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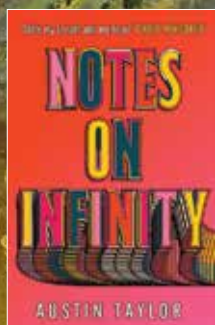


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Groundwork:
The Art and
Writing of Emily
Cumming Harris
MICHELE LEGGOTT,
CATHERINE
FIELD-DODGSON
(TE PAPA PRESS)
**HB NZ TITLE
\$60.00**

Using creative endeavour and determined detective work, this luscious tribute uncovers one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most significant botanical artists, Emily Cumming Harris. The book occupies a shifting ground between biography and imaged memoir, restoring to art history a figure who had almost disappeared. Her remarkable life story is unearthed with surviving images, diaries, letters, poems and paintings, to capture her intriguing legacy.



Notes on Infinity
AUSTIN TAYLOR
(MICHAEL JOSEPH)
**PB \$38.00 OUT
IN JUN**

When Zoe and Jack meet in a classroom in Harvard, they couldn't be more different: she's the daughter of a renowned professor, he's escaping an upbringing steeped in poverty. Neither knows it yet, but in two years' time, they will have dropped out and become partners in a billion-dollar company that promises longer life. But as they are drawn into the vortex of American start-up culture, their love for each other will be tested to its very limit.



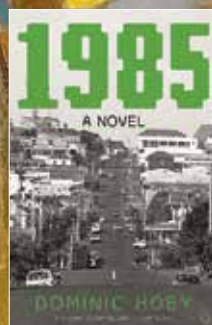
Northbound:
Four seasons
of solitude on
Te Araroa
NAOMI ARNOLD
(HARCERCOLLINS
NZ)
**PB NZ TITLE
\$39.99**

Journalist Naomi Arnold spends nine months walking the length of the country on Te Araroa, fulfilling a 20-year dream. Alone, she traverses mountains, rivers, cities and plains, walking on through days of mud, sun and lightning storms, and into cold, starlit nights, encountering locals and travellers who delight and inspire her. A fascinating and inspiring memoir of the solitude, love and friendship, and the joys and pains to be found in the wilderness.



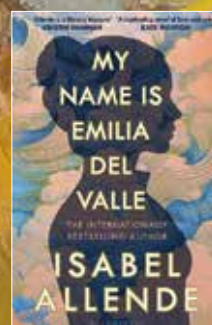
**The Book
of Guilt**
CATHERINE
CHIDGEY (TE
HERENGA WAKA)
**PB NZ TITLE
\$38.00**

In a sinisterly skewed England in 1979, 13-year-old triplets Vincent, Lawrence and William are the last remaining residents of a New Forest home, part of the government's Sycamore Scheme. Each day they take medicine to ward off the mysterious illness to which many of their friends have succumbed. Gradually surrendering its dark secrets, this spellbinding novel from one of our greatest storytellers is an unnerving exploration of belonging in a world where some lives are valued less than others.



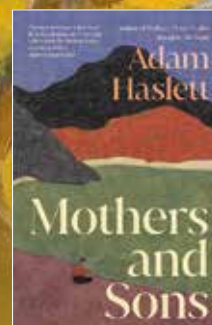
1985: A Novel
DOMINIC HOEY
(PENGUIN
BOOKS NZ)
**PB NZ TITLE
\$38.00**

It's 1985 and Obi's on the cusp of teenagehood, after a childhood of poverty and dysfunctional family dynamics. His dad's delusional, his mum's real sick, the Rainbow Warrior just exploded, and it's time for Obi to grow up and get out of the spacies parlour. The discovery of a map has Obi wondering if his fortunes are about to turn. Instead, he's thrown into an adventure where the stakes are a lot higher than the games he loves.



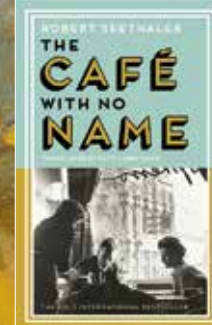
**My Name is
Emilia del Valle**
ISABEL ALLENDE
(BLOOMSBURY)
PB \$36.99

Abandoned at birth by her Chilean aristocrat father, Emilia comes of age in 19th-century San Francisco, determined to do whatever it takes to pursue her passion for writing. Landing a job as a journalist, she seizes the chance to cover civil unrest in Chile. But the assignment offers Emilia more than just an opportunity to prove herself, as she embarks on a treacherous journey in a homeland she never knew, to uncover the truth about her father – and herself.



**Mothers
and Sons**
ADAM HASLETT
(HAMISH
HAMILTON)
PB \$38.00

New York lawyer Peter spends his days immersed in the struggles of immigrants only to return at night to an empty apartment and occasional hook-ups. His mother, who runs a women's centre, is wounded by the estrangement from her son, but cherishes the world she has built. When the asylum case of a young gay man returns Peter to the event he has avoided for 20 years, both mother and son must confront the secret that tore them apart.



**The Café
with No
Name**
ROBERT
SEETHALER, KATY
DERBYSHIRE (TR.)
(CANONGATE)
PB \$36.99

1966. Robert has just fulfilled his dream by taking over a café on the corner of a Vienna market, and soon the customers flock in. Factory workers, elderly ladies, a wrestler, a painter, an unemployed seamstress, each bring their stories and their plans for the future. As Robert listens and glasses are refilled, romances blossom, friendships and fortunes are made. But change is coming to the city around them, to the little café, and to Robert's dream. **S**

Emily Cumming Harris, *Kōwhiri and Korimako*, 1900s, oil on board, 720 x 550mm, Vincent collection, Auckland.

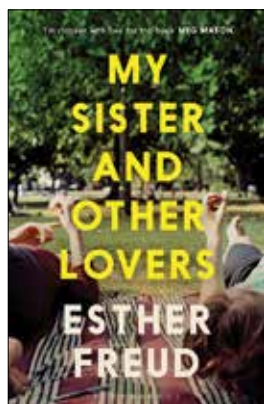
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FICTION



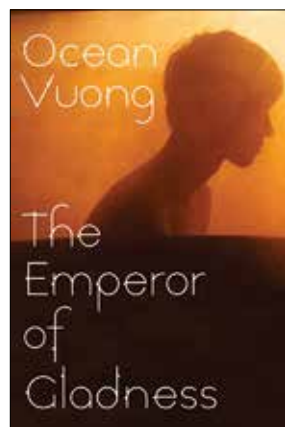
My Sister and Other Lovers
ESTHER FREUD
(BLOOMSBURY)
PB \$36.99 OUT IN JUL

For as long as Lucy can remember, she's been caught between loyalty to her rootless, idealistic mother and devotion to her fierce and exacting sister. From her unsettled childhood to her turbulent teenage years, she's been forced to make a choice. But as the sisters come of age and embark on their own experiments – in love, drugs, work, motherhood – they find their lives, and their relationships, increasingly in turmoil.



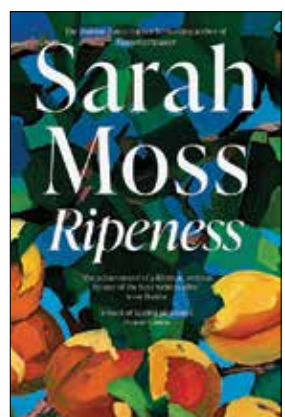
Saraswati
GURNAIK JOHAL
(SERPENT'S TAIL)
PB \$37.99 OUT IN JUN

Centuries ago, the holy river Saraswati flowed through what is now Punjab. Many dismiss this as myth, but when Satnam arrives in his ancestral village for his grandmother's funeral, he finds water in the dried-up well behind her house. The discovery sets in motion a contentious scheme to unearth the lost river as an act of Hindu nationalist pride. As legends and histories resurface, distant relatives are brought together in a rapidly changing India.



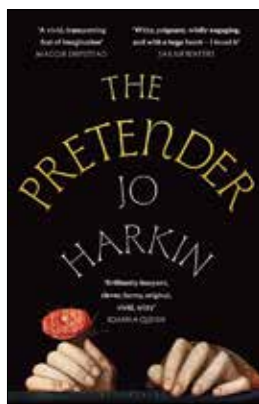
The Emperor of Gladness
OCEAN VUONG
(JONATHAN CAPE)
PB \$38.00

One late summer evening in the post-industrial town of East Gladness, 19-year-old Hai stands on a bridge, ready to jump, when he hears someone shout across the river. The voice belongs to Grazina, an elderly widow succumbing to dementia, who convinces him to take another path. Over the course of the year, the unlikely pair develop a life-altering bond with the power to alter Hai's relationship to himself, his family, and a community on the brink.



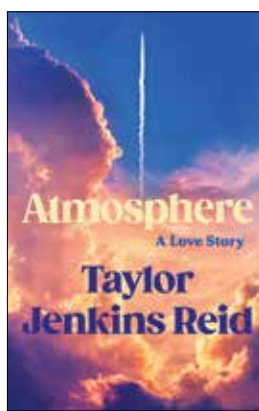
Ripeness
SARAH MOSS (PICADOR)
PB \$37.99 OUT IN JUN

It is the 60s and, just out of school, Edith finds herself travelling to rural Italy. She has been sent by her mother with strict instructions: to see her sister through the final weeks of her pregnancy and then make a phone call which will seal this baby's fate, and his mother's. *Ripeness* is an extraordinary novel about familial love and the communities we create, about migration and new beginnings, and about what it is to have somewhere to belong.



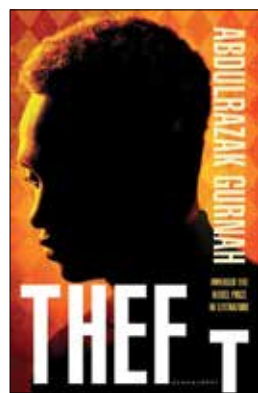
The Pretender
JO HARKIN
(BLOOMSBURY)
PB \$36.99

The year is 1483 and England is in peril. Richard III is not long for the throne, and the man who will become Henry VII stands poised to snatch the crown. For 12-year-old John Collan, these matters seem far away. But history has other plans for John. Stolen from his family and apprenticed to unscrupulous political operators, he finds himself groomed for power; not as John Collan, but as Edward Plantagenet, 17th Earl of Warwick – and rightful heir to the throne.



Atmosphere
TAYLOR JENKINS REID (HUTCHINSON HEINEMANN)
PB \$38.00 OUT IN JUN

In the summer of 1980, astrophysics professor Joan Goodwin begins training to be an astronaut at Houston's Johnson Space Center, alongside an exceptional group of fellow candidates. As the new astronauts prepare for their first flights, Joan finds a passion and a love she never imagined, and begins to question everything she believes about her place in the observable universe. Then, in December 1984, on mission STS-LR9, everything changes in an instant.



Theft
ABDULRAZAK GURNAH
(BLOOMSBURY)
PB \$36.99

In 1990s Zanzibar, three very different young people – Karim, Fauzia and Badar – are coming of age, and dreaming of great possibilities in their young nation. Even when a shattering false accusation sends Badar away, Karim and Fauzia refuse to abandon their friend. But as the three of them take their first steps in love, infatuation, work and parenthood, their bond is tested – and Karim is tempted into a betrayal that will change their lives forever. From the Nobel Prize-winning novelist.



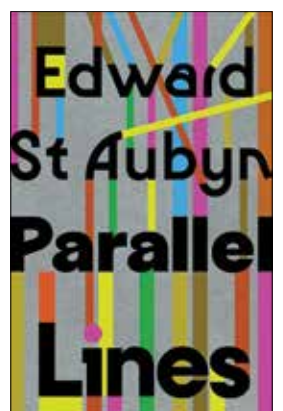
Beautyland
MARIE-HELENE BERTINO (VINTAGE)
PB \$26.00 OUT IN JUN

Meet Adina: a woman who has never felt at home on Earth. Born at the moment when Voyager 1 is launched into space, Adina is a baby of unusual perception. As a child, she recognises she is different, not least because of her strange knowledge of a faraway planet. Then a fax machine arrives. Her mission is clear: she must report on the oddities of humankind. Adina's perceptive and funny observations offer a quietly joyful view of life on Earth.



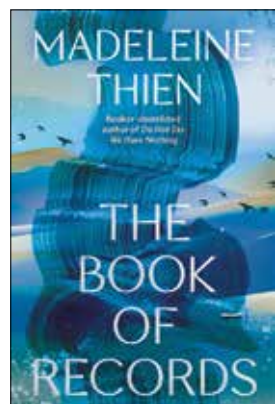
Endling
MARIA REVA (VIRAGO)
PB \$37.99 OUT IN JUN

Yeva is a scientist who scours the country's forests, trying to breed rare snails while her relatives urge her to settle down. Yeva already dates plenty of men, entertaining Westerners who come to Ukraine on guided romance tours believing they'll find docile brides. Nastia and Solomiya are also entangled in the marriage industry. So begins the journey of a lifetime: three angry women, a truckful of kidnapped bachelors, and a last-of-his-kind snail with one final shot at perpetuating his species.



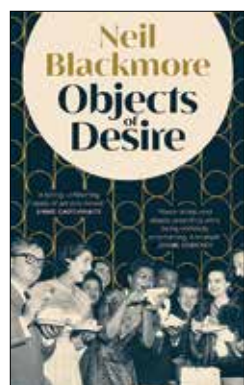
Parallel Lines
EDWARD ST AUBYN
(JONATHAN CAPE)
PB \$38.00

Sebastian is in treatment following a breakdown that has left him with a fragile hold on reality. His therapist, Martin, also faces challenges, including his adopted daughter Olivia's tenuous relationship with her biological mother. Olivia, meanwhile, is producing a radio series on natural disasters, which itself seems to be running parallel to the events unfolding in her personal life. Over a year, their fates collide in outrageous and poignant ways, revealing their destinies in a new light.



The Book of Records
MADELEINE THIEN
(GRANTA)
PB \$37.99

Lina and her father have arrived at an enclave called the Sea. Pasts and futures collide in this mysterious, shape-shifting building made of time. Lina befriends her neighbours: a Jewish scholar in 17th-century Amsterdam; a philosopher in 1930s Germany; and a poet of Tang-Dynasty China. Under the tutelage of these great thinkers, Lina confronts her family's tragic past. This extraordinary novel explores the role of fate in history, our search for home, and the place of faith in our world.



Objects of Desire
NEIL BLACKMORE
(HUTCHINSON HEINEMANN)
PB \$38.00 OUT IN JUL

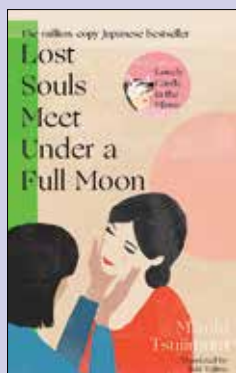
Hugo Hunter was the most celebrated gay novelist of the 20th century. He published two masterpieces, securing his place alongside the dazzling literary greats. But after decades of fame and excess, Hugo finds himself running out of money. Out of nowhere, he receives an extraordinary lifeline: an offer from his longtime publisher. Two million dollars, for a memoir and a new novel. The money will solve all his problems – except for one thing. Hugo Hunter is an imposter.

FICTION IN TRANSLATION FAVOURITES



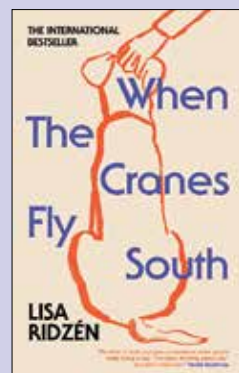
On the Calculation of Volume I
SOLVEJ BALLE (FABER)
PB \$29.99

► Tara Selter has slipped out of time. Every morning, she wakes up to November 18th. She knows the shape of the day like the back of her hand – the grey morning light in her Paris hotel; the moment a blackbird breaks into song; her husband's surprise at seeing her return home unannounced. As Tara approaches her 365th November 18th, she can't shake the feeling that somewhere underneath the surface of this day, there's a way to escape. (International Booker Prize Shortlist 2025, v2 out now.) Translated from Danish.



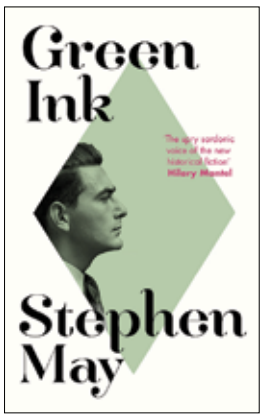
Lost Souls Meet Under a Full Moon
MIZUKI TSUJIMURA
(DOUBLEDAY)
PB \$38.00

► *Is there anyone from the afterlife you wish to see?* Ayumi's clients come to him for a reunion with a person who once changed their life. Ayumi lays down strict rules around the meetings between the living and the dead: the deceased cannot have been summoned by anyone else; they may refuse; and they must meet under a full moon. With each reunion, tantalising clues are scattered for readers to piece together the emotional truth behind the go-between. Translated from Japanese.



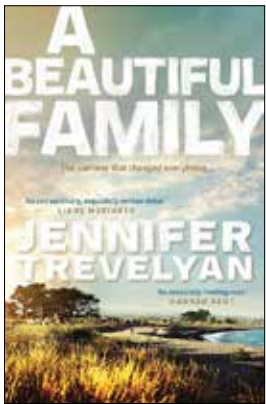
When the Cranes Fly South
LISA RIDZÉN
(DOUBLEDAY)
PB \$38.00

► Bo lives a quiet existence in his small rural village, his days punctuated by visits from his care team and his son. Fortunately, he has his beloved dog Sixten for company. Only now his son is insisting the dog must be taken away. *When the Cranes Fly South* is a profoundly moving and life-affirming novel about one man's desire to preserve his autonomy, the multitude of stories contained within a life, and the big things for which we have no words. Translated from Swedish. **5**



Green Ink
STEPHEN MAY
(SWIFT PRESS)
HB \$39.99 OUT IN JUN

David Lloyd George is at Chequers for the weekend with his mistress, fretting about the fact that his involvement in selling public honours is about to be revealed by one Victor Grayson. Victor is a bisexual hedonist and former firebrand socialist MP turned secret-service informant. Intent on rebuilding his profile as the leader of the revolutionary Left, he doesn't realise exactly how much of a hornet's nest he's stirred up. Doesn't know that this is, in fact, his last day.



A Beautiful Family
JENNIFER TREVELYAN
(ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$36.99 OUT IN JUN

As the summer holiday stretches ahead, the youngest in the family often finds herself alone. At the beach, she meets Kahu, a boy who tells her the tragic story of a little girl who disappeared a couple of years ago. Between dips in the ocean and lazy sunbaking, their detective work brings up shocking discoveries and dark secrets. Trevelyan magnificently captures the confusion and frustration of childhood, and the dangers that lurk in the white lies we tell.

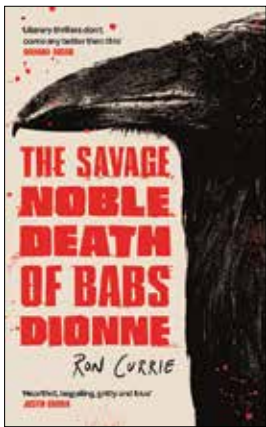


Short| Poto
MICHELLE ELVY, KIRI
PIAHANA-WONG
(EDS.) (MASSEY
UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$37.00 OUT IN JUN

In this collection of 100 stories, a range of Aotearoa New Zealand writers, both well-known and emerging, deliver ▶

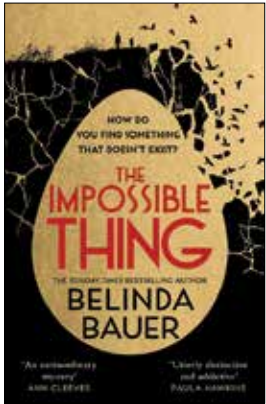
emotionally charged stories that punch well above their weight and length. And there's more! Each of the stories has been translated into te reo Māori (and some are written in te reo and translated into English) by some of this country's most experienced translators, making this book a valuable contributor to our literary landscape that rewards repeated readings. ■

MYSTERY



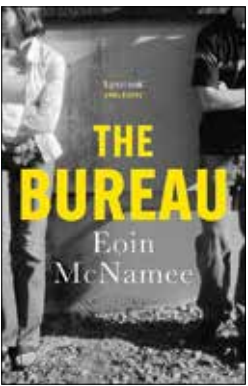
The Savage, Noble Death of Babs Dionne
RON CURRIE (ATLANTIC)
PB \$36.99 OUT IN JUL

Babs Dionne, doting grandmother and vicious crime matriarch, rules her small town with an iron fist. She controls the flow of drugs with the help of her loyal lieutenants, and her eldest daughter, Lori. But when a drug cartel discovers that its numbers are down in the area, they send in a malevolent force, known only as The Man. At the same time, Babs's youngest daughter, Sis, goes missing, and the whole town will seek shelter from Babs's wrath.



The Impossible Thing
BELINDA BAUER
(BANTAM)
PB \$38.00

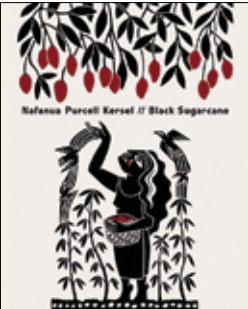
1926. On the cliffs of Yorkshire, men are lowered on ropes to steal the eggs of nesting seabirds. The most beautiful are sold for large sums. Then small, hungry Celie Sheppard finds an 'impossible' red egg, forever altering the course of her life. One hundred years later, Patrick Fort discovers his friend, Nick, and his mother tied up and robbed. The only thing missing: a carved case containing a scarlet egg. A quirky, taut crime novel with unforgettable characters, skullduggery and egg-trafficking.



The Bureau
EOIN MCNAMEE
(RIVERRUN)
PB \$37.99

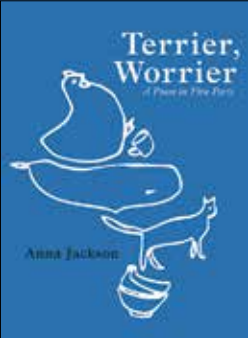
Paddy Farrell works the border, a place of hijackings, sudden death and illicit cash. Brendan's backstreet Bureau de Change is the place to launder it. A world of rogue lawyers, nerve shot policemen and alcoholic judges. Lorraine would say afterwards that she was smitten straight off with Paddy. And she was the kind of girl the papers called vivacious. But could she not see there was death about him? Could he not see there was death about her? ■

POETRY



Black Sugarcane
NAFANUA PURCELL
KERSEL (TE HERENGA
WAKA)
PB NZ TITLE \$30.00

A landmark debut collection by Nafanua Purcell Kersel. Restless in form and address, these engaging and generous poems ricochet from light to dark, quiet to loud, calm to violence. We meet a loved twin sister as she dives towards the Sacred Centre, a grandmother who knows everything by heart, a shrugging office clerk, and Nafanua herself, an enigmatic shapeshifter. Within the line, within the word and even the letter, these poems speak to creation and translation, destruction and regeneration.

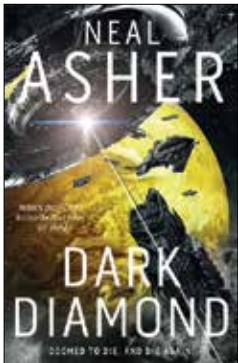


Terrier, Worrier
ANNA JACKSON
(AUCKLAND
UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$24.99 OUT IN JUN

Extraordinary in both concept and form, this collection is a literary sequence to be relished as language and as thought. Part autobiography of thought, part philosophical tract, part poetics, a book about chickens and family and seasons. A remarkable and playful book ▶

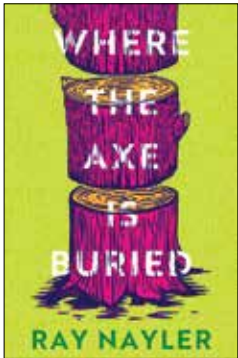
on the strangeness of being a person. This work is a luminous exploration by one of Aotearoa New Zealand's most distinguished poets. ■

SCI-FI & FANTASY



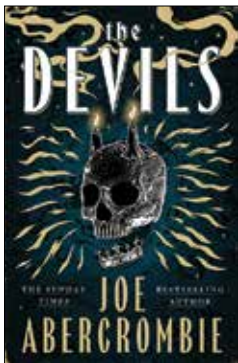
Dark Diamond
NEAL ASHER (TOR)
PB \$39.99

Somebody is trying to kill Captain Blite, but each attempt ends in unexpected failure. All Blite knows is that a black diamond is somehow the cause of his unlikely survival. Each failed attempt on Blite's life generates temporal anomalies, drawing the scrutiny of the ruthless Mobius AI Straeger, who craves the power and possibilities the diamond holds. Caught in the crossfire of galactic forces, Blite must uncover the true nature of the dark diamond before it causes his destruction.



Where the Axe is Buried
RAY NAYLER
(WEIDENFELD &
NICOLSON)
PB \$37.99

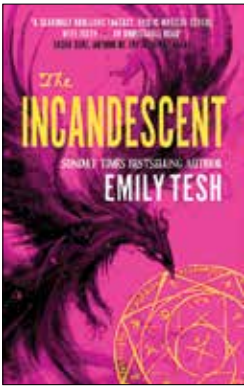
All systems fail. All societies crumble. In the authoritarian Federation, there is a plot to assassinate the President, a man who has downloaded his mind to a succession of new bodies to maintain his grip on power. Meanwhile, on the fringes of a Western Europe that has renounced human governance in favour of AI Prime Ministers, an experimental artificial mind is malfunctioning, threatening to set off a chain of events that may spell the end of the Western world.



The Devils
JOE ABERCROMBIE
(GOLLANCZ)
PB \$37.99

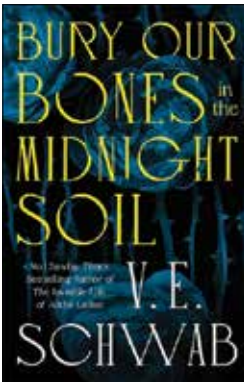
Europe stares into the abyss. Plague and famine stalk the ▶

land and monsters lurk in every shadow. Only one thing is certain: the elves will come again, and they will eat everyone. Buried beneath the Celestial Palace is a secret chapel. For its congregation of convicted monsters there are no sins that have not been committed. Now Brother Diaz must somehow bind the worst of the worst to a higher cause. When you're headed through hell, you need the devils on your side.



The Incandescent
EMILY TESH (ORBIT)
PB \$37.99

Dr. Walden is the Director of Magic at Chetwood Academy and one of the most powerful magicians in England. Her days consist of meetings, teaching Invocation and securing the school's boundaries from demonic incursions. Walden is good at her job – no, Walden is great at her job. But demons are masters of manipulation. It's her responsibility to keep her school safe. But it's possible the entity Walden most needs to keep her school safe from, is herself.



Bury Our Bones in the Midnight Soil
V.E. SCHWAB (TOR)
PB \$37.99 OUT IN JUN

From the author of *The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue* comes a new genre-defying, unforgettable novel about hunger, love, rage and immortality. Santo Domingo de la Calzada, 1532. London, 1837. Boston, 2019. Three young women, their bodies planted in the same soil, their stories tangling like roots. One grows high, and one grows deep, and one grows wild. And all of them grow teeth. ■

YOUNG ADULT



Bear
KIRI LIGHTFOOT
(ALLEN & UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$27.99

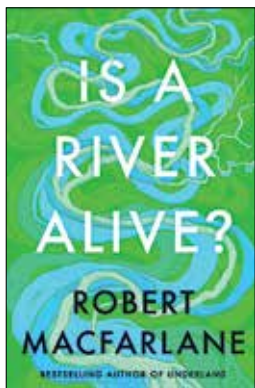
Jasper Robinson-Woods is not okay – his name is too long, his mum has an annoying boyfriend, he never sees his dad, and he can't sleep because of a terrifying nightmare. Oh, and to top it off, his goldfish is dying. Jasper is overwhelmed with bad thoughts. The only place he feels safe is in the tree in his front yard. But then the unimaginable happens: his nightmare comes to life and everything spirals out of control. 13+.



Our Infinite Fates
LAURA STEVEN
(PENGUIN)
PB \$28.00

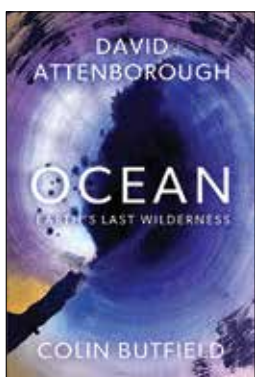
Evelyn can remember all her past lives. She can also remember that in every single one, she's been murdered before her 18th birthday. The problem is that she's quite fond of the one she's in now, and more importantly, her sister needs her to stay alive. So now she has to find the centuries-old enemy who hunts her through each life, destroy them forever, and try not to fall in love with them... again. 14+. ■

NON-FICTION



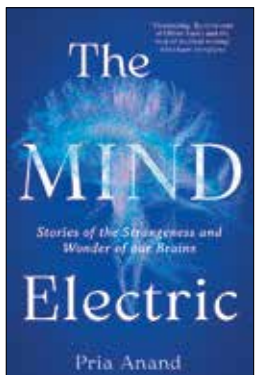
Is a River Alive?
ROBERT MACFARLANE
(HAMISH HAMILTON)
HB \$65.00

Rivers are not mere matter for human use but living beings – who should be recognised as such in both imagination and law. Inspired by the activists, artists and lawmakers of the young ‘Rights of Nature’ movement, Macfarlane takes the reader on an exploration of the past, present and future of this ancient concept. Journeying through northern Ecuador to southern India and north-eastern Quebec, this is a book that will open hearts, spark debates and challenge perspectives.



Ocean: Earth's Last Wilderness
DAVID ATTENBOROUGH,
COLIN BUTFIELD
(JOHN MURRAY)
PB \$39.99

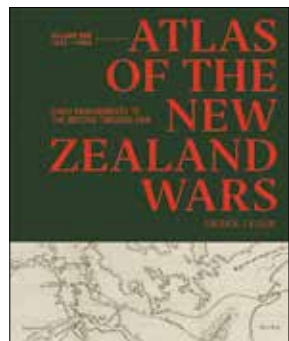
David Attenborough has filmed in every ocean habitat on Earth. Now, with long-term collaborator Colin Butfield, he shares the story of our last great wilderness – the one which shapes the land we live on, regulates our climate and creates the air we breathe. Experience a journey of wonder and discovery, populated by green turtles and blue whales; clownfish and bioluminescent jellyfish as we are shown a world which is both desperately fragile yet astonishingly resilient.



The Mind Electric: Stories of the Strangeness and Wonder of our Brains
PRIA ANAND (VIRAGO)
PB \$39.99 OUT IN JUN

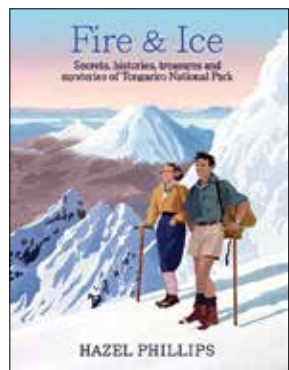
A young woman channelling the Holy Spirit. A mother whose children have been replaced by changelings. A family cursed by a mysterious inability to ►

sleep. Pria Anand's patients come to her with myriad peculiar symptoms, but they all have something in common: their diagnosis always hinges on a story. Her task as a neurologist is akin to a detective's, piecing together the clues in a patient's account with the tells of their body to settle on a diagnosis.



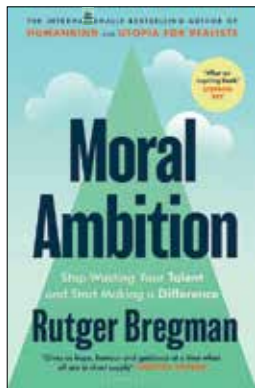
Atlas of the New Zealand Wars: Volume One 1834-1864
DEREK LEASK
(AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$89.99

In the *Atlas of the New Zealand Wars*, five decades of maps and plans from 1834 to 1884 provide remarkable new insight into the deep conflicts running through 19th-century Aotearoa. Through both tātanga and whenua we understand the conflicts and their consequences anew. Based on 30 years of research, Derek Leask reveals a complex series of challenges and misunderstandings, skirmishes and negotiations, battles and wars that have profoundly shaped the lives of Māori and Pākehā on these islands ever since.



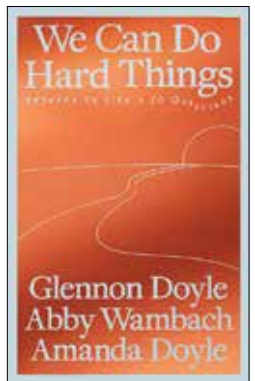
Fire and Ice: Secrets, histories, treasures and mysteries of Tongariro National Park
HAZEL PHILLIPS (MASSEY UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$49.99

This engrossing book contains stories of ghosts, fires, avalanches, plane wrecks, sly grogging, secret spots and more from around Ngāuruhoe, Tongariro and Ruapehu. This well-illustrated and lively exploration is told by a self-confessed ‘Ruapehu addict’ who has an uncanny talent for persuading a cast of great characters to join her investigations. With more than 200 historic and present-day images and 25 maps, it's a must-have for all who love skiing, climbing and tramping around this mighty mountain.



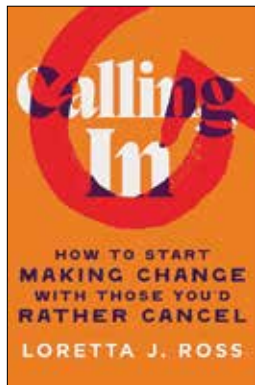
Moral Ambition: Stop Wasting Your Talent and Start Making a Difference
RUTGER BREGMAN
(BLOOMSBURY)
PB \$38.99

Uncovering the qualities that made the great change-makers of history so effective, Rutger Bregman shows how we too can lend our talents to the biggest challenges of our time, from climate change to inequality to the next pandemic. With moral ambition, we can do more than be on the right side of history: we can make history itself. This book won't make your life easier, but it should make it more meaningful.



We Can Do Hard Things: Answers to Life's 20 Questions
GLENNON DOYLE, ABBY WAMBACH, AMANDA DOYLE (VERMILION)
PB \$40.00

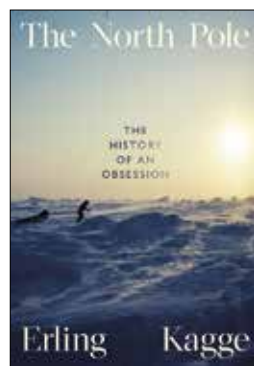
In the span of a single year, Glennon was diagnosed with anorexia, her sister, Amanda, was diagnosed with breast cancer, and her wife Abby's beloved brother died. For the first time, they were all lost at the same time. So, they turned toward the only thing that's ever helped them find their way: deep, honest conversations with other brave, kind, wise people. They put all of that wisdom in one place: *We Can Do Hard Things*.



Calling In: How to Start Making Change with Those You'd Rather Cancel
LORETTA J. ROSS
(SIMON & SCHUSTER)
PB \$39.99

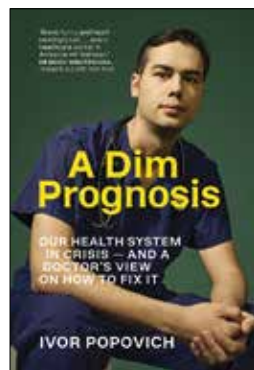
Calling In is at once a handbook, a manifesto, and a memoir. With stories from her five ►

remarkable decades in activism, Loretta Ross vividly illustrates why calling people in – inviting them into conversation instead of conflict by focusing on your shared values over a desire for punishment – is the more strategic choice if you want to make real change. And she shows you how to do so, whether in the workplace, on campus, or in your living room.



The North Pole: The History of an Obsession
ERLING KAGGE
(VIKING PENGUIN)
HB \$55.00

This is the multi-millennia story of humanity's obsession with the North Pole, from Norwegian explorer Erling Kagge who travelled there in 1990. Blending Kagge's own memories with histories of Herodotus, the intrepid early cartographers and the legendary expeditions led by Fridtjof Nansen and Robert Peary, what emerges is a new history of the world spanning thousands of years, as seen from the ‘silver-shining vacantness’ of the North Pole.



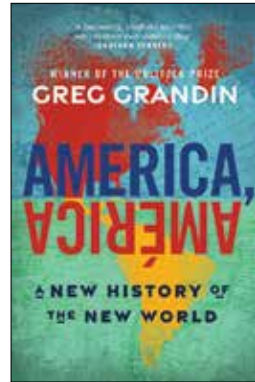
A Dim Prognosis: Our health system in crisis – and a doctor's view on how to fix it
IVOR POPOVICH (ALLEN & UNWIN NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$37.99 OUT IN JUN

This compelling tell-all reveals the realities of working as a doctor in Aotearoa New Zealand. Fast-paced and darkly funny, it chronicles 10 years of working in medicine and sheds a light on where and why the health system is collapsing. Covering everything from a bullying and toxic culture, to the alarming disparities between the public and private health sectors, and years of mismanaged priorities, this is a clear-eyed account of a health system on life support.



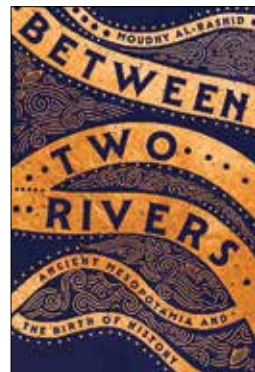
Victory '45: The End of the War in Eight Surrenders
JAMES HOLLAND,
AL MURRAY (BANTAM)
PB \$40.00

From the Italian Alps to northern Germany, to London, New York, Washington and Tokyo, this book examines the extraordinary summer when the greatest conflagration the world had ever known came to an end after eight surrenders that heralded the Allied victory. Comprised of 8 chapters based around each of those surrenders, rich in character and human drama, these are revealing stories and not-yet-told perspectives behind the end of the war.



America, América: A New History of the New World
GREG GRANDIN (TORVA)
PB \$45.00

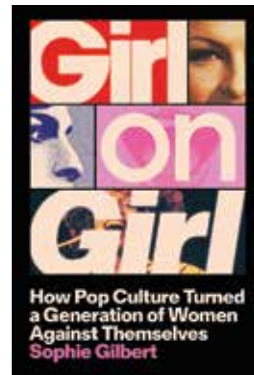
The United States' unique sense of itself was forged facing south – no less than Latin America's was indelibly stamped by the looming colossus to the north. In this stunningly original reinterpretation of the New World, Professor Greg Grandin reveals how the Americas emerged from constant, turbulent engagement with each other. At once comprehensive and accessible, *America, América* shows how the United States and Latin America together shaped the laws, institutions, and ideals that have shaped the modern world.



Between Two Rivers
MOUDHY AL-RASHID (HODDER & STOUGHTON)
PB \$39.99

Thousands of years ago, in what we now call ancient Mesopotamia, people began writing things down for the ►

very first time. *Between Two Rivers* reveals what these ancient people chose to record about their lives, allowing us to brush hands with them millennia later. We find instructions for exorcising a ghost, countless receipts for beer, and the adorable, messy writing of preschoolers. Together, these fragments illuminate not just the history of Mesopotamia, but the story of how history was made.



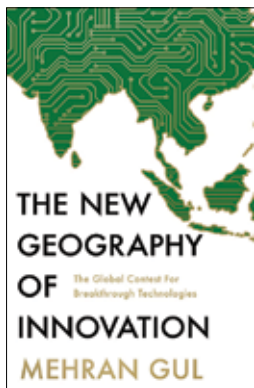
Girl on Girl: How Pop Culture Turned a Generation of Women Against Themselves
SOPHIE GILBERT
(JOHN MURRAY)
PB \$39.99

Despite substantial progress, the gains of the feminist movement feel more fragile than ever. But this is not a unique moment. Feminism felt just as fragmented in the early 2000s, when the momentum of third-wave feminism was squashed by lad culture and the commodification of Girl Power. Casting her eye across pop culture of the past 30 years, Sophie Gilbert reveals a toxic pattern of progress, and how media have shaped and warped women's relationships with themselves and other women.



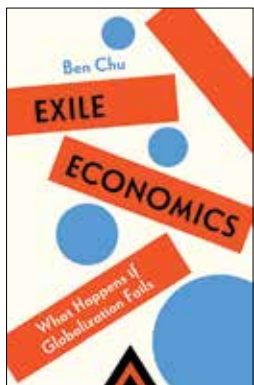
Live Forever: The Rise, Fall and Resurrection of Oasis
JOHN ROBB
(HARPERCOLLINS)
PB \$39.99 OUT IN JUN

In *Live Forever*, John Robb peels back the layers of Manchester's best known musical export, revealing a tale of ambition, ego, talent, and a whole lot of attitude. From the gritty pubs of Manchester to the dizzying heights of global stardom, this unauthorised biography is a rollercoaster ride through the Gallagher brothers' turbulent lives and the music that defined a generation. So, grab your parka and shades and prepare to be amazed, amused, and maybe just a little bit shocked.



The New Geography of Innovation
MEHRAN GUL (HARPERCOLLINS)
PB \$39.99 OUT IN JUL

For 50 years, Silicon Valley has been spinning out new technologies and developing fast-growing, high value, billion plus dollar tech companies. These companies established 'the Valley' as the centre for the most rapid creation of wealth in human history. But now its secrets are spreading elsewhere. In this book Mehran Gul, a World Economic Forum expert on the emergence of new generation big technology, traces the shift that is ultimately changing the landscape of the world's economy.



Exile Economics: What Happens if Globalisation Fails
BEN CHU (BASIC BOOKS)
PB \$39.99

A new vision is vying to replace globalisation. This vision – Exile Economics – entails a rejection of interdependence, a downgrading of multilateral collaboration and a striving for greater national self-sufficiency. The supporters of this new order argue it will establish genuine security, prosperity and peace. But is this promise achievable? Economics journalist Ben Chu illustrates the intricate web of interdependence that has come to bind nations together – and underlines the dangers of this new push to isolationism. ■

BIOGRAPHY



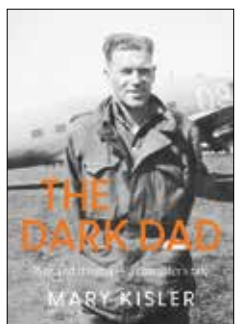
A Different Kind of Power
JACINDA ARDERN (PENGUIN)
HB NZ TITLE \$59.99 OUT IN JUN

From our former prime minister comes a deeply personal memoir chronicling her extraordinary rise and offering inspiration to a new generation of leaders. When Ardern became PM at age 37, the world took notice. She guided Aotearoa New Zealand through unprecedented challenges, advanced visionary policies, and changed our assumptions about what a global leader can be. Now she shares her story, from the struggles to the surprises, including the full details of her decision to step down.



This Compulsion In Us
TINA MAKERETI (TE HERENGA WAKA)
PB NZ TITLE \$40.00

In her first book of non-fiction, Tina Makereti writes from inside her many intersecting lives as a wahine Māori, and into a past that is as alive and changeable as the present. These frank, moving essays cover the wahine who have shown her many ways of being a Māori woman; the pain and dark humour of living with an alcoholic; and the potential of art to return power to survivors of colonialism. A lyrical, critical, unforgettable portrait of one of Aotearoa's foremost storytellers.



The Dark Dad
MARY KISLER (MASSEY UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$37.00

Mary Kisler grew up in the early 1950s with a father who talked little, whose affection she cherished and whose anger she feared. She later came to understand the trauma that lay behind his dark moods: rejection and violence in his childhood and ►

the brutal experience of being a prisoner of war. In this affecting memoir, she traces back through her father's life, discovering a man who had suffered but who ultimately found peace among the people he loved most.



No Words for This
ALI MAU (HARPER COLLINS)
PB NZ TITLE \$39.99

From age 12, Mau wanted to be a journalist like her beer-swilling, straight-talking father, who could quote Hamlet at will. He taught Ali how to skin a rabbit, throw a punch, and how to craft a sharp sentence. She craved his validation as she navigated the sexist badlands of journalism and built a glittering career. But while bringing New Zealand's #MeToo stories to light, an unexpected call from her sister brought her professional and personal lives together with devastating force.



Notes to John
JOAN DIDION (FOURTH ESTATE)
PB \$37.99

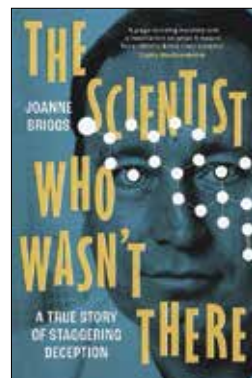
In November 1999, Joan Didion began seeing a psychiatrist. She described the sessions in a journal she created for her husband, John. Didion's journal was crafted with the singular intelligence, precision, and elegance that characterise all of her writing. It is an unprecedentedly intimate account that reveals sides of her that were unknown, but the voice is unmistakably hers – questioning, courageous, and clear in the face of a wrenchingly painful journey.



Queen James: The Life and Loves of Britain's First King
GARETH RUSSELL (HARPERCOLLINS)
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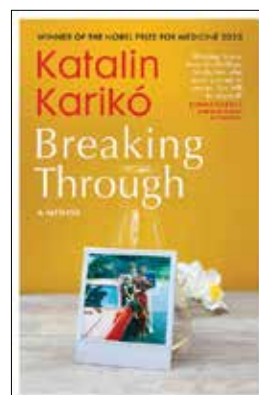
James Stuart did not always love wisely, but he never failed to ►

do so boldly. This groundbreaking new book puts James and the men he loved at the centre of one of the most dramatic stories in British royal history. James's life encompassed kidnapping, witchcraft trials, political radicalism, religious fundamentalism, strong love, stronger hate, and a decade-long love affair that ended in assassination. It is unquestionably one of the most gripping stories in British history, retold with scholarship and wit.



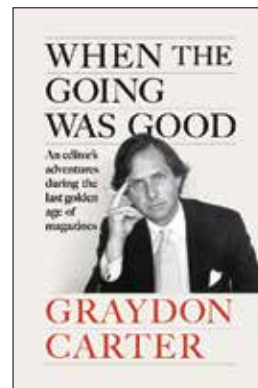
The Scientist Who Wasn't There: A true story of staggering deception
JOANNE BRIGGS (BONNIER)
PB \$39.99 OUT IN JUL

Renowned scientist Professor Michael Briggs was many things: a Space expert at NASA, an adviser to the WHO, a successful Big Pharma executive. But Briggs had a secret. A scandal broke out in 1986 when research he conducted was revealed to be compromised. Soon after his fall from grace, Briggs was dead. After decades of wondering who her father really was, Joanne decided to investigate for herself. In hypnotic prose, she uncovers that Briggs's greatest invention was possibly himself.



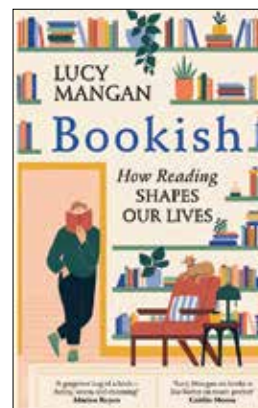
Breaking Through
KATALIN KARIKÓ (VINTAGE)
PB \$32.99 OUT IN JUN

Katalin Karikó began life as a butcher's daughter in communist Hungary. Raised in a one-room home of clay and straw with no running water, she saw potential everywhere. *Breaking Through* is the extraordinary story of her courageous determination – first to become a scientist, and then to unlock the elusive molecule she believed could revolutionise medicine. Others disagreed, yet Karikó persevered, ultimately making a world-shifting discovery: the mRNA vaccine technology that saved millions of lives and will transform healthcare forever.



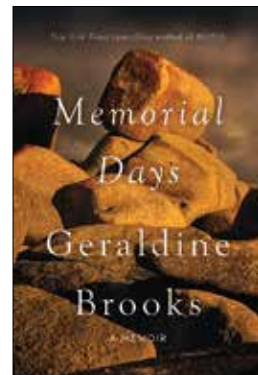
When the Going Was Good
GRAYDON CARTER (GROVE PRESS)
PB \$39.99

When the Going Was Good is Graydon Carter's lively account of how he made his mark as one of society's most talented editors and shapers of culture. With his inimitable voice and raconteur's quip, Carter brings readers inside the drawing rooms of the great and not-always-good of America, Britain and Europe. Brimming with charm and humour, this candid memoir perfectly captures the last golden age of print magazines from the inside out.



Bookish: How Reading Shapes Our Lives
LUCY MANGAN (SQUARE PEG)
HB \$45.00 OUT IN JUN

Bookish is the story of a life spent falling in love with reading. Lucy Mangan chronicles her years of buying, borrowing and hoarding everything from well-worn literary classics to steamy bonkbusters. From exploring the stacks as a student, to finding her feet as a bookseller-turned-journalist, to falling for a fellow bookworm in an independent bookshop. Brimming with literary insights, wry observations and stellar recommendations, this is an ode to the bookish people, places and stories that make us who we are.



Memorial Days
GERALDINE BROOKS (HACHETTE)
HB \$37.99

When Geraldine Brooks's partner of more than three decades died abruptly, the demands were immediate and many. ►

Three years later, she went to remote Flinders Island with the intention of finally giving herself time to mourn. There, she pondered the various ways in which cultures grieve, and what rituals of her own might help to rebuild a life around the void of Tony's death. A spare and profoundly moving memoir that exquisitely captures the joy, agony and mystery of life.



The Illegals: Russia's Most Audacious Spies and the Plot to Infiltrate the West
SHAUN WALKER (PROFILE)
HB \$49.99 OUT IN JUL

The Cold War had been over for decades when, in 2010, ten Russian agents were arrested in the USA. Among the spies were three couples who had lived as Americans for years, and one agent who had lived undercover so long he could barely speak Russian. They had hidden their true identities from their children, neighbours and partners. Through hundreds of interviews and access to never-before-seen archives, Walker exposes the KGB's most secretive espionage project.



Sad Tiger
NEIGE SINNO (SEVEN STORIES PRESS)
PB \$45.00

Neige Sinno was 7 when her stepfather started sexually abusing her. At 19, she broke her silence which led to a public trial, and prison for her stepfather. Here Sinno explores the facets of memory, and abuse itself, in all its monstrosity and banality. Her account is woven with a close reading of Nabokov, Woolf, Morrison, among others, in a literary exploration into how to speak about the unspeakable, yet protect others from what the author herself endured. A striking, shocking, and necessary masterpiece. ■

ART, DESIGN, COOKING & GARDENING



Central Otago Couture: The Eden Hore Collection
JANE MALTHUS, CLAIRE REGNAULT, DEREK HENDERSON (TE PAPA PRESS)

HB NZ TITLE \$70.00

In 1975, a makeshift museum opened on a farm in the hills of Central Otago. Its collection included over 200 high-end fashion garments amassed by J Eden Hore, a successful but quietly spoken high-country farmer who both embodied and defied the stereotype of the 'Southern Man'. With stunning photography, this book tells the compelling story of Hore's string of eccentric obsessions and idiosyncratic path through life, capturing the extraordinary garments in the majestic Central Otago landscapes that Hore so loved.

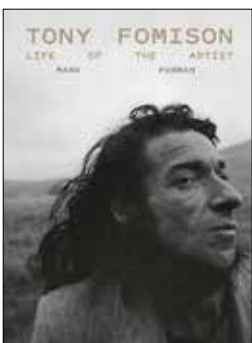


Mark Adams: A survey – He kohinga whakaahua

SARAH FARRAR (MASSEY UNIVERSITY PRESS)

HB NZ TITLE \$80.00

Ōtautahi Christchurch's Mark Adams is one of Aotearoa New Zealand's foremost photographers. His focus on Samoan tatau, Māori-Pākehā interactions in Rotorua, and Captain James Cook's landing sites reflect his deep engagement with our postcolonial and Pacific histories. This first-ever survey of his work includes photographs taken across the Pacific, the UK and Europe, and explores the migration of artistic and cultural practices across the globe, while examining the role of museums, and photography itself.



Tony Fomison: Life of the Artist
MARK FORMAN (AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY PRESS)

HB NZ TITLE \$59.99

Across three decades, Tony Fomison produced some of ►

Aotearoa New Zealand's most artistically and culturally significant paintings and drawings. A man of multitudes and a self-perceived outsider, he shed light on the human condition and reimagined life in New Zealand. In this compelling biography, Mark Forman draws on archival material and interviews with over 150 people, resulting in a comprehensive yet lively and accessible biography that reveals the man and his art to a new generation of readers.



Life-Changing Homes: Eco-Friendly Designs That Promote Well-Being

KIRSTEN DIRKSEN, NICOLÁS BOULLOSA (ABRAMS)

HB \$64.99 OUT IN JUN

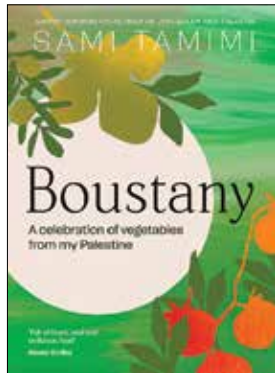
For most, the search for a home involves setting budgets, finding a place, then filling rooms with stuff. But Kirsten and Nicolás believe it's a search for meaning, and the right dwelling can set the direction for one's life. Fifteen years ago, they set out to prove their theory and to challenge traditional assumptions about what makes a home. The result is a unique collection of homes with stories of those who have changed their lives by changing their surroundings.



Cocoon: Creating Homes with Heart
ALI HEATH (MITCHELL BEAZLEY)

HB \$65.00 OUT IN JUN

In her third book, Ali Heath invites readers to create a home sanctuary that focuses on the human touch as an antidote to our fast-paced, tech-driven modern world. Divided into three informative chapters: Cocooning, Feeling and Living, the book explores the homes of 13 creatives from around the world. With everything from small inner-city sanctuaries to spacious island retreats, *Cocoon* celebrates a design approach that speaks to the heart.



Boustany: A celebration of vegetables from my Palestine
SAMI TAMIMI (EBURY)

HB \$65.00 OUT IN JUN

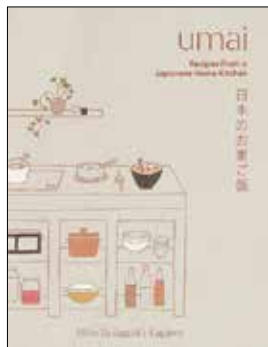
A homage to Palestinian food and culture. These down-to-earth, relaxed and plentiful recipes are reflective of Sami's signature style and approach to food. Bold, inspiring and ever-evolving, with flavour-packed, colourful and simple vegetable- and grain-led dishes: like platters of aubergine and chick-peas with a spicy green lemon sauce and fragrant lentil fatteh. With over 100 recipes, Sami offers breakfast, sharing plates, big celebrations, simple breads, moreish sweet treats, easy dinners and more.



Food You Want to Eat
THOMAS STRAKER (BLOOMSBURY)

HB \$54.99

Chef Thomas Straker shares 100 classic recipes for cooking at home. Uncomplicated, seasonal and delicious, each recipe has the perfect balance of flavours. With cook-on-repeat recipes including 'Nduja and mozzarella flatbread, Sweetcorn, tuna and fennel salad, Spiced tomato tagliolini. Thomas cooks with stylish simplicity whether at home, online or in the kitchen of his acclaimed London restaurant. By breaking down the barriers between chef and home-cook, he shows how quality ingredients and simple techniques lead to amazing results in any kitchen.



Umai: Recipes From a Japanese Home Kitchen
MILLIE TSUKAGOSHI LAGARES (QUADRILLE)

HB \$65.00

With over 80 delicious dishes that evoke the country's rich heritage, *Umai* covers easy ►

lunches, family favourites and classics designed for sharing, as well as simple and sweet desserts. Woven between the recipes are passages that will transport you to the enticing eateries of Japan. Venture to a traditional izakaya for classic small plates, warm your soul at a no-frills hole-in-the-wall teishokuya or delve into unmissable delicacies at a local Japanese bakery.



Handfuls of Sunshine: Perfect bite-sized bakes
TILLY PAMMENT (MURDOCH)

HB \$45.00 OUT IN JUL

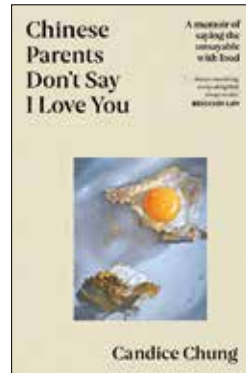
Dreamy recipes for baby cakes, slices, tarts and other small, sweet morsels. Whether eaten gleefully, warm from the oven, passed around to share, or batched and squirrelled away for a rainy day, these recipes are all designed to bring a handful of sweet joy to any moment. Think bars of sunny lemon and passionfruit, squares of rich chocolate and marmalade, crackly sour-cream brownies. Spread a little sunshine by whipping up a batch of homemade, shareable love.



Comfort Cooking: Enough for leftovers and lazy days in Kiwi homes
WENDY MORGAN (DAVID BATEMAN)

PB NZ TITLE \$45.00 OUT IN JUL

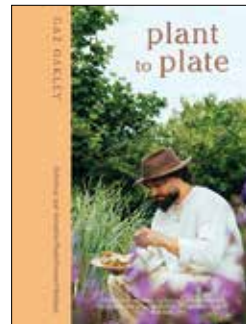
From one-pot meals to basic breads, hearty soups, punchy preserves and delectable snacks and sweets – the recipes in *Comfort Cooking* will help you to quickly and easily whip up the perfect dish for a lazy day, and still have plenty of leftovers. Easily adaptable for one, two or for a crowd, the recipes in *Comfort Cooking* will warm the cockles of your heart as you gather round the table.



Chinese Parents Don't Say I Love You
CANDICE CHUNG (ALLEN & UNWIN)

PB \$37.99

At 35, when a 13-year relationship ends, food journalist Candice Chung finds herself losing not only her first love, but also her most reliable restaurant review partner. Then her retired Cantonese parents offer to be her new plus-ones, and she faces a dilemma: is it better to eat together in polite silence, or to try saying the unsayable and find a way to unscramble what her family has been trying to express all along. Not through words, but with food.



Plant to Plate: Delicious and Versatile Plant-Forward Recipes
GAZ OAKLEY (QUADRILLE)

HB \$60.00 OUT IN JUN

A few years ago, at his home in the Welsh countryside, Gaz Oakley planted a garden. Inspired by his thriving fruit and veg plot, these vibrant, versatile recipes celebrate accessible ingredients like carrots, beetroot, cabbage, tomatoes, apples and pears. With recipes including Strawberry and Lavender Welsh Cakes, and savoury Stuffed Harissa Onions, there's something for every season and taste. With the beauty of the passing seasons and the magic of harvesting your own food, Gaz will help you make the most of your own patch.

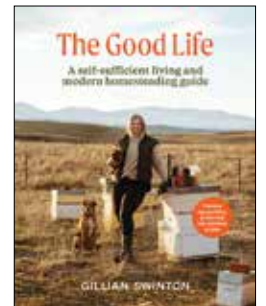


The Rose Book
KRISTINE PAULUS, AMY DE LA HAYE, VICTORIA GAIGER (PHAIDON)

HB \$80.00

A collection of more than 200 stunning images, *The Rose Book* celebrates the world's most iconic flower from petal to thorn, fashion to fragrance. Thoughtfully paired to reveal intriguing juxtapositions, these diverse works showcase the exciting ways the rose has ►

inspired across time and cultures within and beyond the garden. From a couture Dior gown and a rose-adorned Barbie to ancient mosaics and Victorian valentines, this volume praises the undeniable beauty and romance of the rose.



The Good Life
GILLIAN SWINTON (ALLEN & UNWIN NZ)

PB NZ TITLE \$45.00

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