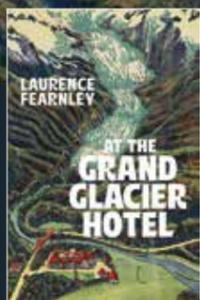




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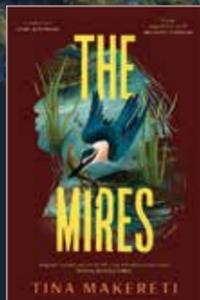


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At the Grand Glacier Hotel
LAURENCE FEARNLEY
(PENGUIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$37.00

Following a disastrous holiday, Libby and Curtis make a promise: If they ever visit the West Coast again, they will stay at the majestic Grand Glacier Hotel. Twenty years later, Libby is recovering from cancer and they finally return. Except the glacier has retreated, and after a storm separates the couple, Libby finds herself alone. Disappointed, she tentatively begins to explore. Could the hotel and its curious inhabitants hold the key to Libby reconnecting with the person she once was?



The Mires
TINA MAKERETI
(ULTIMO)
PB NZ TITLE \$39.99 OUT IN JUL

In the near future, three women become neighbours in a coastal town. Keri is busy with four-year-old Walty and teen Wairere. Next door is Janet, a woman with an opinion about everything, and Sera, whose family are refugees from ecological devastation in Europe. When Janet's son arrives home suddenly, no one suspects just how extreme he has become. No one except Wairere, who can feel the danger in their midst, and the swamp watching and waiting.



Max
AVI DUCKOR-JONES
PB NZ TITLE \$37.99

About to finish high school, it appears Max has everything – but underneath he is grappling with questions about his birth parents, his sexuality, and the feeling that there is a badness deep within him. After an incident sets Max's world crumbling, he must confront who he is – and who he is allowed to love. *Max* is a vivid and insightful coming-of-age novel about the ways we weave the threads of our adolescent identities into a cohesive adult self.



Ans Westra: A life in photography
PAUL MOON
(MASSEY UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$50.00

In a career that spanned six decades, the Dutch-Kiwi photographer Ans Westra (1936–2023) made it her life's work to capture the growth of a nation through hundreds of thousands of images. Her photographic catalogue is now widely thought of as a photo album of Aotearoa New Zealand. This richly illustrated biography interrogates her remarkable – and at times controversial – practice, and a life that always put photography first.



Hard by the Cloud House
PETER WALKER
(MASSEY UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$39.99

The legend of Te Hokioi, the extinct eagle of New Zealand, leads author Peter Walker from a Canterbury sheep run to the Rare Books Room of the British Library and to 'sacred' Raiatea in Polynesia, as he uncovers the story of the predator which once ruled over the Southern Alps. From the calamitous encounter of South Island Māori with colonisation to the glories of tenth-century Baghdad, Walker combines a heady mix of history, memoir, science and mythology.



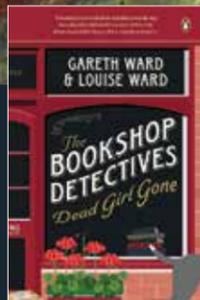
Foraging New Zealand
PETER LANGLANDS
(PENGUIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$50.00

New Zealand is full of incredible, edible wild foods – fruit, fungi, herbs, seaweed and more – you only need to know where to look and how to do it safely. With up-to-date information and tips, this book will have you venturing into the countryside, viewing weeds afresh, and returning to the larder with zest. Langlands has spent a lifetime compiling Aotearoa's largest database of wild foraged species, running workshops and sourcing wild produce for chefs as one of our only licensed professional foragers.



Hine Toa
NGĀHUIA TE AWEKOTUKU
(HARPERCOLLINS)
PB NZ TITLE \$39.99

In the 1950s, a young Ngāhūia grows up around family who foster hard work and community. But she craves more: she wants higher education and refined living. In this fiery memoir about identity and belonging, she describes what was possible for a restless working-class girl from the pa. After moving to Auckland for university, Ngāhūia advocates resistance as a founding member of Ngā Tamatoa and the Women's and Gay Liberation movements, becoming a critical voice in protests from Waitangi to the streets of Wellington.



The Bookshop Detectives: Dead Girl Gone
GARETH WARD & LOUISE WARD
(PENGUIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$38.00 OUT IN JUL

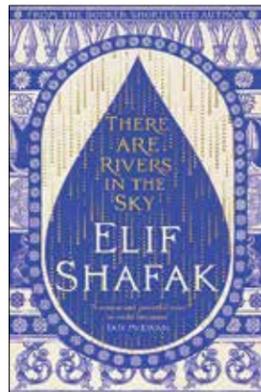
When a mystery parcel arrives at Sherlock Tomes bookshop in Havelock North, husband-and-wife owners Garth and Eloise are drawn into the decades-old case of a missing schoolgirl. Intrigued by the bookish clues, the two ex-cops are soon tangled in a web of crime, drugs and floral decapitations, while endeavouring to pull off the international celebrity book launch of the century. With their beloved shop on the chopping block and a sinister suspect reemerging from the past, have Garth and Eloise Sherlock finally met their Moriarty? **5**

FICTION



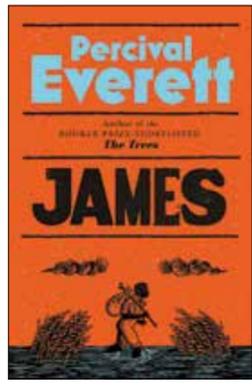
Parade
RACHEL CUSK
(FABER & FABER)
PB \$36.99

A startling, exhilarating novel that demolishes storytelling conventions, surging past the limits of character and plot to tell the story of G, an artist whose life contains many lives. A writer hides. A mother dies. A woman is attacked. *Parade* operates on the border between fiction and reality. It braids imagined characters with the actual, experience with the philosophical, to altering effect. A path-breaking novel of art, womanhood and violence, from the visionary author of the Outline trilogy.



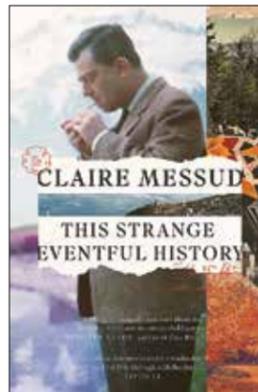
There are Rivers in the Sky
ELIF SHAFAK (VIKING)
PB \$37.00 OUT IN AUG

In the ruins of Nineveh, fragments of a poem lie hidden in the sand. In Victorian London, an extraordinary child is born at the edge of the Thames. In 2014 Turkey, a Yazidi girl waits to be baptised with holy water. In 2018 London, a hydrologist moves to a houseboat to escape the wreckage of her marriage. This is the story of one poem, two rivers, and three lives – all connected by a single drop of water.



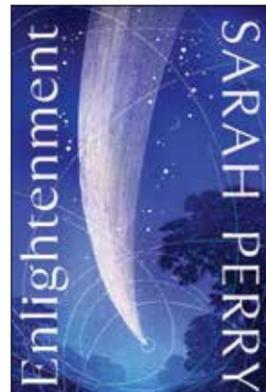
James
PERCIVAL EVERETT
(PAN MACMILLAN)
PB \$37.99

An enthralling, radical and ferociously funny reimagining of *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* from the perspective of Jim. When he overhears that he's to be sold to a new slave owner, and separated from his wife and daughter forever, Jim decides to hide while he formulates a plan. Meanwhile, Huck Finn has faked his own death to escape his violent father. Thus begins a dangerous and transcendent journey along the Mississippi River, towards the elusive promise of the free states and beyond.



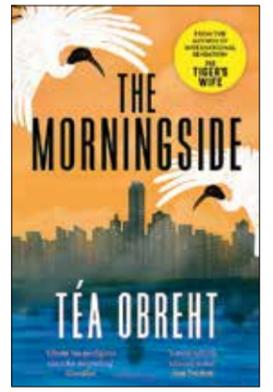
This Strange Eventful History
CLAIRE MESSUD (FLEET)
PB \$37.99

June, 1940. As Paris falls to the Germans, Gaston Cassar – servant of France, devoted husband and father, currently posted as naval attaché in Salonica – bids farewell to his beloved wife, aunt and children, placing his faith in God that they will be reunited after the war. But escaping the violence is not the same as emerging unscathed. The family will never again be whole. A magnificent novel of breathtaking historical sweep and vivid psychological intimacy.



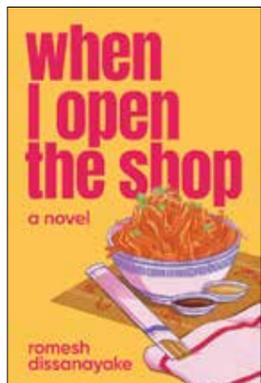
Enlightenment
SARAH PERRY
(JONATHAN CAPE)
PB \$38.00

In a small Essex town, Thomas and Grace are unlikely kindred spirits – torn between faith and desire. After their friendship ruptures, their lives come back into orbit as the mystery of a vanished astronomer unfolds into a devastating tale of love and scientific pursuit. They ask themselves what it means to love and be loved, what is fixed and what is mutable, how much of our fate is written in the stars, and whether they can find their way back to each other.



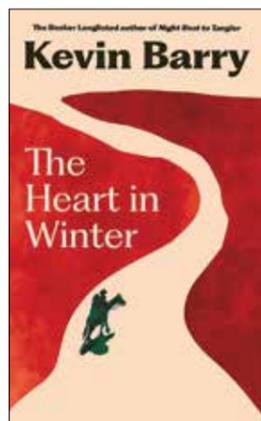
The Morningside
TÉA OBREHT
(WEIDENFELD & NICOLSON)
PB \$39.99

The newest resident of crumbling high-rise The Morningside is eleven-year-old Silvia. Silvia knows little about the place she left behind, but her aunt and fellow resident, Ena, delights in recounting the folktales of their demolished homeland, filling Silvia's world with magic and myths. When Silvia encounters the mysterious inhabitant of the penthouse and her three massive dogs, she is consumed by curiosity and embarks on a mission to find out the truth about Bezi Duras, and her own haunted past.



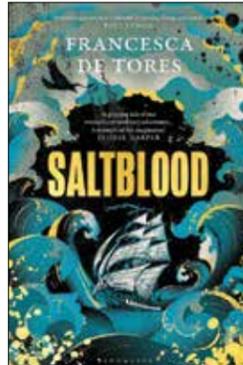
When I Open the Shop
ROMESH DISSANAYAKE
(TE HERENGA WAKA)
PB NZ TITLE \$35.00

In his small noodle shop in Te Whanganui-a-Tara, a young chef obsessively juliennes carrots. Nothing is going according to plan: the bills are piling up, his mother is dead, and there are strangers in his kitchen. The ancestors are watching closely. Told through a series of brilliant interludes and jump cuts, this novel takes flight into surrealism to offer a glimpse into immigrant life in Aotearoa. A highly entertaining, surprising and poignant debut novel about grief, struggle and community.



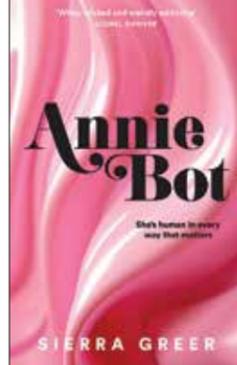
The Heart in Winter
KEVIN BARRY
(CANONGATE)
PB \$36.99

October 1891, Butte, Montana – a city grown rich on copper mines and rampant with vice and debauchery. Among a hard-living crowd of immigrant Irish workers, Tom Rourke, a young poet and fearsome degenerate, feels his life is heading nowhere. Then Polly Gillespie arrives in town as the new bride of the devout Captain Harrington. A thunderbolt love affair takes spark in this savagely funny, achingly beautiful tale set in the Wild West. From the author of *Night Boat to Tangier*.



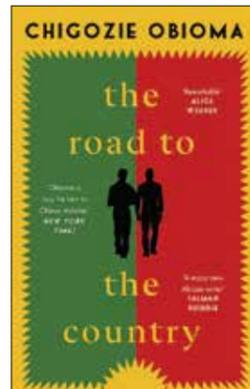
Saltblood
FRANCESCA DETORES
(BLOOMSBURY)
PB \$36.99

In Plymouth, 1685, a daughter is born as her half-brother is dying. Her mother makes a decision: Mary will become Mark, and they will continue to collect his inheritance. Mary's dual existence takes her from footman in a grand house, to the navy, to the battlegrounds of Flanders and, when nothing can stop her yearning for the sea, to piracy. A wild and intoxicating tale of gender, survival, passion and transformation, through the story of Mary Read, one of history's most remarkable figures.



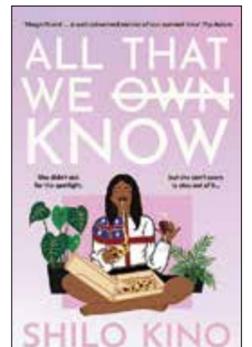
Annie Bot
SIERRA GREER
(HARPERCOLLINS)
PB \$35.00

Annie Bot was created to be the perfect girlfriend for her human owner Doug but when Annie begins to explore traits such as curiosity, secrecy and longing, her relationship with Doug grows more intricate and difficult. She starts to wonder: Does Doug really desire what he says he wants? And in such an impossible paradox, what does Annie owe herself? A powerful, provocative novel about the relationship between a robot and her owner, exploring questions of intimacy, autonomy and control.



The Road to the Country
CHIGOZIE OBIOMA
(HUTCHINSON HEINEMANN)
PB \$38.00

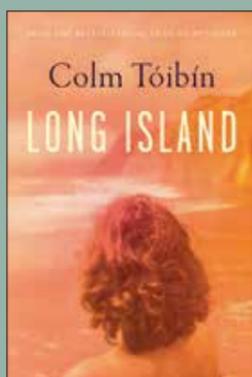
When a country is plunged into civil war, two brothers on either side of it are divided. Kunle's search for his sibling Tunde sees him conscripted into the army to fight a war he hardly understands. Once there, he will forge friendships to last a lifetime, and meet a woman who will change his world forever. Intertwining myth and realism, this powerful novel is an odyssey of brotherhood, love and courage set during the Biafran War.



All That We Know
SHILO KINO (MOA PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$37.99
OUT IN JUL

Meet Māreikura Pohe: she's in love with her best friend Eru, who's leaving to go on a church mission, and she's recently becoming an online sensation after her speech goes viral. Navigating self-diagnosed ADHD, a new romantic relationship, forging friendships and reclaiming her language all at once is no easy feat. And as her platform grows, Māreikura is unwittingly placed on a pedestal as a voice for change against the historical wrongs of colonisation. But at what personal cost?

BOOK CLUB PICKS: The Scorpio Books Club is a keen bunch of bibliophiles.



Long Island
COLM TÓIBÍN (PICADOR)
PB \$37.99

► Eilis is Irish, and married to Tony, from a large Italian American family on Long Island. In the spring of 1976, Eilis, in her forties with teenage children, answers the door to an Irishman bearing the news that his wife is pregnant with Tony's child and that when the baby is born, he will be leaving it with her. Eilis has choices to make, and what she does in the wake of this shattering news underpins this riveting and moving novel.



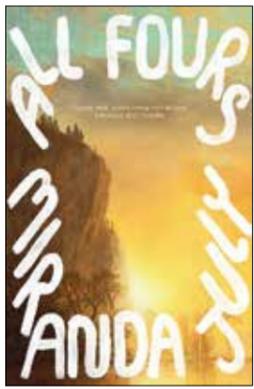
The Ministry of Time
KALIANE BRADLEY
(SCEPTRE)
PB \$37.99

► In the near future, a civil servant takes a job gathering 'expats' from across history to test the limits of time-travel. Her role is as a 'bridge': assisting and monitoring the expat known as '1847', a 'dead' arctic explorer and commander. Initially disoriented by his futuristic life, the commander soon adjusts; and he and his bridge's relationship blossoms. But as the true shape of the government project emerges, the two are forced to confront their past choices and imagined futures.



Sandwich
CATHERINE NEWMAN
(DOUBLEDAY)
PB \$38.00

► For the past two decades, Rocky has looked forward to her family's yearly escape to Cape Cod. Now, sandwiched between her growing children and ageing parents, Rocky wants to preserve this golden moment of balance forever. But with her body in open revolt and surprises invading her peaceful haven, the perfectly balanced seesaw of Rocky's life is tipping towards change. A raucous, joyous and tender novel with unexpected punch. **B**



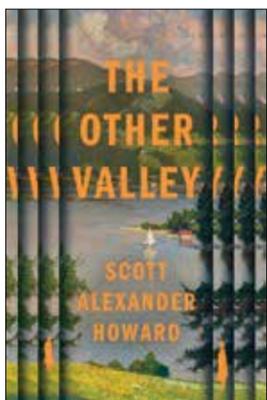
All Fours
MIRANDA JULY
(CANONGATE)
PB \$36.99

A semi-famous artist announces her plan to drive from LA to NY. Thirty minutes after leaving her husband and child at home, she spontaneously exits the freeway, beds down in a reinvention that turns out to be the start of an entirely different journey. With July's wry voice, comic timing, curiosity about human intimacy and delight in pushing boundaries, *All Fours* transcends expectations while excavating our beliefs about life lived as a woman.



Wandering Stars
TOMMY ORANGE
(HARVILL SECKER)
PB \$38.00

The eagerly awaited, heart-rending story of a Native American community, following unforgettable characters through almost two centuries of history. From the horrors of the Sand Creek Massacre of 1865 to the aftermath of a mass shooting in the early 21st century, *Wandering Stars* is a piercing, indelible novel of America's war on its own people. A wondrous constellation of narratives, rich in poetry, music, rage and love, from one of the most astonishing voices of his generation.

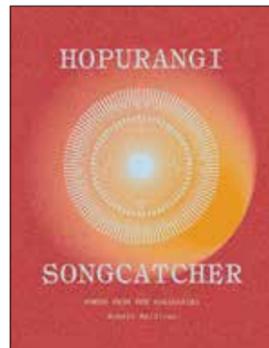


The Other Valley
SCOTT ALEXANDER
HOWARD (ATLANTIC)
PB \$36.99 OUT IN JUL

16-year-old Odile is vying for a coveted seat on the Conseil. If she gets it, she'll decide who may cross her town's ▶

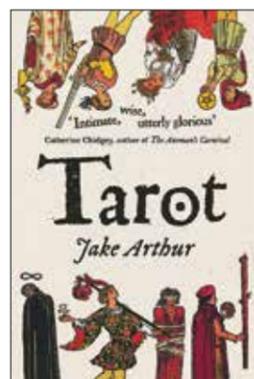
heavily guarded borders. On the other side, to the same valley, the same town – except to the east, the town is twenty years ahead in time. To the west, it's twenty years behind. When Odile recognizes two visitors from the future and threatens the timeline, she's forced to choose between her friend and her future. **S**

POETRY



Hopurangi | Song
Catcher: Poems from
the Maramataka
ROBERT SULLIVAN
(AUCKLAND
UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$29.99

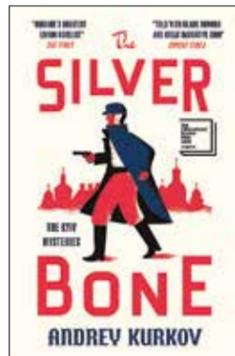
Inspired by the cyclical energies of the Maramataka; the Māori lunar calendar – this collection is technically tight, warm and moving. These poems see the poet re-finding himself and his world, in the mātauranga of his kuia, in his mother's stories, in the singing and storytelling at Puketeraki Marae, home of his father's people. This collection charts the increasing harmonisation between a Māori literary intellect and the whenua he inhabits, his Māori community (online and in real life), and his own body.



Tarot
JAKE ARTHUR (TE
HERENGA WAKA
UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$25.00

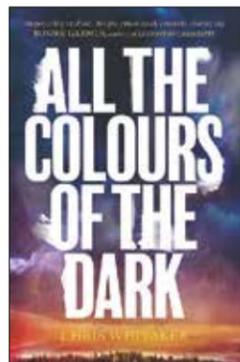
Loosely inspired by the famous 1909 Rider-Waite tarot deck, Arthur's beguiling second collection coaxes us into a reading over a cup of tea. Then comes a rush of vivid scenes and impressions, as each card prompts a new character to mull over their uncertainties, hopes, obstacles and joys in an enchanted and enchanting clamour. With its riotous depictions of magicians, occultists, lovers, fools and angels, these poems have us grappling our way towards a clear path. **S**

MYSTERY



The Silver Bone:
The Kyiv Mysteries
ANDREY KURKOV
(QUERCUS)
PB \$37.99

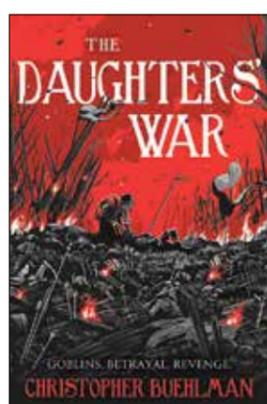
Kyiv, 1919. The Soviets control the city. Any spark of resistance may ignite open rebellion. When Samson Kolechko's father is murdered, his last act is to save his son from a falling Cossack sabre. Deprived of his right ear, Samson is left an orphan. Then two Red Army soldiers requisition his flat, and Samson is somehow able to overhear their secret plans with uncanny clarity. Eager to thwart them, he finds himself entering into a world of murder and intrigue.



All the Colours
of the Dark
CHRIS WHITAKER
(ORION)
PB \$37.99

When teenager Patch goes missing, the town is shattered: nobody more so than his friend Saint. Patch lies in a dark room, alone, until he feels a hand in his. Her name is Grace and she takes him from the darkness and paints their world with her words. But when he escapes: there is no sign she ever existed. To find her, Patch charts an epic search across the country, with Saint shadowing him: to hunt down the man who took them. **S**

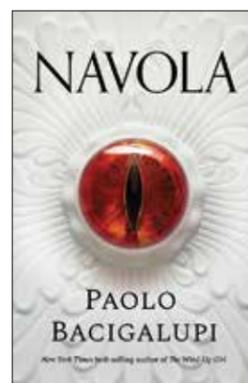
SCI-FI/FANTASY



The Daughters' War
CHRISTOPHER
BUEHLMAN (GOLLANCZ)
PB \$39.99

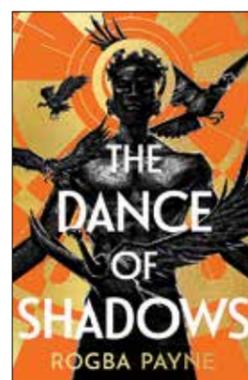
Galva – Galvicha to her three brothers – has defied her ▶

family's wishes and joined the army's untested new unit, the Raven Knights. To fight the goblin hordes, they march toward a once-beautiful city accompanied by scores of giant war corvids – fearsome black birds made with the darkest magics – who may hold the key to stopping the goblins. A fraught, shattering fantasy adventure, this standalone novel is set during the war-torn, goblin-infested years just before *The Blacktongue Thief*.



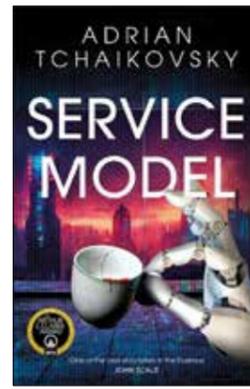
Navola
PAOLO BACIGALUPI
(AD ASTRA)
PB \$38.99 OUT IN JUL

In Navola, a bustling city-state, business is power, and power is everything. For generations, the di Regulai family have claimed not to be political, but their staggering wealth has toppled kingdoms. Soon, Davico di Regulai will be expected to take the reins, but his fate depends on a potent dragon relic and what lies buried in the heart of his adopted sister. With echoes of Renaissance Italy, *The Godfather*, and *Game of Thrones*, *Navola* is a mesmerising feat of world-building.



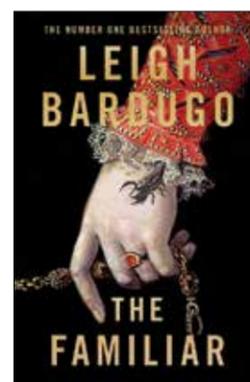
The Dance of Shadows
ROGBA PAYNE
(GOLLANCZ)
PB \$37.99 OUT IN AUG

Rumi and his family are poverty stricken, disparaged by the other tribes. When ruthless colonial agents threaten to destroy the village market, Rumi decides to liberate his family. But before he can, the terrifying Priest of Vultures attacks, setting Rumi on a path to become a Shadowvielder and avenge his family. High fantasy inspired by West African spirituality, following a young musician drawn into a battle between gods. For fans of S. A. Chakrabarty, Joe Abercrombie and Marlon James's *Black Leopard, Red Wolf*.



Service Model
ADRIAN TCHAIKOVSKY
(TOR UK)
PB \$39.99

Meet Charles™, the latest in robot servant technology. Charles is loyal, efficient and extremely logical. That is, until a rather large fault causes him to murder his owner. Perplexed, Charles finds himself without a master, so he flees the household only to enter a wider world where an age-old human hierarchy is disintegrating into ruins, and an entire robot ecosystem devoted to its wellbeing is struggling to find a purpose. Is it too late to help fix this world?



The Familiar
LEIGH BARDUGO
(VIKING)
PB \$38.00

In a shabby house in the new capital of Madrid, Luzia Cotado uses scraps of magic to get through her endless toil as a scullion. But her scheming mistress discovers her secret and sends Luzia to win over the royal court. Plunged into a world of power-hungry nobility, Luzia must use every bit of her wit and resilience to win fame and hide the truth of her ancestry – even if that means enlisting the help of an embittered immortal familiar. **S**

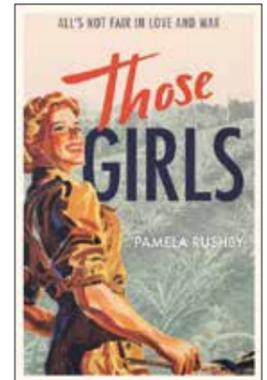
YOUNG ADULT



Wrong Answers Only
TOBIAS MADDEN
(PENGUIN)
PB \$24.00

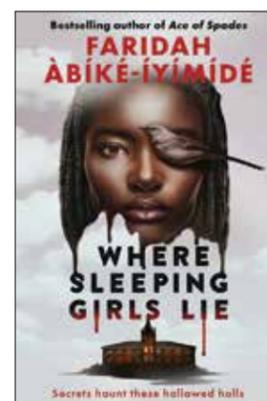
Marco should be at university, studying biomedicine. Instead, he's been sent to live on a cruise ship in the Mediterranean with his estranged uncle, all because of a 'blip' everyone else is ▶

convinced was a panic attack. Even though Marco's trip is supposed to provide answers, all he finds are more questions. But then his best friend CeCe proposes a new plan: for someone who has always done the right thing, it's time for Marco to get a few things wrong. 15+



Those Girls
PAMELA RUSHBY
(WALKER BOOKS)
PB \$22.99

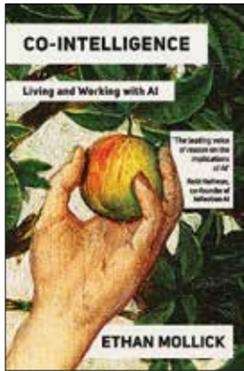
When Hilly volunteers for the Women's Land Army in 1942, she expects to be picking sun-kissed fruit and bottle-feeding fluffy white lambs. What Hilly encounters is backbreaking work, but also friendship with other girls seeking independence. War is a chance for escape, adventure and romance. But she didn't expect that some men needed to be fought off, rather than fought for. Amidst adversity, Hilly discovers what she is capable of... and it might be more than she ever thought possible. 14+



Where Sleeping
Girls Lie
FARIDAH ABIKÉ-İYIMIDÉ
(USBORNE GB)
PB \$22.99

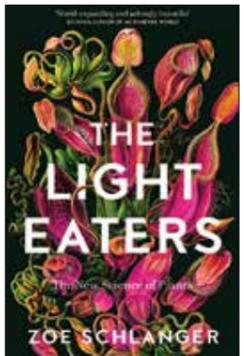
Sade Hussein is the new girl at the prestigious Alfred Nobel Academy. She didn't expect her roommate to go missing on her first night. Or for people to think Sade had something to do with it. Sade suspects that there's more to Elizabeth's disappearance – especially as the teachers don't seem to care. Then a student is found dead and Sade must race to uncover the truth. But secrets lurk around every corner... secrets that rival even her own. 15+ **S**

NON-FICTION



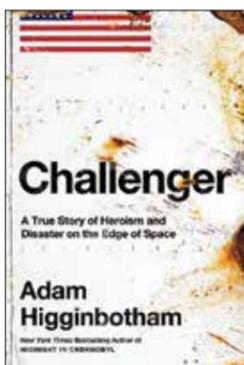
Co-Intelligence: Living and Working with AI
ETHAN MOLLICK
 (WH ALLEN)
PB \$40.00

In this definitive playbook for working, learning and living in the new age of AI, Mollick assesses AI's profound impact on business and education, and shows what it means to think and work together with smart machines. To utilise AI's enormous power without losing our identity, to learn without being misled, and to harness it to create a better human future is the challenge we face. Wide-ranging, thought-provoking, optimistic and lucid, *Co-Intelligence* reveals the promise and power of this new era.



The Light Eaters
ZOË SCHLANGER
 (FOURTH ESTATE)
PB \$38.99

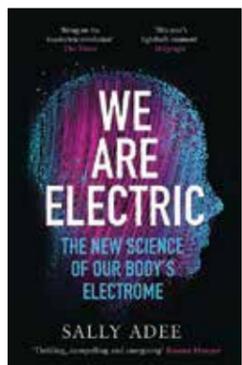
It takes tremendous biological creativity to be a plant. What can we learn about life on Earth from the living things that thrive, adapt, consume and accommodate simultaneously? Schlanger takes a botanical trip across the globe, immersing us deep into the complexity and drama of green life, and spotlighting the intellectual struggles among the researchers conceiving a wholly new view of their subject, that challenges our very understanding of agency, consciousness and intelligence.



Challenger: A True Story of Heroism and Disaster on the Edge of Space
ADAM HIGGINBOTHAM
 (VIKING)
PB \$40.00

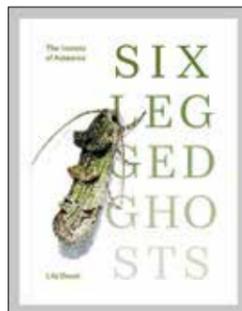
In a blend of human drama, science and politics, Higginbotham examines the ▶

1986 Challenger space shuttle disaster, following a handful of central protagonists through the years leading up to the accident, a detailed account of the tragedy itself, and the subsequent investigation. It's a compelling tale of optimism and ingenuity shattered by political hubris and cost-cutting to burnish national prestige, and the investigation driven by heroic leakers and whistle-blowers determined to bring the truth to light.



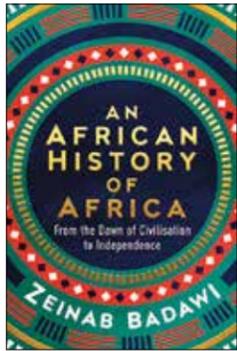
We Are Electric
SALLY ADEE
 (CANONGATE)
PB \$27.99 OUT IN JUL

Discover the next frontier of scientific understanding: your body's electrome. Every cell in your body – bones, skin, nerves, muscle – has a voltage, like a tiny battery. This bioelectricity is why your brain can send signals to your body, why it develops and how it heals itself. Award-winning science writer Sally Adee explores the colourful history of bioelectricity and journeys into the remarkable future of the discipline, through today's laboratories where real-world medical applications are being developed.



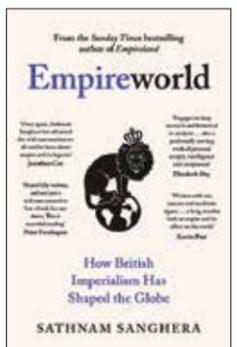
Six-legged Ghosts: The Insects of Aotearoa
LILY DUVAL
 (CANTERBURY UNIVERSITY PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$55.00

Without insects, the world is in trouble, so why don't we care more about the fate of the tiny but mighty six-legged beings that shape our world? Richly illustrated with more than 100 original paintings by the author, this timely title explores the art, language, stories and science of insects in Aotearoa and around the world: from te ao Māori and the medieval art world to museum displays and stories of the insect apocalypse, extinction and conservation efforts.



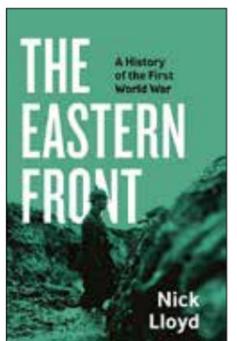
An African History of Africa: From the Dawn of Humanity to Independence
ZEINAB BADAWI
 (WH ALLEN)
PB \$40.00

Badawi guides us through Africa's spectacular history – from the origins of our species, through ancient civilisations and medieval empires with remarkable queens and kings, to the miseries of conquest and the elation of independence. Visiting more than thirty African countries to interview historians, anthropologists, archaeologists and local storytellers, she unearths buried histories from across the continent in an epic, sweeping history of the oldest inhabited continent, told through the voices of Africans themselves.



Empireworld: How British Imperialism Has Shaped the Globe
SATHNAM SANGHERA
 (VIKING)
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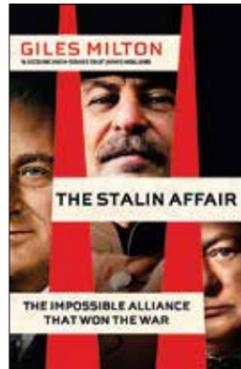
2.6 billion people are inhabitants of former British colonies. The empire's influence upon the quarter of the planet it occupied, and its gravitational influence upon the world outside it, has been profound. Yet Britain's idea of its imperial history and the world's experience of it are two very different things. Award-winning author, Sathnam Sanghera extends his examination beyond Britain. Travelling the globe to trace its international legacies, Sanghera demonstrates just how deeply British imperialism is baked into our world.



The Eastern Front
NICK LLOYD
 (VIKING)
HB \$75.00 OUT IN JUL

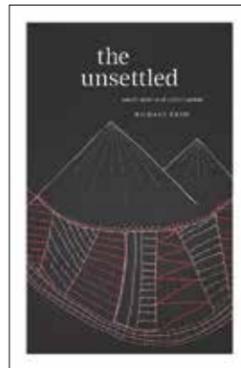
In the second volume of his First World War trilogy, ▶

Lloyd tells the story for the first time of what Churchill once called the 'unknown war'. Much has been written about the fighting in France and Belgium, yet the Eastern Front was no less bloody. Through intimate eyewitness reports, diary entries and memoirs, Lloyd reconstructs the full story of a war that began in the Balkans, and ended with the final collapse of the Habsburg Empire in 1918.



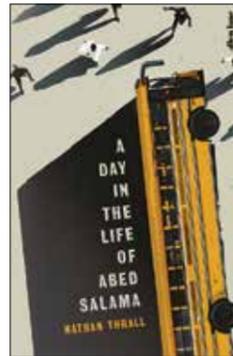
The Stalin Affair: The Impossible Alliance that Won the War
GILES MILTON
 (JOHN MURRAY)
PB \$39.99

In the summer of 1941, as Hitler invaded the Soviet Union, Stalin's forces faced a catastrophic defeat which would make the Allies' liberation of Europe virtually impossible. To avert this disaster, Britain and America mobilised an elite team of remarkable diplomats with the mission of keeping the Red Army in the war. Based on astonishing unpublished diaries, letters and secret reports, this is a revealing trove of new material about the most unlikely coalition in history.



The Unsettled
RICHARD SHAW
 (MASSEY UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$39.99

After his acclaimed memoir *The Forgotten Coast*, Richard Shaw interviewed Pākehā with long settler histories who were coming to grips with the truth of their families' 'pioneer stories'. They were questioning the foundation of aggressive acts of colonisation and land confiscation on which those stories had been constructed. Shaw weaves his own story with those of other New Zealanders trying to figure out how to live well with their own pasts, their presents and their possible futures.



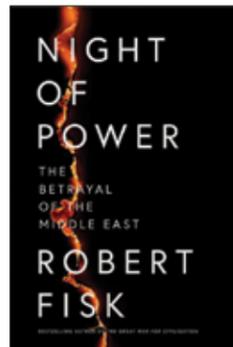
A Day in the Life of Abed Salama: A Palestine Story
NATHAN THRALL
 (ALLEN LANE)
PB \$40.00

Milad is on a school trip when the bus is involved in a horrific accident. This story follows Abed, Milad's father, and the physical, emotional and bureaucratic obstacles he must navigate as a Palestinian, in his frantic journey to learn the fate of his son. Interwoven are the stories of Jewish and Palestinian characters whose lives unexpectedly converge around the event, illuminating the reality of life in one of the most contested places on earth. **Winner of the 2024 Pulitzer Prize for Non-fiction.**



The Road to Freedom
JOSEPH STIGLITZ
 (ALLEN LANE)
PB \$40.00

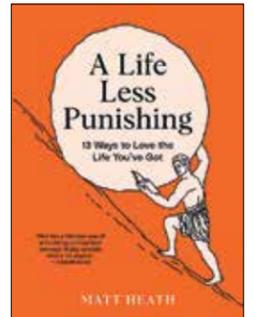
Despite its manifest failures, the narrative of neoliberalism retains its grip on the public mind and the policies of governments all over the world. By this narrative, less regulation and more 'animal spirits' capitalism produces not only greater prosperity, but more freedom for individuals in society. But whose freedom are we – should we be – thinking about? In a powerful re-evaluation of democracy, economics and what constitutes a good society, Stiglitz explores how we might encourage true human flourishing.



Night of Power: The Betrayal of the Middle East
ROBERT FISK
 (FOURTH ESTATE)
PB \$49.99 OUT IN JUL

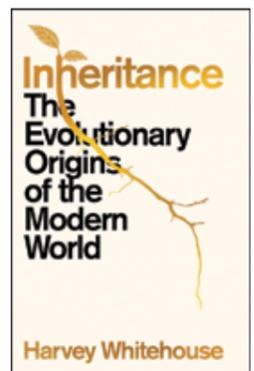
This final work of acclaimed foreign correspondent Robert ▶

Fisk follows on from *The Great War for Civilisation*, which charted his 30-year career immersed in the war zones of the Middle East. It chronicles Fisk's trademark rigorous journalism, historical analysis and eyewitness reporting. Sceptical of the West's ongoing interference, Fisk was committed to uncovering complex and uncomfortable truths that rarely featured on the traditional news agenda. *Night of Power* delivers an essential account, and proves itself timely as ever.



A Life Less Punishing: 13 Ways To Love the Life You've Got
MATT HEATH
 (ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$37.99

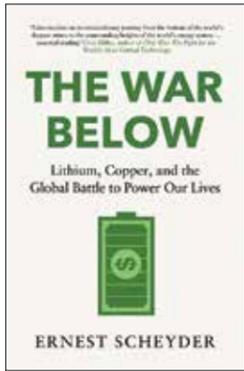
Why is it that no matter how good things get, we still feel dissatisfied? In this funny, insightful guide, Matt Heath embarks on a journey to live a life less punishing, diving into why we feel the way we do and how to change it. He interviews leading thinkers in neuroscience, philosophy, biology and psychology, and uncovers useful tools to help take charge of emotions like anger, worry and loneliness, and get the most out of life.



Inheritance: The Evolutionary Origins of the Modern World
HARVEY WHITEHOUSE
 (HUTCHINSON HEINEMANN)
PB \$40.00

Each of us is endowed with an inheritance. A set of ancient biases, forged through countless millennia of natural and cultural selection. For generations, this inheritance has taken us to ever greater heights. But now it is failing us. Unveiling a pioneering new way of viewing our collective history, Whitehouse introduces three biases that shape human behaviour: conformism, religiosity and tribalism. By uncovering our nature, Whitehouse reveals a surprising new path to solving our most urgent problems.

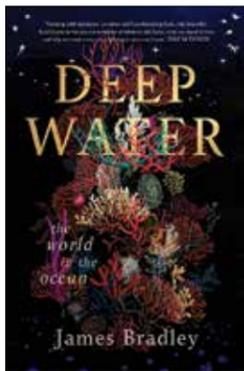
BIOGRAPHY



The War Below
ERNEST SCHEYDER
(BONNIER)

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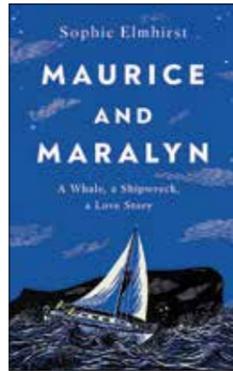
The world is moving towards replacing fossil fuels with renewable energy. Critical minerals are vital to many sustainable technologies, and the competition for them is intensifying. Nations which aspire to energy independence are ever more intertwined, and ecological dilemmas abound. As investors attempt to predict how the geopolitics of resource extraction will unfold, this book from acclaimed Reuters reporter Ernest Scheyder reveals the explosive brawl between the industry giants, conservationists, researchers and policymakers at the forefront of the new energy wars.



Deep Water: The World in the Ocean
JAMES BRADLEY
(HAMISH HAMILTON)

PB \$40.00

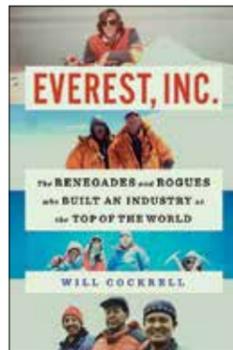
The ocean has shaped and sustained life on Earth from the beginning of time. Its vast waters are alive with meaning, and connect every living thing on Earth. In this hymn to the beauty, mystery and wonder of the ocean, science, history and personal experience are woven together to offer vital new ways of understanding not just humanity's relationship with the planet, but our past – and perhaps most importantly, our future. **5**



Maurice and Maralyn:
A Whale, a Shipwreck,
a Love Story
SOPHIE ELMHIRST
(CHATTO & WINDUS)

HB \$45.00

Bored of 1970s suburban life, Maralyn has an idea: sell the house, build a boat and leave England forever. It's hard work, turning dreams into reality, but finally they set sail for New Zealand. But halfway there, their boat is struck by a whale, and they are cast adrift in the Pacific Ocean. Filled with danger, spirit and tenderness, this is a book about human connection and the human condition; about how we survive – not just at sea, but in life.



Everest, Inc.: The Renegades and Rogues Who Built an Industry at the Top of the World
WILL COCKRELL
(GALLERY)

PB \$39.99

This vivid and authoritative adventure history chronicles one of the least likely industries on Earth: guided climbing on Everest. While there's high-altitude drama in unpacking the last forty years of Everest tragedy and triumph, this book transcends the stereotypes and tells the uplifting counternarrative of the army of journeymen and women who have made people's dreams come true, and of the Nepalis who are pushing the industry into the future. Featuring interviews with guides and climbers – including Jimmy Chin and Conrad Anker.

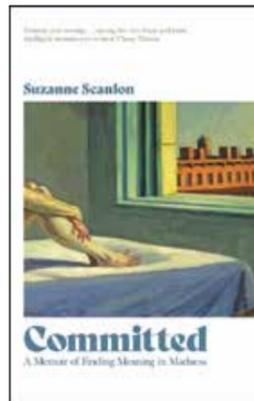


The Last Secret Agent
PIPPA LATOUR, JUDE DOBSON
(ALLEN & UNWIN)

PB NZ TITLE \$37.99

This is the astounding story of Pippa Latour, who parachuted

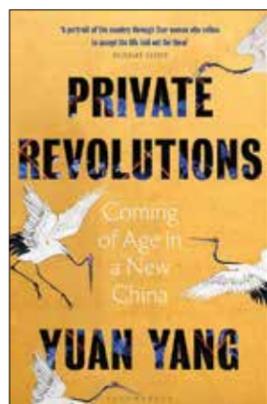
into occupied France in 1944 as an undercover agent. Trained by the British, Pippa was lauded for her fluency with languages and her coding ability, attributes she put to use when she posed as a teenage soap-seller in Normandy, sending crucial information on German positions back via code to England. Pippa told no-one of her experience – not even her family. Now, for the first time, her story can be told.



Committed: A Memoir of Finding Meaning in Madness
SUZANNE SCANLON
(JOHN MURRAY)

PB \$39.99

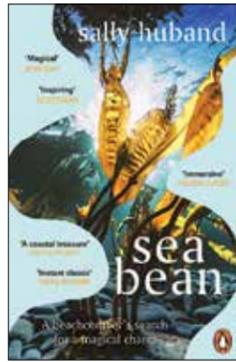
After a suicide attempt led to 3 years in the New York State Psychiatric Institute, Scanlon fought through decades of recovery. But she came to understand her suffering as part of a long tradition of women whose complicated lives were reduced to 'madwoman' narratives. Her journey from breakdown to breakthrough converged with her journey through literature, reclaiming the idea of the madwoman as a template for insight and transcendence through the works of Virginia Woolf, Sylvia Plath, Janet Frame, Audre Lorde and others.



Private Revolutions: Coming of Age in a New China
YUAN YANG
(BLOOMSBURY CIRCUS)

PB \$38.99

A moving biography about the coming of age of four Chinese women born in the 1980s and 90s, and their dreams of better futures. With unprecedented access to the lives, hopes, homes, dreams and diaries of these ordinary yet extraordinarily resilient women, Yang gives a voice to those whose stories go untold. At a time of rising state censorship and suppression, it unearths the identity of modern Chinese society – and, through the telling, something of our own.



Sea Bean
SALLY HUBAND
(HUTCHINSON HEINEMANN)

PB \$26.00 OUT IN JUL

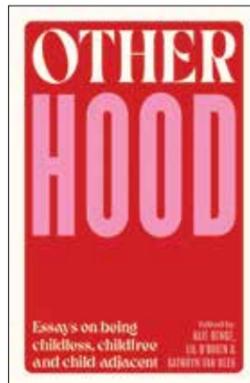
A powerful journey of sea and self, trial and hope on the islands of Shetland. On the storm-tossed beaches of the Shetland Archipelago, Sally Huband is searching. A message in a bottle, a mermaid's purse, a lobster trap tag, each find connects her more deeply with our oceans. But it is Sally's quest for a fabled sea bean that unlocks the myths of these islands and carries her through chronic illness towards a new and more resilient self.



First Things
HARRY RICKETTS (TE HERENGA WAKA)

PB NZ TITLE \$35.00

First memory. First going hitchhiking. First seeing my father angry. First shotgun. First poem. This sparkling, refreshingly honest memoir views Wellington poet and literary scholar Harry Ricketts' early life through the lens of 'firsts': those moments that can hold their detail and potency across a lifetime. Set mostly in Hong Kong and Oxford, these bright fragments include the places, people, writers, encounters and obsessions that have shaped Ricketts' world.

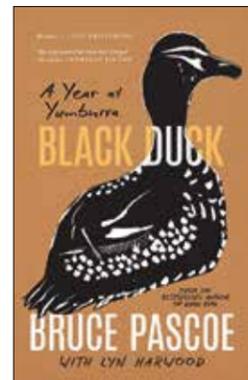


Otherhood
ALIE BENGE, LIL O'BRIEN, KATHRYN VAN BEEK
(MASSEY UNIVERSITY PRESS)

PB NZ TITLE \$39.99

In Aotearoa the number of people who will never have children is growing – and they're pushing back against the narrative that if they don't, their lives will be somehow 'less than'. ▶

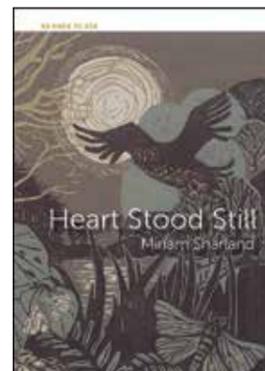
Some chose to be childfree, some didn't get to choose and some – through bereavement or blended family dynamics – ask themselves: Am I a mother or am I other? Thought-provoking, moving and often hilarious, this is a more inclusive conversation about what makes a fulfilling life.



Black Duck
BRUCE PASCOE, LYN HARWOOD
(THAMES AND HUDSON)

PB \$39.99

From the author of *Dark Emu* comes a deeply personal story about the consequences of disrupting Australia's history, and the development of Black Duck Foods, a blueprint for traditional food growing and land management processes based on very old practices. Bruce Pascoe and Lyn Harwood imagine a different future for Australia, one where a relationship with nature and improved agriculture and forestry practices are honoured. Where a uniquely Australian cuisine can be developed to reduce carbon emissions, preserve water resources and rebuild the soil.



Heart Stood Still
MIRIAM SHARLAND
(OTAGO UNIVERSITY PRESS)

PB NZ TITLE \$35.00

This is a record of a journey towards finding healing in the world's natural beauty, a beauty that we must fight to protect in the current climate crisis. It is both a memoir and a lyrical portrait of Manawatū. Through a series of essays that follow the pattern of the seasons, Sharland skilfully weaves reflections on her life and family history with observations on the native and introduced plants and animals about her; all tinged with her experience as 'an unsettled settler' in Aotearoa.



Everything/Nothing/Someone
ALICE CARRIÈRE
(ATLANTIC)

PB \$37.99

Alice Carrière had an unconventional upbringing. Daughter of renowned artist Jennifer Bartlett and actor Mathieu Carrière, her days were a mixture of privilege, neglect, loneliness and danger. As a dissociative disorder erases her identity, she inhabits various roles – ricocheting through experiences until a medication-induced psychosis brings everything crashing down. In pulsing, precise prose, Alice untangles the stories told to her by her parents, the American psychiatric complex, and her own broken mind to craft a unique narrative of emergence and, finally, cure.



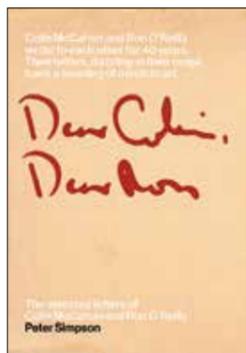
Whaea Blue
TALIA MARSHALL (TE HERENGA WAKA)

PB NZ TITLE \$40.00 OUT IN AUG

Time and whakapapa slowly unravel as Marshall weaves her way across Aotearoa in a roster of decaying European cars. Along the way she will meet her father, pick up a ghost, transform into a whareniui, and make cocktail hour with Ans Westra. Men will come and go. Some linger. These are the men – her father, her tūpuna – who she observes as she moves backwards into the future. But it is her wāhine, past and present, who carry her. A tempestuous and haunting tribute to collective memory, the elasticity of self, and the women we travel through, this is a karanga to and from the abyss. A journey to peace. **5**

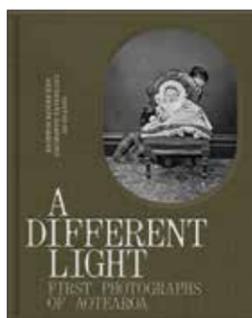
ART, COOKING & GARDENING

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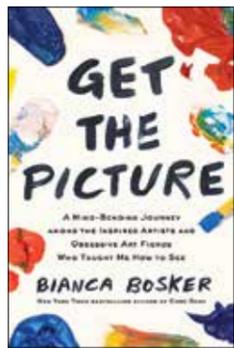
Dear Colin, Dear Ron:
The Selected Letters of Colin McCahon and Ron O'Reilly
PETER SIMPSON
(TE PAPA PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$65.00

This substantial book of letters highlights one of the most remarkable relationships in New Zealand art: the painter Colin McCahon and the librarian Ron O'Reilly. Their 380 letters covered McCahon's art practice, the contemporary art scene, ideas, philosophy and the spiritual life. Dazzling in their range, intensity and candour, these letters track a unique friendship and partnership. Illustrated with 64 images, and with essays from Matthew O'Reilly and Finn McCahon-Jones, this is a rich and lively addition to any art lover's library.



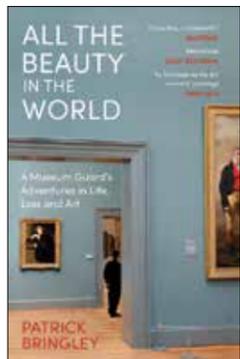
A Different Light:
First Photographs of Aotearoa
CATHERINE HAMMOND, SHAUN HIGGINS
(EDS) (AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$65.00

In 1848, two decades after its invention, photography arrived in Aotearoa. How did these portraits reveal Māori and Pākehā to themselves and each other? Were the first photographs 'a good likeness' or tricksters? From horses laden with mammoth photographic plates in the 1870s to the arrival of the Kodak in the late 1880s, these first photographs reveal Kīngi and governors, geysers and slums, battles and parties. They freeze faces in studio portraits and stumble into the intimacy of backyards, gardens and homes.



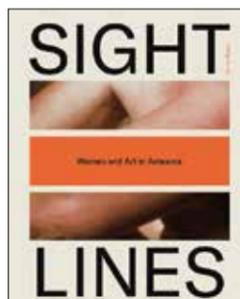
Get the Picture:
A Mind-Bending Journey among the Inspired Artists and Obsessive Art Fiends Who Taught Me How to See
BIANCA BOSKER
(ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB \$39.99

Bosker plunges into the world of art and the people who live for it – gallerists, collectors, curators and, of course, artists themselves – to discover not only the inner workings of the art-canonisation machine but also a more expansive way of living. Encompassing everything from colour theory to evolutionary biology, from ancient cave paintings to Instagram attempting to discern art's role in our culture, our economy and our hearts, this book is a rollicking adventure that will change the way you see forever.



All the Beauty in the World
PATRICK BRINGLEY
(VINTAGE)
PB \$30.00 OUT IN JUL

After tragedy strikes, all Patrick wants is to retreat. So he quits his job and seeks refuge in the most beautiful place he knows: The Metropolitan Museum of Art. This is one guard's quest to find solace and meaning in art. As his connection to the art and the life that swirls around it grows, so does Patrick – and gradually he emerges transformed by heartbreak, community and the power of art to illuminate life in all its pain, pleasure and hope.

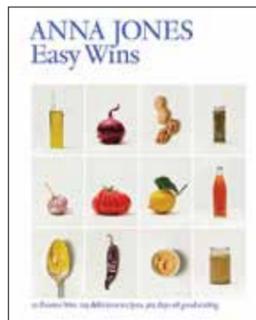


Sight Lines:
Women and Art in Aotearoa
KIRSTY BAKER
(AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$69.99 OUT IN JUL

From ancient whatu kākahu to contemporary installation ▶

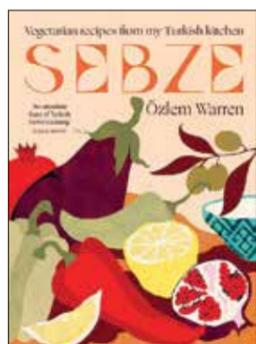
art, Frances Hodgkins to Merata Mita, this is art made by women in Aotearoa. Here are painters, photographers, performers, sculptors, weavers, textile artists, poets and activists. They have defied definitions of what art should be and what it can do. Their stories and their work enable us to ask new questions of art history in Aotearoa. With over 150 striking images and essays this is a bold new account of artistry in Aotearoa through 35 extraordinary artists. ■

COOKING



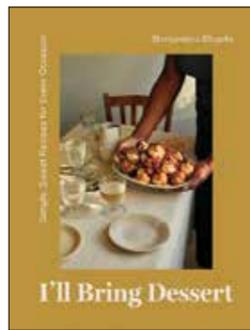
Easy Wins: 12 flavour hits, 125 delicious recipes, 365 days of good eating
ANNA JONES
(FOURTH ESTATE)
HB \$59.99

Discover Anna Jones' golden rules for wins in the kitchen with simple, sustainable recipes that burst with flavour. She transforms everyday ingredients to produce great taste (lemons, olive oil, mustard, tahini) and offers invaluable vegetarian swaps. Will all-new dishes that you'll want to cook on repeat, like Double Lemon Pilaf with Buttery Almonds, and Cherry and Chocolate Peanut Butter Sundae, this will become your go-to for practical, delicious dishes that come together quickly and promise daily moments of triumphs.



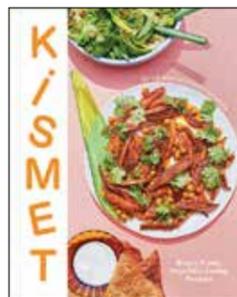
Sebze: Vegetarian Recipes from My Turkish Kitchen
ÖZLEM WARREN
(HARDIE GRANT)
HB \$65.00

Inspired by centuries of rich and diverse culinary heritage, this vegetarian collection is built with convenience and flavour in mind. Özlem champions Turkish classics and lesser-known regional specialties, such as Gözleme (Stuffed Flatbreads), Çılbır (Turkish-Style Poached Eggs with Garlicky Yoghurt), Beetroot with Walnuts and Pomegranate Molasses and Herby Pan Börek. Along with scrumptious sweet treats like the luscious Pumpkin and Walnut Baklava, she provides the perfect introduction to Turkish food for the home cook.



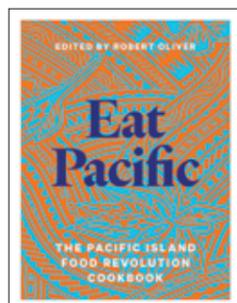
I'll Bring Dessert:
Simple, Sweet Recipes for Every Occasion
BENJAMINA EBUEHI
(QUADRILLE)
HB \$59.99

Being the designated 'dessert person' is often met with panic, but Benji is here to show you that it can be both simple and fun to create desserts that wow all year round. Chapters cover Something Fruity, Something Chocolatey, Something Creamy, Something Nutty and Something on the Side, with a mix of hot, cold, vegan and gluten-free. From Cherry Slab Pie to Gingerbread Mascarpone Roulade, these recipes truly are sensations for any occasion.



Kismet
SARA KRAMER, SARAH HYMANSON
(CLARKSON POTTER/TEN SPEED)
HB \$70.00

From the women behind the award-winning LA Kismet restaurants, comes this collection of bright, fresh recipes for everyday meals, capturing casual, super-fresh, vegetable-forward cooking, with bold Mediterranean flavours and cool Californian style. Thoughtfully adapted for home cooks, or those who want to host the perfect cocktail hour, recipes range from Peanut Muhammara, Salty-Sweet Persimmon Salad and Harissa Party Wings to Spice-Roasted Tomatoes and Grapefruit, Roast Chicken with Schmaltzy Potatoes and Wedge Salad with Miso-Poppy Dressing.



Eat Pacific
ROBERT OLIVER
(ED) (MASSEY UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$60.00

Compiled by award-winning chef, judge and TV host Robert Oliver, *Eat Pacific* celebrates zesty recipes from Fiji, Sāmoa, the Kingdom of Tonga, the Cook Islands, Vanuatu, Niue, ▶

Solomon Islands, Tuvalu, Tahiti, New Caledonia and Papua New Guinea. However there's more here than healthy, tasty, affordable food. This book has a powerful health and food-sovereignty message: local food cultures hold the key to better diets, economic sustainability and combatting diseases such as diabetes and obesity.



Plant-Based Farmhouse
CHERIE HAUSLER
(MURDOCH)
HB \$55.00

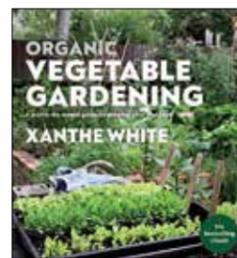
Wherever she's lived around the world, Cherie Hausler's instinct has been to host 'country gatherings' – bringing people together to share good food and good times. Now she brings her joyful approach to this book of over 80 delicious, nutritious and inventive plant-based recipes from her idyllic Barossa Valley farmhouse, celebrating food, community and life. Whatever your preference – sweet or savoury, wholefood, dairy- or gluten-free – there'll be inspiration for hearty salads, roasts and brunches, magnificent cakes and tarts, and go-to staples. ■

GARDENING



Visionary
CLAIRE TAKACS, GIACOMO GUZZON
(HARDIE GRANT)
HB \$75.00

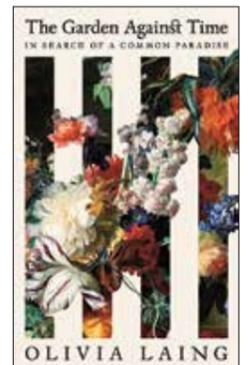
Photographer Claire Takacs and landscape architect Giacomo Guzzon introduce stunning private and public gardens from around the world that have addressed both sustainability and climate change with outstanding results. Featuring over 80 gardens from across the globe including the USA, UK, Europe, Asia, Australia and New Zealand, this book is guaranteed to inspire you with exciting gardens and innovative design solutions that look to the future.



Organic Vegetable Gardening
XANTHE WHITE
(PENGUIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$45.00

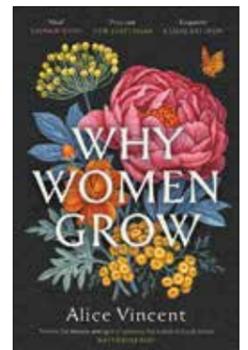
Expert landscape designer Xanthe White takes readers ▶

by the hand and walks them from backyard bomb-site to productive vegetable garden in a single year. White's month-by-month approach demystifies organic gardening and offers invaluable, manageable advice on seed-raising, planting, composting, mulching, chemical-free pest and disease control, companion planting, soil rotation and much more. This practical guide is perfect both for beginners who want to grow their own food and seasoned gardeners looking for new ideas.



The Garden Against Time:
In Search of a Common Paradise
OLIVIA LAING (PICADOR)
HB \$49.99 OUT IN AUG

In 2020, Laing began to restore a walled garden in Suffolk. This drew her into an exhilarating investigation of paradise. Moving between real and imagined gardens, she interrogates the sometimes shocking cost of making paradise on earth. But a garden doesn't always enact larger patterns of privilege and exclusion. It's also a place of rebel outposts and communal dreams – new modes of living can and have been attempted amidst the flower beds, experiments that could prove vital in the coming era of climate change.



Why Women Grow
ALICE VINCENT
(CANONGATE)
PB \$27.99 OUT IN JUL

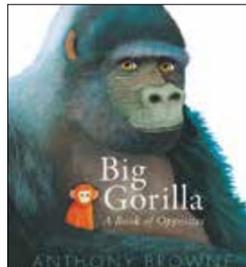
Women have always gardened, but our stories have been buried with our work. Alice Vincent is on a quest to change that: to understand what encourages women to go out, work the soil, plant seeds and nurture them, even when they shoulder so many other responsibilities. Wise, curious and sensitive, this lauded book follows Vincent's search to recover the histories lost among the soil and to understand women's lives, their gardens and what the ground has offered them. Also available in hardback. ■

Telling TALES

Scorpio Children's Books

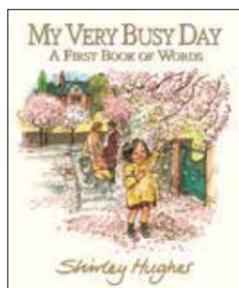


PICTURE BOOKS



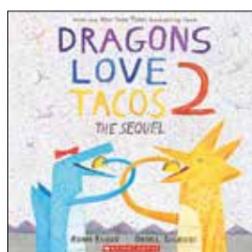
Big Gorilla: A Book of Opposites
ANTHONY BROWNE (WALKER)
HB \$29.99

What's the opposite of old? Young! What's the opposite of sad? Happy! But what's the opposite of opposite? Featuring a range of exquisite primates, from gorillas to chimpanzees, white-faced capuchins to orangutans, Anthony Browne has created a wonderfully unique first book of opposites, with his striking palette and quirky flair for facial expressions sure to charm readers of all ages. 2+



My Very Busy Day: A First Book of Words
SHIRLEY HUGHES (WALKER)
HB \$29.99

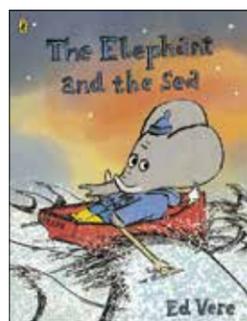
In this beautiful book for first readers, little ones can find out about Olly and Katie's very busy day, learning new words and improving their vocabulary along the way. From getting dressed in the morning, heading out for a walk in the park or having a story before bath and bedtime, this simple, joyful book takes the reader through a toddler's day, with plenty of objects to spot and recognise in Shirley Hughes' reassuring and charming illustrations. 2+



Dragons Love Tacos 2
ADAM RUBIN, DANIEL SALMIERI (ILLUS.) (SCHOLASTIC)
HB \$24.99

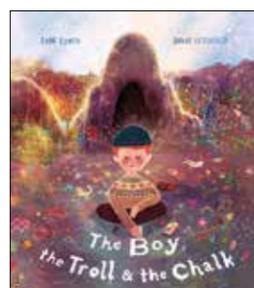
The hilarious sequel to *Dragons Love Tacos*. Oh no! The world has run out of tacos! What should we do? A. Check emergency taco supplies B. Eat emergency taco supplies C. Panic D. Fire up that time machine in the ▶

garage E. All of the above. We've got to save the tacos! And the dragons are here to help. Just don't let them go near the spicy salsa. You remember what happened last time... 2+



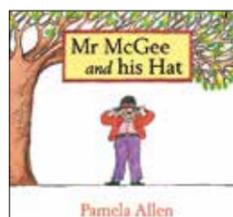
The Elephant and the Sea
ED VERE (PUFFIN)
PB \$21.00

In a village by the sea, where the waves are wild and tumbling, lives an old elephant. Once he was a young elephant – with a dream of joining the lifeboat crew. Only elephants don't fit in lifeboats. But Gabriel is determined, ingenious and brave. So much so that one stormy day he might be the only one who can save the day. From author-illustrator Ed Vere comes a lyrical tale celebrating bravery and quiet determination. 3+



The Boy, the Troll and the Chalk
ANNE BOOTH, DAVID LITCHFIELD (ILLUS.) (TEMPLAR)
HB \$27.99 OUT IN JUL

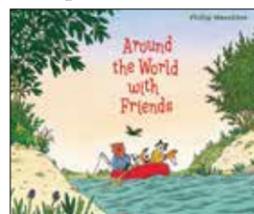
One child cannot turn their back on the troll at the edge of the playground. One day, outside the cave, he draws a flower with every petal coloured in but one, and leaves the chalk behind. The next day, the flower has been completed. The boy and the troll wordlessly draw together and soon all the children join in. Everyone forgets that there was a troll inside the cave. Because outside the cave, there is so much to draw. 3+



Mr McGee and his Hat
PAMELA ALLEN (PUFFIN)
HB NZ TITLE \$30.00 OUT IN JUL

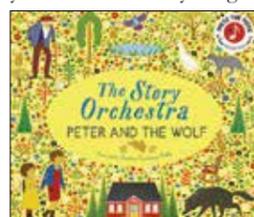
An exciting new Mr McGee adventure, published in Pamela Allen's 90th year! In a return ▶

to this classic picture book series, Mr McGee is getting ready to go and play when a strong wind blows him, his hat, his cat and his bed high up in the air. When they finally come down again, Mr McGee's hat is mysteriously missing... 3+



Around the World with Friends
PHILIP WAECHTER (GECKO PRESS)
HB \$29.99 OUT IN JUL

Raccoon is ready for an adventure – thrills, excitement, to cross the ocean! He borrows everything he needs from his friends, who insist on coming along. They sail through rapids, collect blackberries, chase away bees, and play soccer, until a little rain and thoughts of home bring their excursion to an end. That, thinks Raccoon, was the most thrilling magnificent adventure ever. This heartwarming follow-up to *A Perfect Wonderful Day with Friends* shows how life is better when you take what the day brings. 4+



The Story Orchestra: Peter and the Wolf
JESSICA COURTNEY TICKLE (FRANCES LINCOLN)
HB \$39.99

Introduce little ones to the magic of classical music with the latest in the Story Orchestra series – a reimagining of one of Prokofiev's most famous suites. Explore the woods with Peter, and follow his quest to save his animal friends from the wolf. Vivid sound clips of orchestras playing excerpts from the score on each page are perfectly complemented by lush illustrations, information about the instruments and musical techniques, and details of Prokofiev's life and career. 4+



A Better Best Friend
OLIVIER TALLEC (GECKO PRESS)
HB \$29.99

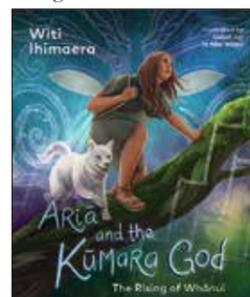
In this feel-good and dryly funny picture book exploring ▶

an enduring childhood question about friendship, a squirrel and a mushroom explore the forest through the seasons, show each other special trees, build snow mushrooms, share the good times and bad – which become good bad times alongside a friend. Then spring arrives, and so does a new friend. And then another. This raises a profound question for an overthinking squirrel: should we have just one best friend? 4+



The Garden of Broken Things
FREYA BLACKWOOD (HARPERCOLLINS)
HB \$29.99

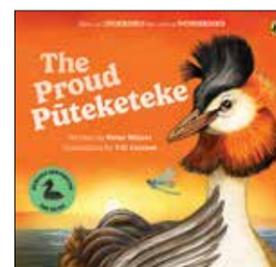
One day, curious Sadie follows a cat into the tangled vines behind the lonely house at Number 9, Ardent Street. Deep in the undergrowth, past all the twisted, rusted things, Sadie finds the cat sitting on the lap of a woman, bent with time and weariness. Sadie has found the Garden of Broken Things. From award-winning creator Freya Blackwood comes a beautifully tender story about curiosity and the joy of listening. 4+



Ariā and the Kūmara God
WITI IHIMAERA, ISOBEL JOY TE AHO-WHITE (ILLUS.) (PUFFIN)
HB NZ TITLE \$25.00

The future is looking bleak: not only is the Astromancer held captive by wicked Ruatapu, but the kūmara crops are dying, Ariā and her fellow apprentices – and Kurī – must climb up into the heavens to ask the star Whānui for help. And they have to act quickly because Matariki is drawing close. This exciting return to the world of the astromancer is also available in te reo Māori: *A Ariā me te Atua o te Kūmara*. 5+ ▶

NON-FICTION



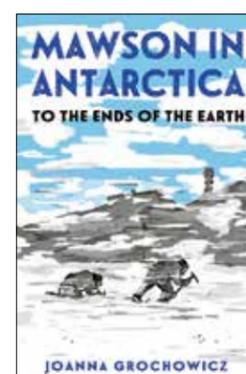
The Proud Pūteketeke: How an Underbird Became a Wonderbird
PETER MILLETT, FIFI COLSTON (ILLUS.) (PUFFIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$21.00 OUT IN JUL

Māmā Duck's seventh chick is a little different – he has the habit of puking up! The other ducklings think he's ridiculous but perhaps this little underbird will find a friend who'll love him in spite of his quirks. This New Zealand-flavoured tale of an ugly duckling includes facts about what makes the pūteketeke (or grebe) so special and precious, as well as the real-life tale of how it found fame as the Bird of the Century! 4+



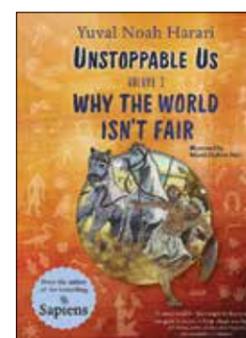
After Dark
JULIA CROUTH (SCHOLASTIC NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$29.99 OUT IN JUL

'Our forests are a sight to be seen, by daytime's warm, clear light. But when the sun sets, and the daylight dims, and colours are no longer bright...' This refreshed edition of a much-loved book spotlights nocturnal wildlife indigenous to Aotearoa. Julia Crouth has cleverly constructed a rhyming description of an animal, then the page is turned to reveal its identity. Animals featured include the kiwi, morepork, tuatara, kauri snail and tiny Archey's frog. 5+



Mawson in Antarctica
JOANNA GROCHOWICZ (ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$22.99

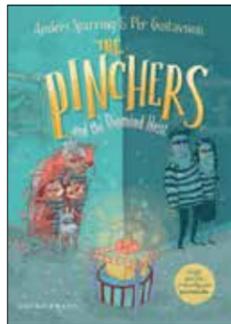
Antarctica. Winter 1912. Hunkering down in the windiest place on earth, 18 Australians await a chance to prove themselves as explorers and scientists. The spring sledging season will bring adventure, danger and the discovery of new lands under the command of Douglas Mawson. But tragedy also lies in wait. Mawson's legendary story of self-belief and hope in the face of the polar environment's worst conditions, is brought vividly to life in this compelling narrative non-fiction. 8+



Unstoppable Us Volume 2: Why the World Isn't Fair
YUVAL NOAH HARARI, RICARD ZAPLANA RUIZ (ILLUS.) (PUFFIN)
PB \$36.00

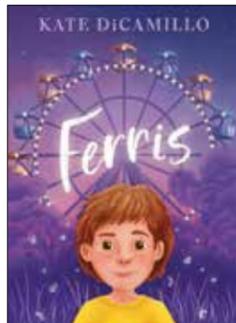
Something strange happened 10,000 years ago, and it changed everything. Why did millions of people agree to obey a few leaders? Where did kings and kingdoms come from? In Volume 1 of Harari's series, we learned how humans told stories to become rulers of the world – for good and bad. In this next fully-illustrated chapter, we find out how humans learned to control animals like dogs, chickens and cows... And how a handful of humans learned to control everyone else. 9+ ▶

CHILDREN'S FICTION



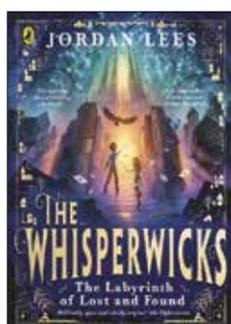
The Pinchers and the Diamond Heist
ANDERS SPARRING, PER GUSTAVSSON (ILLUS.) (GECKO)
PB \$19.99

Theo is good at most things. He can almost count to a thousand and operate the washing machine. But he can't lie or steal. The first in a crime series about a well-behaved child who doesn't fit into his family of criminals – featuring a prison break, a diamond heist and a lie that saves the day. A brightly illustrated mix of adventure, silliness and family life, this is a perfect chapter book for beginning and reluctant readers. 5+



Ferris
KATE DICAMILLO (WALKER)
HB \$24.99

Ferris Wilkey's little sister has vowed to become an outlaw. Her Uncle Ted has left Aunt Shirley and is holed up in the Wilkey basement. And Charisse, Ferris's grandmother, has started seeing a ghost. But the ghost is not there to usher Charisse to the Great Beyond. Rather, she has other plans – wild, impractical plans. It's shaping up to be a summer of pandemonium! Kate DiCamillo is back with a hilarious, healing and emotionally resonant tale. 7+



The Whisperwicks: The Labyrinth of Lost and Found
JORDAN LEES (PUFFIN)
PB \$21.00

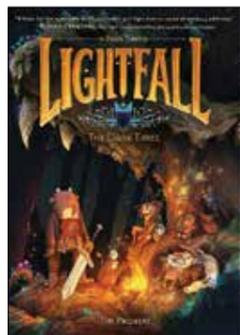
11-year-old Benjamiyah believes in science and logic. Definitely not magic. But when he receives a mysterious gift in the post, he is led into the impossible, magical world of Wreathenwold, where dark secrets are lost in a labyrinth of streets. Benjamiyah soon finds himself in a dangerous quest led by the fierce and brilliant Elizabella, to solve the disappearance of her missing ►

brother. Will Benjamiyah ever find his way home and discover his puzzling connection with this strange, enchanted world? 9+



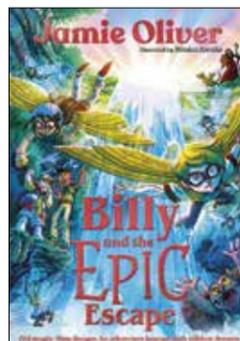
Pirates of Darksea
CATHERINE DOYLE (BLOOMSBURY)
PB \$18.99

Deep in the Atlantic Ocean lies a secret kingdom called Darksea. Ruled by the pirate Captain O'Malley, its waters are being haunted by an invisible monster. Meanwhile, in Galway, Max's big brother is getting sicker. Then, one night, a parrot taps on Max's bedroom window; Captain O'Malley needs a crew member for a quest. But when the Captain's secret threatens to destroy Max's chance to help his family, Max realises he's going to have to navigate much more than he bargained for... 8+



The Dark Times (Lightfall Book 3)
TIM PROBERT (HARPERALLEY)
PB \$24.99

The Lights have gone dark in Irpa. Danger lurks as the air grows colder and threats lie in the shadows. While the rest of their fellowship seeks safety, Bea and Cad team up with a group of survivors to travel to the Citadel of Knowledge, pursuing answers to their world's darkest mysteries. But their journey reveals more secrets, until an unexpected ally shines a light in the darkness, providing a clue... and a beacon of hope for the future. 8+



Billy and the Epic Escape
JAMIE OLIVER (PUFFIN)
PB \$17.99

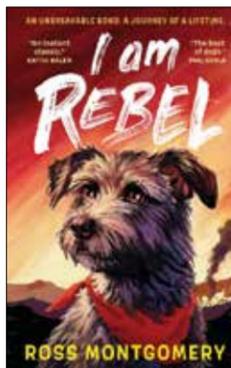
Billy and his friends are looking forward to a summer exploring Waterfall Woods, discovering more about the magical creatures who live there and the Rhythm of nature that keeps their world in balance. When ►

the woods come under attack from a mysterious red lady, the gang rush to the rescue, but who is she exactly, and will they be able to thwart her plans before the Rhythm is put in danger once again? 8+



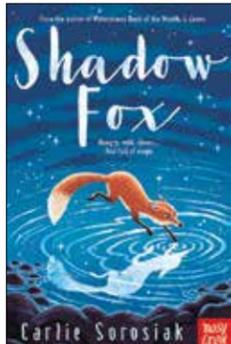
The Apprentice Witnesser
BREN MACDIBBLE (ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$19.99

Bastienne Scull is nearly 12 years old and lives a simple life as an apprentice to the Witnesser of Miracles in a small village mostly populated by women and girls. Basti knows that miracle-hunting is a lot like mystery-solving, and her little world is full of wonder, intrigue and unexpected adventure. Set in a post-apocalyptic world, this novel is filled to the brim with hope, courage, resilience and family, from the multi award-winning master storyteller Bren MacDibble. 9+



I Am Rebel
ROSS MONTGOMERY (WALKER)
PB \$19.99

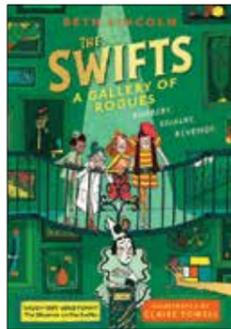
Rebel is a good dog, and he loves his simple life on the farm with his owner Tom – until one day the war comes too close. Now Tom is determined to join the rebellion to defeat the king's men. But Rebel knows war is dangerous, and he will stop at nothing to save the human he loves. Rebel must bring Tom home before it's too late. A heart-warming adventure about the unbreakable bond between a dog and his human. 8+



Shadow Fox
CARLISLE SOROSIAK (NOSY CROW)
PB \$18.99 OUT IN JUL

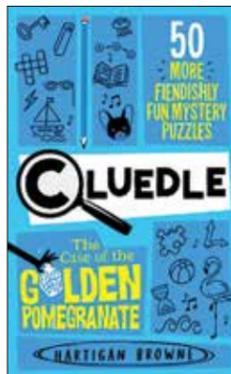
Bee's family runs a lakeside inn, offering rest and sustenance to weary travellers. Bee's Nan has gone missing, possibly drowned, but Bee knows ►

that can't be true. And so does the hungry fox that her grandmother was feeding. A beautiful story of loss and belonging, all told through the eyes of a wild, affectionate, prickly fox who has a love of collecting shoes and not a small amount of magic. 8+



A Gallery of Rogues (The Swifts Book 2)
BETH LINCOLN, CLAIRE POWELL (ILLUS.) (PUFFIN)
PB \$28.00 OUT IN JUL

When robbers target Swift House, Shenanigan Swift's sleuthing skills are once again tested. The trail leads Shenanigan and her sisters to Paris and the Hotel Martinet, home of the estranged French branch of the Swift family. But what links Ouvolpo, the daring gang of thieves who design each of their crimes as audacious pieces of art, and the Swifts? All will be revealed in this second, gleefully gothic adventure for Shenanigan and Co. 9+



Cluedle: The Case of the Golden Pomegranate
HARTIGAN BROWNE (MACMILLAN)
PB \$24.99 OUT IN JUL

Set sail with famous private investigator Hartigan Browne and crack the case of the Golden Pomegranate by solving 50 brain-busting puzzles. An intriguing mystery story set on a superyacht where detectives need to discover: Who broke into Alota Vibratto's safe? How was the professor's milkshake poisoned? What's hidden in an ancient maze? And who's gone overboard?! Packed full of codes to crack, evidence to evaluate, clues to unravel and maps to navigate, this is puzzling fun for the whole family. 8+



The Island Heist (Crookhaven Book 3)
J.J. ARCANJO (HODDER)
PB \$19.99

It's Gabriel's third year at Crookhaven School for Thieves. Along with the usual Break-In challenge and classes like Signs & Signals, Gabriel and his friends have another goal: taking down the Nameless – criminals who steal, trick and kidnap for their own benefit. But what can a group of underage school children do compared to this powerful underworld crew? The third book in the irresistible series about chosen family, high stakes thievery, and what it really means to do good. 8+



The Raven's Eye Runaways
CLAIRE MABEY (ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$24.99 OUT IN JUL

Three friends and a one-eyed raven find themselves up against the rulers who restrict the gifts of writing and reading to an elite few. They must go on a wild and unpredictable rescue mission. Who and what will they meet along their way? And what is the terrible truth behind everything they think they know about their world? A gripping, beautifully-told fantasy quest set in a parallel medieval world. 9+ **T**

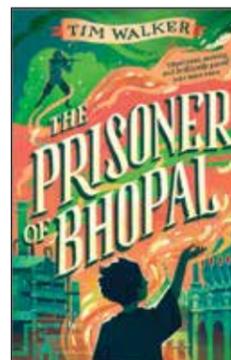
YOUNG TEEN



Skandar and the Chaos Trials (Book 3)
A.F. STEADMAN (SIMON & SCHUSTER)
PB \$20.99

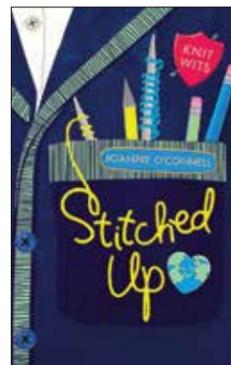
Skandar and his sister Kenna are finally both at the Eyrie, but tensions are high. To survive their third year of training, Skandar and his friends must complete a series of terrifying ►

trials across the Island's elemental zones. Meanwhile Kenna's bond to a wild unicorn has left her alienated and alone. And when a terrible discovery puts the future of the Island in peril, Skandar must decide how far he is willing to go – for Kenna, and for the Eyrie. 10+



The Prisoner of Bhopal
TIM WALKER (ANDERSEN PRESS UK)
PB \$19.99

On Amil's tenth birthday, he is taken from his family to work for cruel Mr Kumar in his dilapidated printing factory. There, he finds an old journal, which reveals not only why Amil is there, but that he and the journal's author – his great-grandfather – share a gift: they can read the wind. Its purpose remains a mystery until, one terrible night, the local pesticide plant leaks poison gas into the air above his home town of Bhopal... 10+



Stitched Up
JOANNE O'CONNELL (MACMILLAN)
PB \$19.99

Cassie is thrilled when the opportunity to redesign her school uniform comes up. The only problem? She's stuck between eco-conscious Fern and label-loving Azra. As the competition heats up, Cassie joins The KnitWits – a local knitting group that immediately makes Cassie feel at home, especially once she sees that it's secretly attended by the coolest girl at school. Can Cassie balance Azra's obsession with trends with her own love of sustainable fashion? Or will the pressure cause the ultimate bestie break-up? 10+ **T**