Vietnamese recipes from Uyen Luu. From quick dishes such as Grilled Vegetable Banh Mi, to dishes fit for a feast such as Mushroom and Tofu Phở, as well as sweet treats, there is a vast array of dishes for any occasion. With tips and tricks on how to adapt the recipes to use alternative ingredients, this is bound to be everyone's go-to book on vegetarian Vietnamese food.



Simply Scandinavian: Cook and Eat the Easy Way
TRINE HAHNEMANN (QUADRILLE)
HB \$60.00

In a nod to the Scandinavian way of eating, this book offers unpretentious and straightforward dishes with a focus on ease of cooking and seasonality. By showing just how achievable it is to get amazing flavours out of a handful of good ingredients, Trine creates solutions for easy breakfasts, mid-week meals and simple but impressive ways to entertain family and friends. This is an uncomplicated and greener way to cook and eat, from an expert in Scandinavian cookery.



The Woks of Life
BILL, KAITLIN, SARAH AND JUDY LEUNG (RANDOM HOUSE)
HB \$70.00

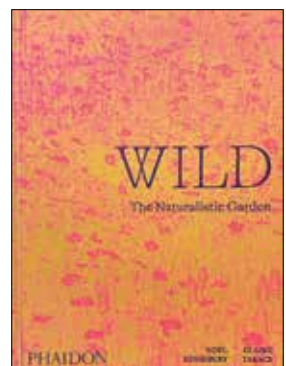
This is the story of a family as told through food. Judy, the mum, speaks to traditional Chinese dishes and cultural backstory. Bill, the dad, worked in his family's Chinese restaurants. Daughters Sarah and Kaitlin have your vegetable-forward and one-dish recipes covered. Whether you're new to Chinese cooking or your pantry is always stocked with bean paste and chili oil, you'll find lots of inspiration and trustworthy recipes that will become a part of your family story, too.



Time and Tide
EMILY SCOTT (HARDIE GRANT)
HB \$60.00 OUT IN JUL

In *Time & Tide*, Emily Scott weaves together all the strands that influence and inspire her cooking; from the salt-scented air to the ever-changing shades of the water and the shapes and textures of the wild fennel and tamarisk plants that crowd in on the coastal path. These elements make for incredible dishes infused with creativity and a sense of place – each dish evokes something inherently special to Emily and the culinary delights of Cornwall. ►

GARDENING



Wild: The Naturalistic Garden
NOEL KINGSBURY, CLAIRE TAKACS (PHAIDON)
HB \$90.00

Forget the mild, manicured gardens of the past: planting today is undergoing a revolution in taste and aesthetics. This is a comprehensive overview of a new planting approach that ►

is wild and natural, reflecting the global turn towards sustainability and the current zeitgeist in garden design. From a perennial meadow in East Sussex, England to Jo Wakelin's stunning dry garden in Central Otago, each garden in this striking book is brought to life with beautiful photography and insightful text.



Gardens of the National Trust
STEPHEN LACEY (NATIONAL TRUST)
HB \$62.99 OUT IN JUL

The National Trust has the finest collection of gardens in the United Kingdom. In this book, Stephen Lacey paints a vivid picture of the individual gardens, and places each one in its context within British horticultural history. All the major periods and styles of garden design are represented, and the text and pictures have been fully updated, with several new entries. This is a classic and beautiful guide to Britain's most outstanding gardens.



Fungi of Aotearoa: A Curious Forager's Field Guide
LIV SISSON (PENGUIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$45.00

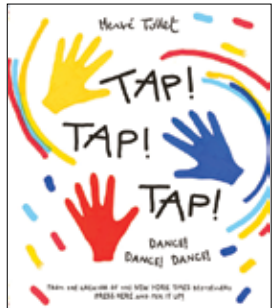
Enter and explore the fascinating world of fungi. In this practical and up-to-date guide, forager and fungus enthusiast Liv Sisson shares her top tips and takes the reader on a journey to discover the unique and diverse fungi Aotearoa has to offer. Featuring stunning full-colour photographs, fun facts and current descriptions of over 130 species, *Fungi of Aotearoa* is packed full of information and advice that will delight armchair enthusiasts, backcountry explorers and budding experts alike. ►

Telling TALES

Scorpio Children's Books

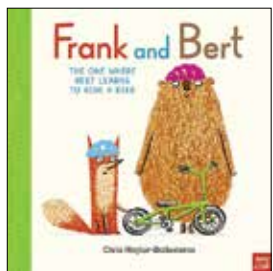


PICTURE BOOKS



Tap! Tap! Tap! Dance! Dance!
HERVE TULLET
(ALLEN & UNWIN)
HB \$32.99

In another delightfully interactive book that celebrates colour and movement, Hervé Tullet invites children to use their hands to dance on the page. A gentle glide starts things off, a few little leaps, then big bouncy jumps that grow in complexity and animation, finally building to a crescendo of colour, action and movement! Once again, Hervé proves himself a master entertainer in a book filled with his signature energy, whimsy and sheer fun. 1+



Frank and Bert: The One Where Bert Learns to Ride a Bike
CHRIS NAYLOR-BALLESTEROS
(NOSY CROW)
HB \$27.99

Bert is CERTAIN he can ride his bike as well as Frank, but he is very wobbly! And even when they BOTH try riding Frank's bike... it still goes very wrong. Will the best friends make it all the way down from the big hill? Of course! All they need is a little bit of confidence and trust in each other. This warm and entertaining story about friendship is guaranteed to get children giggling! 2+



What's That, Jack?
CEDRICK RAMADIER, VINCENT BOURGEOU
(ILLUS.) (GECKO)
HB NZ TITLE \$29.99

Two curious animals have a remarkable adventure with a ▶

strange object that changes with the landscape then flies back into the sky. They don't know what it was, but what a day they had! This bright and funny book is a game of twists and turns, with a joyful refrain and vivid artwork to capture every toddler's imagination. 2+



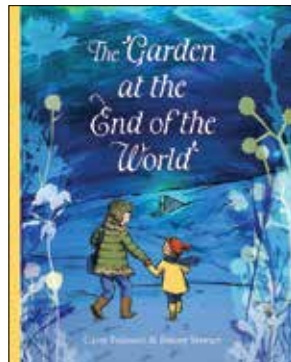
Nooo! Not the Dentist!
STEPHANIE BLAKE
(GECKO)
PB NZ TITLE \$18.99

Beloved rabbit Simon returns with his cheeky humour and favourite catchphrase to help young children approach any daunting new experience. Simon gets a sore tooth so needs to take his first trip to the dentist. 'I will NEVER go to the dentist!' yells Simon. But his mother takes no notice. Perfect to read aloud and giggle together as a family or for reluctant readers who will enjoy the bold and simple text and cheeky humour. 2+



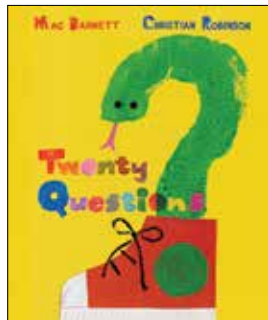
Abigail and the Making of the Moon
MATTHEW CUNNINGHAM, SARAH WILKINS
(ILLUS.) (PUFFIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$21.00

One clear day, Abigail thinks of a question and knows that she won't be able to do anything else if she doesn't have an answer to it. What follows is an evocatively simple story within a story explaining how the newborn Earth collided with another planet, and how gravity acts like invisible hands reaching out and keeping the Moon spinning around the Earth, the Earth spinning around the Sun. A perfect book for every budding astrophysicist. 3+



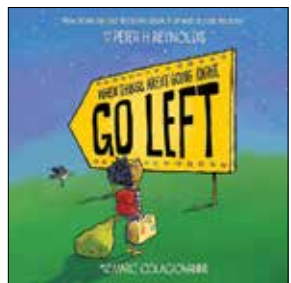
The Garden at the End of the World
BRIONY STEWART, CASSY POLIMENI
(UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND)
HB \$30.00

When Isla makes a special discovery, she and her botanist mother adventure to the Global Seed Vault in Norway. Isla is going to leave her precious package there, so children who haven't even been born yet can grow and eat the food we all enjoy. What else will they encounter along the way? *The Garden at the End of the World* is a hopeful story about protecting nature's treasures for the future. 3+



Twenty Questions
MAC BARNETT, CHRISTIAN ROBINSON
(ILLUS.) (WALKER BOOKS)
HB \$27.99

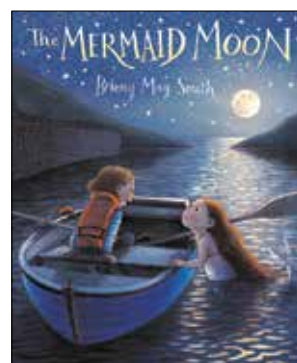
Not all questions have answers. Some have more than one answer. And others have endless answers, unfolding out to the edges of the world. This bright and whimsical book poses twenty questions both playful and profound. Some make us laugh. Others challenge our assumptions. The result is a quirky, wandering exploration of where the best questions lead – to stories. Intriguing, and richly interactive, *Twenty Questions* is a charming invitation to speculate without limits and know no bounds. 4+



When Things Aren't Going Right, Go Left
MARC COLAGIOVANNI
(SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA)
HB \$22.99

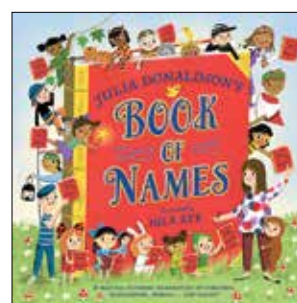
'One day for no particular reason, nothing was going right. Absolutely positively, nothing ▶

was going right. So, I decided to go left...' Told through creative language play, this picture book reminds readers of their own agency and the power they have to direct their own path. Lyrical text and stunning art create an enduring message of strength and perseverance that is both universal and personal, and one that readers will be drawn to over and over again. 4+



The Mermaid Moon
BRIONY MAY SMITH
(WALKER BOOKS)
HB \$29.99

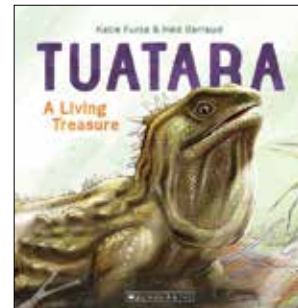
Once, there were two best friends. One was from the sea, and one was from the land. In this magical picture book perfect for all young mermaid lovers, two best friends – one who lives on land, the other in the water – share an exciting adventure on the night of the Mermaid Moon: the one time each year mermaids can leave the sea. A delightful and dramatic book for any child who has dreamed of being friends with a mermaid. 4+



Julia Donaldson's Book Of Names
JULIA DONALDSON, NILA AYE
(ILLUS.) (MACMILLAN)
HB 29.99 OUT IN AUG

Set in a magical transforming bookshop, *Julia Donaldson's Book of Names* is a fun-filled love letter to the world of books, imagination and children. From months of the year, colours, flowers, food and gemstones, Julia has seamlessly grouped together a charming selection of children's names and woven them together in her unmistakable rhyming style. Readers will enjoy trying to find their own name, and even if it isn't included, there is a special dedicated space for them to add it! 4+ **1**

NONFICTION



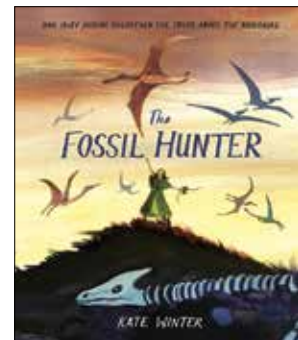
Tuatara: A Living Treasure
KATIE FURZE, NED BARRAUD
(SCHOLASTIC NEW ZEALAND)
PB NZ TITLE \$21.99 OUT IN JUL

Meet Tuatara, ancient wonder, wildlife treasure... and survivor! Blinking, she pulls her scaly body into the light. She's as long as a finger, and with the row of spines on her back she looks like a baby dragon. Tuatara are survivors of an ancient era – their closest relatives died out during the time of the dinosaurs 60 million years ago! This book is a fascinating look at the life cycle of a tuatara. 4+



Wild Family
BEN LERWILL, HARRIET HOBDAY
(ILLUS.) (PUFFIN)
HB \$38.00

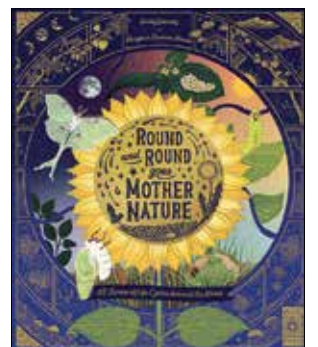
Families come in all shapes and sizes, from spiders who can carry hundreds of their babies, to elephants who babysit each other's calves. Meet kings that rule over a pride, and queens that are in charge of the hive. These incredible true stories for curious young minds are fully illustrated with imaginative, colourful artwork – perfect for every animal and wildlife fan to dip into and treasure all year round. 4+



The Fossil Hunter
KATE WINTER
(PUFFIN)
HB \$37.00

Mary Anning was a fossil hunter, scouring the cliffs and seashores of Lyme Regis for strange rocks and shells. Little did she know that 200 years later we would ▶

still be talking about her amazing discoveries and how she influenced our understanding of the history of the earth. Unearth the mysteries of ancient fossils and discover the life and legacy of Mary Anning in this beautifully illustrated, fact-filled book for curious young readers. 5+



Round and Round Goes Mother Nature
GABBY DAWNAY, MARGAUX SAMSON ABADIE
(ILLUS.) (WIDE-EYED EDITIONS)
HB \$45.00

Every story has a beginning, middle and end, and so does everything in our world. From a frog, to a cloud in the sky, to a twinkling star at night – discover the captivating stories of the most amazing life cycles between you and outer space. Forty-eight story spreads beautifully describe all sorts of life cycles, from very small, to out of this world. 6+



The Mind-Blowing World of Extraordinary Competitions
ANNA GOLDFIELD
(NEON SQUID)
HB \$17.99 OUT IN AUG

From cheese rolling to baby crying competitions, get ready for an adventure through the most amazing contests the world has ever seen. Throughout history humans have been challenging themselves against each other. Who could be the fastest? The strongest? The cleverest? While this was going on some other people decided to create epic contests that were... well, a bit more unusual. Get ready to witness pumpkin sailing races, camel beauty pageants, air guitar championships, worm charming contests, and more! 7+ **1**

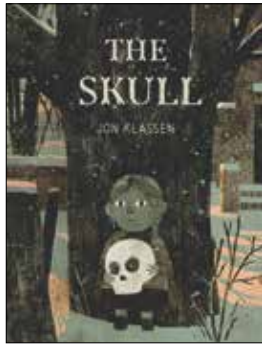
CHILDREN'S FICTION



What Goes Up White & Comes Down Yellow?

GYLES BRANDRETH (PUFFIN)
PB \$21.00

In this book you'll find a whole host of amazing riddles. Some will get you head scratching, some will make you laugh, and all are a lot of fun. Plus find out some brilliant riddling facts, and top tips on how to solve the trickiest brain-teasers. Written by Master of Funny and Collector of Riddles Gyles Brandreth, this is the ultimate, riotous book of riddles! 6+



Skull: A Tyrolean Folktale

JON KLASSEN (WALKER BOOKS)
HB \$35.99 OUT IN JUL

In a big abandoned house, on a barren hill, lives a skull. A brave girl named Otilla has escaped from terrible danger and run away, and when she finds herself lost in the dark forest, the lonely house beckons. Her host, the skull, is afraid of something too, something that comes every night. Can brave Otilla save them both? Jon Klassen's signature wry humour takes a turn for the ghostly in this thrilling retelling of a traditional Tyrolean folktale. 6+



Leeva At Last
SARA PENNYPACKER, MATTHEW CORDELL (ILLUS.) (HARPERCOLLINS)
PB \$19.99

Leeva Thornblossom loves to learn: her local newspaper teaches her a new word every day, and soap operas show her the many shades of human expression. But Leeva's parents don't want to send her to school. So, with the help of the town's librarian, Leeva sets out to find answers: what have her parents been hiding from her? With hilarious writing and an unforgettable hero, *Leeva at Last* is perfect for fans of Matilda. 7+



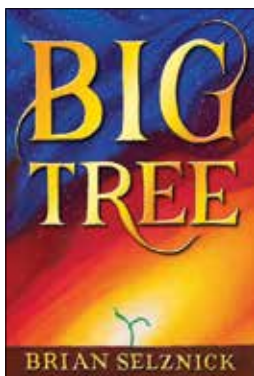
The Deadlands: Hunted
SKYE MELKI-WEGNER (WALKER BOOKS)
PB \$18.99

The last surviving dinosaur kingdoms are waging war. Eleri is an oryctodromeus, a small dinosaur raised in an underground warren. He dreams of becoming his herd's storyteller but when he saves an enemy soldier, he is exiled to the Deadlands. To survive this scorched desert full of carnivores, he joins a herd of other young exiles. Can five young misfits save their warring kingdoms? Perfect for fans of *Jurassic Park*, *Skandar and the Unicorn Thief* and *Dragon Mountain*. 7+



Miss Penny Dreadful and the Malicious Maze
ALLISON RUSHBY (WALKER BOOKS AUSTRALIA)
PB \$17.99

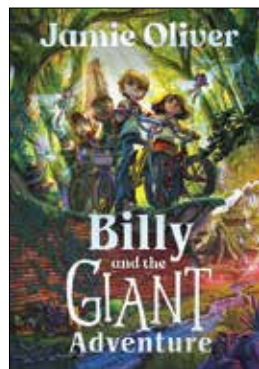
When Penny steps into her family's Hyde Park Square townhouse, she discovers her parents' laboratory in terrible disarray. Before she can find out any more, Penny is whisked away with her aunt to Harewood Hall in the countryside, where a malicious maze is rumoured to be gobbling up servants. Miss Penny Dreadful has another mystery to solve, and absolutely nothing is as it seems! The second book in a mystical and adventurous series from acclaimed author Allison Rushby. 7+



Big Tree
BRIAN SELZNICK (SCHOLASTIC)
HB \$39.99

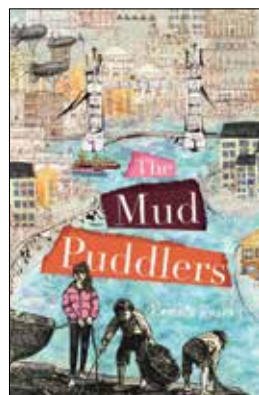
Louise and her brother Merwin are Sycamore seeds. When a fire forces them to leave their mama tree prematurely, they find themselves catapulted

into the unknown, far from home. They must use their wits and imagination to navigate a dangerous world filled with dinosaurs, meteors, and volcanoes, fighting the fear of never finding a safe place to grow up. This is a trailblazing adventure, brimming with humour, wonder, mystery and a profound sense of hope. 8+



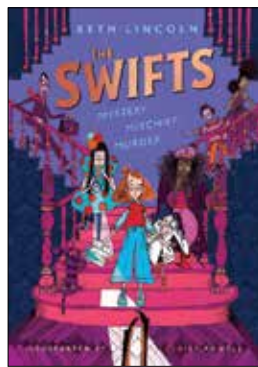
Billy and the Giant Adventure
JAMIE OLIVER (PUFFIN)
PB \$17.99

A dash of friendship, a sprinkle of mystery and a HUGE spoonful of magic. Jamie Oliver delivers the perfect recipe for a page-turning adventure. Billy and his friends know that Waterfall Woods is out of bounds; strange things are rumoured to have happened there and no one in their village has ventured past its walls for decades... With magical battles, a long-lost mythical city, fantastical flying machines, epic feasts and one GIANT rescue, get ready for a story you'll never forget! 8+



The Mud Puddlers
PAMELA RUSHBY (WALKER BOOKS AUSTRALIA)
PB \$18.99

Twelve-year-old Nina is not happy. She's being sent to London to stay with her Aunt Bee, a keen mud larker, who loves combing the river mud for fascinating, long-forgotten articles from past lives. When Nina finds herself stranded in time, in the Blitz in 1940, she and a very unwilling fellow traveller, Tom, become runaways, fumbling their way across wartime England, desperate to return to London. Will they ever see their families again? 8+



The Swifts
BETH LINCOLN (PUFFIN)
HB \$35.00

Shenanigan Swift's relatives all think she's destined to turn out as a troublemaker, just because of her name. But Shenanigan knows she can be whatever she wants – pirate, explorer or even detective – which is lucky, because when one of the Family tries to murder Arch-Aunt Schadenfreude, someone has to work out whodunit. Can Shenanigan catch the killer before the whole household is picked off? And in a Family where definitions are so important, can she learn to define herself? 8+



The Sun and the Star
RICK RIORDAN AND MARK OSHIRO (PUFFIN)
PB \$30.00

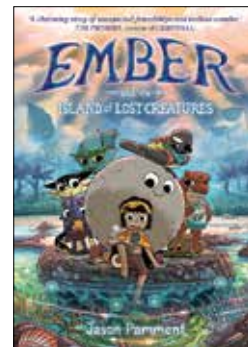
Nico di Angelo is pretty familiar with the realms of death. So when a desperate voice of an old friend starts plaguing his dreams, he's convinced it's coming from the Underworld – and that Nico must rescue him. Of course Nico's boyfriend, Will Solace, son of Apollo, insists on joining the quest too. But can Will even survive in the darkest part of the world? As Nico faces demons, his relationship with Will is tested. Can love find its way? 9+



The Treekeepers
KIERAN LARWOOD (FABER & FABER)
PB \$18.99

Liska – a smart, brave but lowly shapeshifter – lives in a city embedded in the trunk and branches of an enormous tree. The inhabitants of this city go about their daily business, safe in the knowledge that the shapeshifters will protect them and their life-giving tree. So when Liska hears that the tree is under threat, it is her duty

to act. This is a richly woven, hugely ambitious and thrilling fantasy from the author of the bestselling *Podkin* novels. 10+



Ember and the Island of Lost Creatures (Graphic Novel)
JASON PAMMENT (ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB \$22.99 OUT IN JUL

Fitting in can be hard, especially when you're as small as Ember. He's hoping his luck changes when a kindly sea turtle escorts him across the ocean to a school for little creatures on a wondrous island. As he struggles to adapt to his school, Ember finds himself at the heart of a strange mystery. Though Ember's classmates may seem of little help, any good student knows appearances can be deceiving – and friendship can come from unexpected places. 8+ **I**

YOUNG TEEN



The Sparrow
TESSA DUDER (PENGUIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$22.00

In September 1840, two ships arrive on the shores of the Waitematā Harbour to establish Auckland, the new capital of New Zealand. Among the settlers on board the *Platina* is young Harry, travelling alone and determined to return to family in England. But the more immediate challenge is finding food and shelter – and hiding the truth about his real identity and what was left behind in Van Diemen's Land. 11+



Willodeen
KATHERINE APPEGATE (WELBECK FLAME)
PB \$16.99

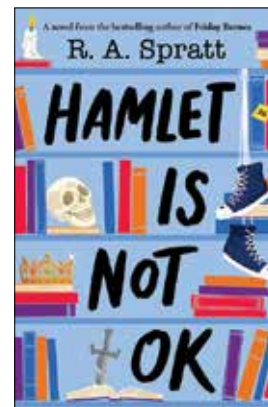
Eleven-year-old Willodeen adores creatures of all kinds, but her favourites are the

most unlovable beasts in the land: strange beasts known as 'screechers'. The villagers of Perchance call them pests, but Willodeen believes they serve a vital role in the complicated web of nature. When a handmade birthday gift brings unexpected magic to Willodeen, she's determined to speak up for the animals she loves. A timeless tale about our fragile earth, and one girl's fierce determination to make a difference. 11+



Skandar and the Phantom Rider (v2 Skandar)
A.F. STEADMAN (SIMON & SCHUSTER)
HB \$24.99

Skandar Smith has achieved his dream: to train as a unicorn rider. But as Skandar and his friends enter their second year at the Eyrie, a new threat arises. Immortal wild unicorns are somehow being killed, a prophecy warns of terrible danger, and elemental destruction begins to ravage the Island. As the storm gathers, can Skandar find the key to stop the Island tearing itself apart before it's too late for them all? 11+



Hamlet is Not Ok
R.A. SPRATT (PUFFIN)
PB \$21.00 OUT IN JUL

Selby hates homework, so she didn't plan to read *Hamlet*. She certainly never planned to meet him. This novel transports Selby, and the reader, into the cold and crime-ridden play itself. Here she meets Hamlet: heavy with grief, the young prince is overthinking and over everything. Selby can relate. But in the bloody, backstabbing world of Shakespeare, Selby's good conscience and quiet courage might just save some lives... hopefully before Hamlet stabs one of her classmates. 13+ **I**