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Lee Lai

Winner of the
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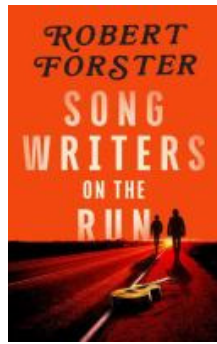


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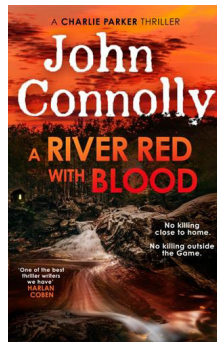
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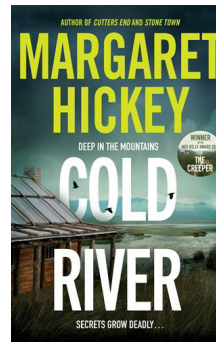
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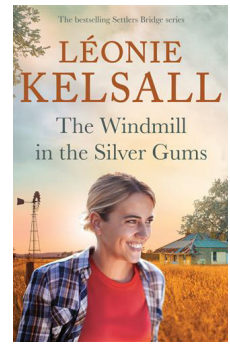
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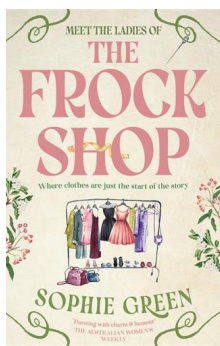
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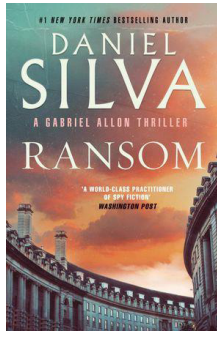
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The Windmill in the Silver Gums
Leonie Kelsall



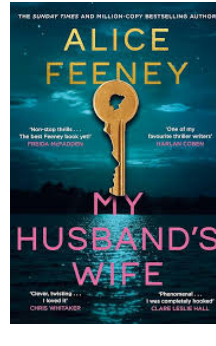
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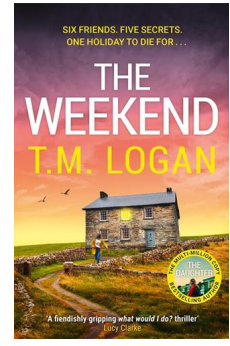
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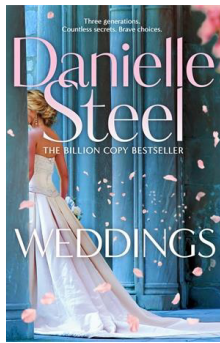
Every Time She Wakes
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My Husband's Wife
Alice Feeney



The Weekend
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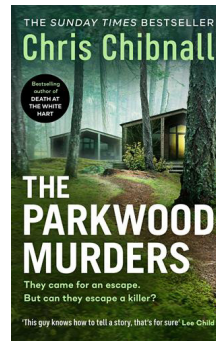
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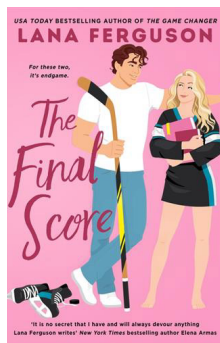
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Chris Chibnall



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Lynda La Plante



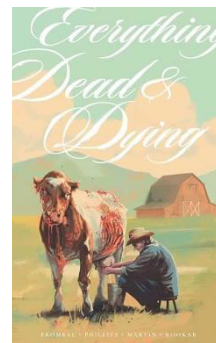
The Final Score
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Cool Machine
Colson Whitehead



Chainsaw Man
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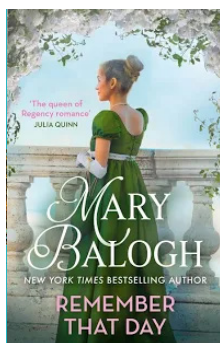


Everything Dead and Dying [Graphic Novel]
Tate Brombal

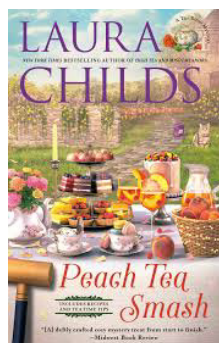


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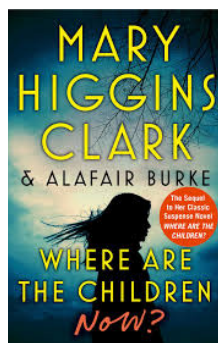
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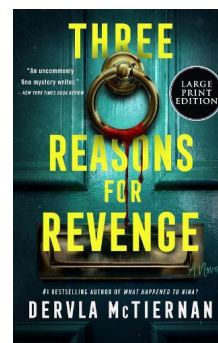
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Laura Childs



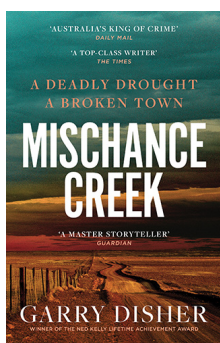
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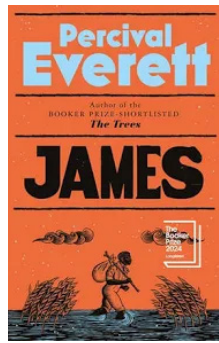
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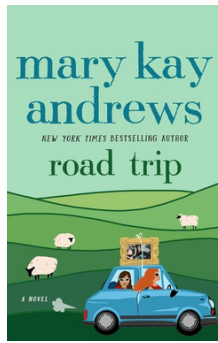
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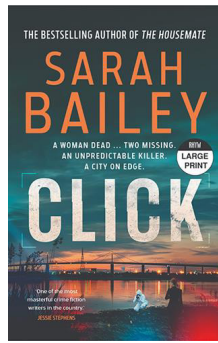
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James
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Road Trip
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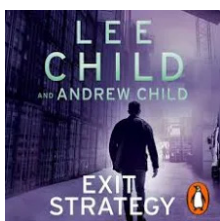


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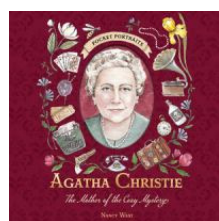


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Lee Child



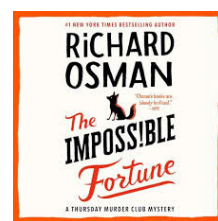
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Meet Me in Paris
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The Things We Never Say
Elizabeth Strout



The Impossible Fortune
Richard Osman

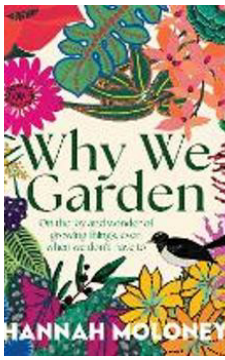
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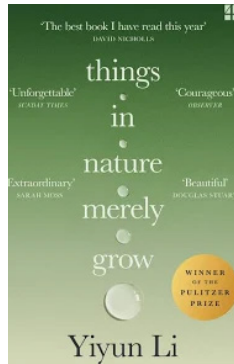


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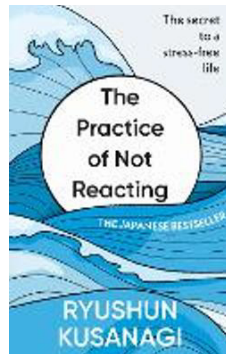
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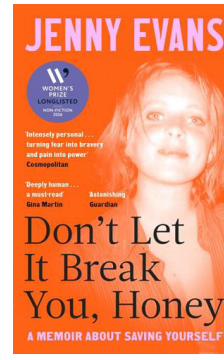
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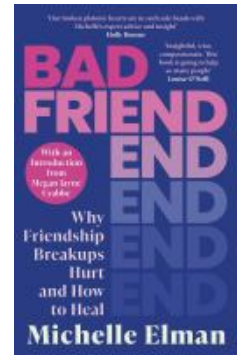
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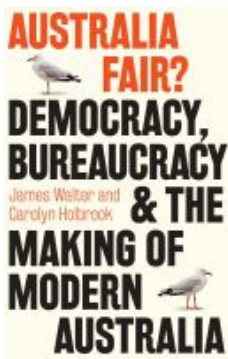
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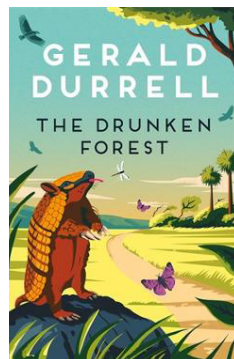
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Jenny Evans



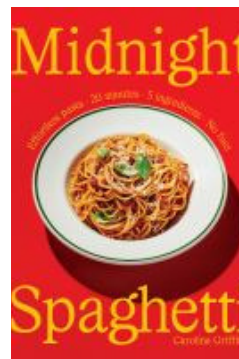
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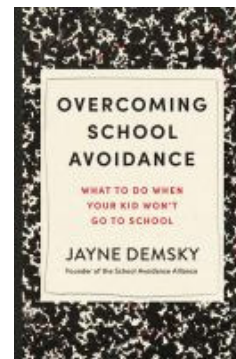
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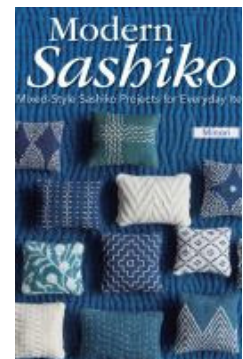
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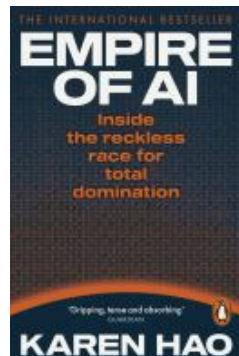
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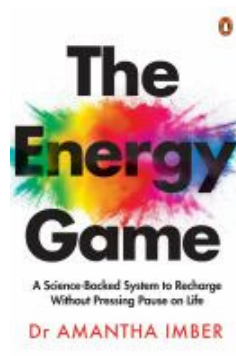
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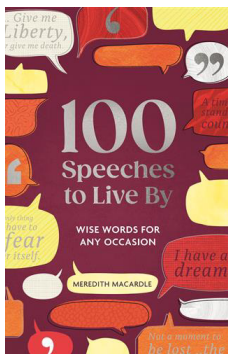
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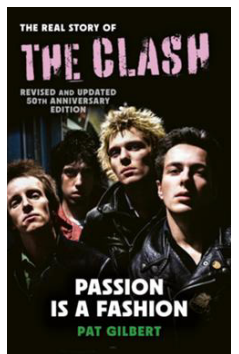
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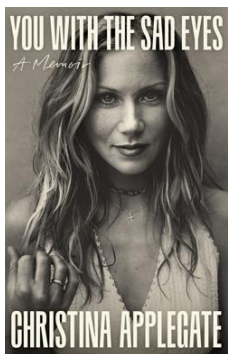
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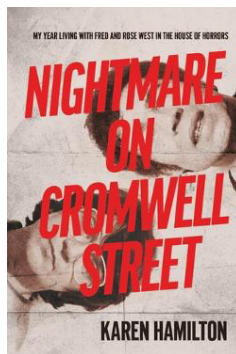
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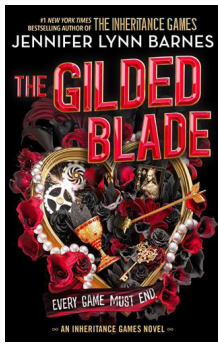
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Christina Applegate



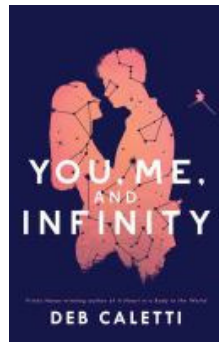
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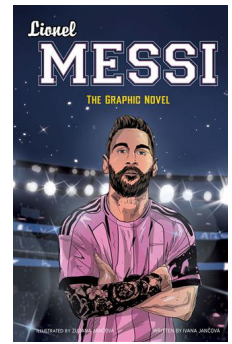
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Deb Caletti



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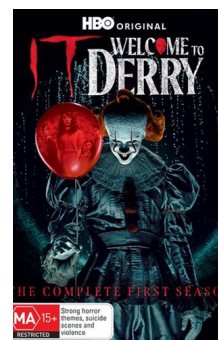
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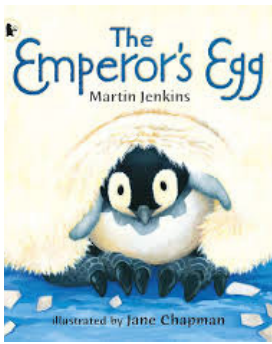
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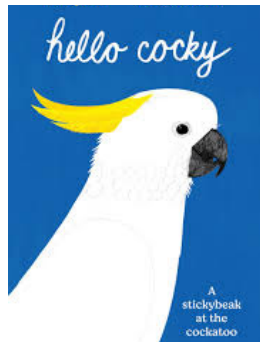


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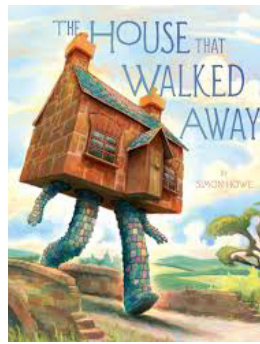
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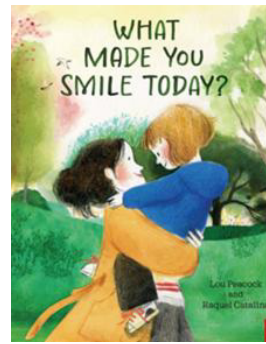
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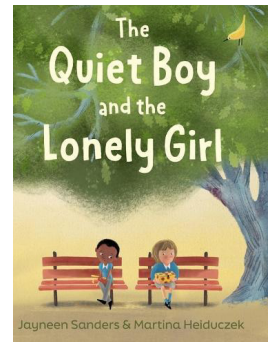
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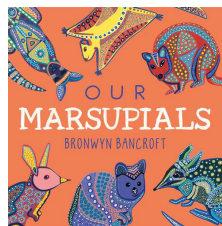
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Lou Peacock



The Quiet Boy and
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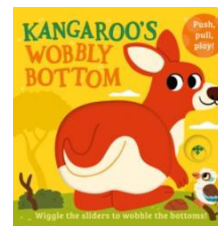
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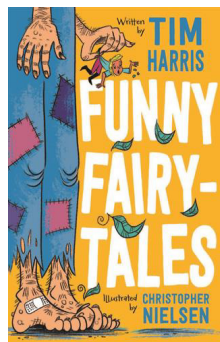


Kangaroo's
Wobbly Bottom
Kit Frost



The Haircut
Theo Heras

CHILDRENS BOOKS



Funny Fairytales
Tim Harris



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Spooky House
[Graphic Novel]
Sally Rippin



The Sea of
Monsters
[Graphic Novel]
Rick Riordan



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Tamara
Macfarlane

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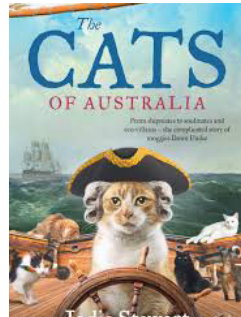
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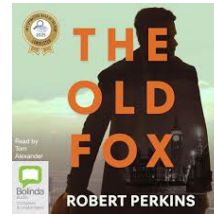
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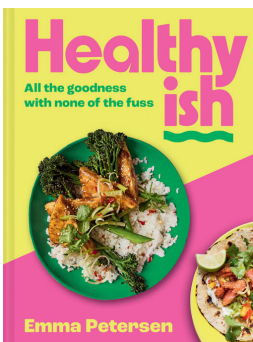
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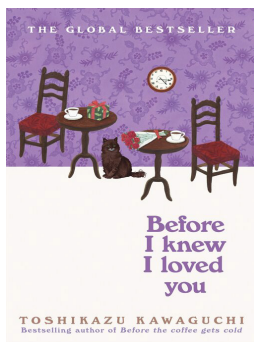
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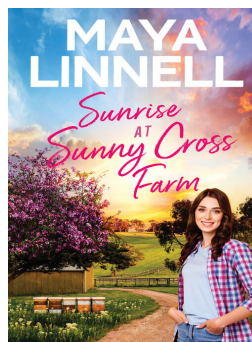
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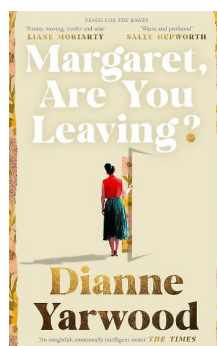
IN BRIEF



Good Boy Michelle Wright

Cookie, an inmate in a minimum-security prison, joins a last-chance program training abandoned dogs. Assigned

Good Boy, he faces a looming assessment deciding the dog's fate. As failure seems certain, Cookie must choose how far he'll go to save him.



Margaret, Are You Leaving? Yarwood, Dianne

Sydney 2001. In her forties, Maggie Reid has built a life with friends, a needy dog and new love. When her brother calls with

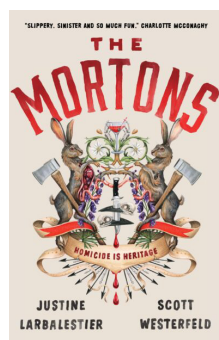
news of their mother's death and news about her birth mother, her past resurfaces, exploring family messiness and resilience.



Cannon [Graphic Novel] Lee Lai

First graphic novel to win the Stella Prize, this story explores queer friendship, family responsibility, and thoughtfully

questions what we owe to one another and ourselves both deeply and honestly.



The Mortons Justine Larbalestier

Jessica Morton, a ruthless prodigy from a wealthy murderous dynasty, arrives at elite Helshire College ready to

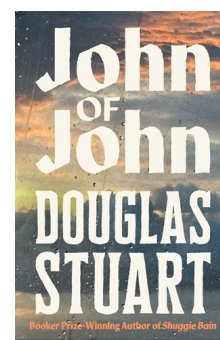
prove herself. Her first kill sparks dangerous consequences, unraveling loyalties in this dark, witty thriller of ambition, family secrets, power, and deadly intrigue.



Songbird of the Sorrows Braidee Otto

Debut by an Adelaide author, this fantasy follows Aella Sotiria, disowned princess turned spy-assassin. Now a new

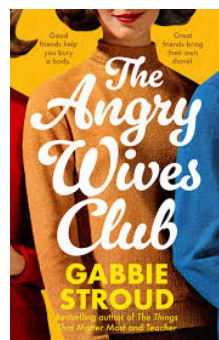
Songbird, she and loyal friend Nyssa join Alpha Flight, embarking on a perilous mission to retrieve a deadly weapon from a rival king.



John of John Douglas Stuart

Cal (John-Calum MacLeod) returns to his close-knit home on Harris after art college, summoned by his father. Caught between his

traditional, devout father and his vibrant Glaswegian grandmother, Cal struggles to reconcile identity, family expectations, and the pull of his past.



The Angry Wives Club Gabbie Stroud

It follows three women who bond at a seaside gym, sharing stories of silent compromises made to

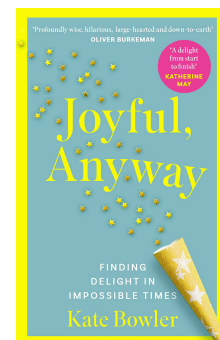
maintain their relationships. Their simmering rage builds into a quiet, increasingly criminal revolution, in this emotionally resonant, page-turning story of women reclaiming power.



I Eat the Stars Sarah Wilson

Sarah Wilson argues that modern civilization faces inevitable collapse, drawing on insights from research, and philosophers. She

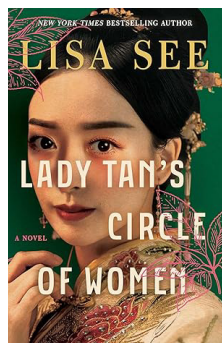
offers a compassionate guide to navigating overwhelm, making meaningful choices, embracing humanity, and confronting uncertainty without surrendering to despair in today's world.



Joyful, Anyway Kate Bowler

After surviving stage-four cancer, Kate Bowler feels expected gratitude yet longs for connection, surprise, and less resentment. In

Joyful, Anyway, she wryly and honestly explores finding joy amid pain, inviting readers to notice small, extraordinary moments beyond happiness each day.



Lady Tan's Circle of Women
Lisa See

Yunxian learns medicine from her grandmother and works with midwife Meiling to care for neglected

women. Forced into marriage and silenced, she is cut off from her calling. This novel celebrates resilience, female friendship, and one remarkable Ming dynasty woman.



What Kept You?
Raaza Jamshed

Jahan defies expectations in Lahore and migrates to Australia, marrying into an Arabic family. After a miscarriage and

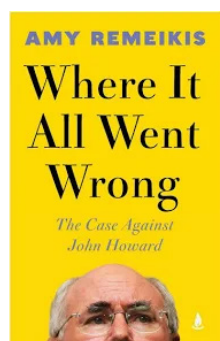
amid bushfires threatening their rural home, she confronts lingering violence—against women, animals, and the natural world—and her body's turmoil and deep grief.



Blue Lock [Manga]
Muneyuki Kaneshiro

After Japan's World Cup disappointment, eccentric coach Jinpachi Ego recruits 300 high school strikers into

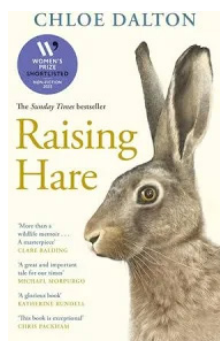
“Blue Lock” to forge an ultimate ego-driven scorer. Brutal eliminations and fierce rivalries create an intense, gripping manga that subverts traditional teamwork themes throughout story.



Where It All Went Wrong
Amy Remeikis

Political journalist Amy Remeikis examines the lasting legacy of Prime Minister John Howard's government (1996–2007) on

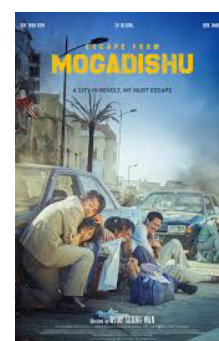
modern Australia. She argues many current challenges—housing affordability, economic insecurity, and climate pressures—stem directly from policies and political decisions significantly shaped during that era.



Raising Hare
Chloe Dalton

Chloe Dalton, a busy professional, leaves London for the English countryside during lockdown and discovers a fragile newborn

hare. Despite being an unlikely caregiver, she nurtures it. Raising Hare beautifully recounts their unexpected bond and shared journey together over time.



Escape from Mogadishu
(DVD)

This fast-paced political thriller follows North and South Korean diplomats fleeing Mogadishu as civil war erupts. Initially

competing for UN recognition, they're forced into uneasy cooperation, creating a tense, compelling film about survival, shifting loyalties, and extraordinary true events.

Quick Picks – our hottest reads

Come in and grab a Quick Pick or place a hold via the catalogue.

Quick Picks are our most popular reads and are available for a quick turnaround two-week loan period.



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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Firstival 1 - 31 July

Firstival is a brilliant month of amazing events, brought to you by libraries across South Australia: NPSP Libraries offer

- Intro to EV
 - Fauna Rescue
 - Can You Spot AI?
 - Wellness in Motion
 - 3D Printing: An Introduction
- And much more



SALA Exhibitions

Friday, 24 July - 22 August
The Gallery
St Peters Town Hall Complex

Come and enjoy the SALA exhibitions at The Gallery by St Peters Library, featuring diverse artworks by various artists.

- Marking Time | Group Exhibition
- It's in the Bag | Ewa Skoczynska
- Yes you can | Group Exhibition

Image: *Making Time*

2026 Australian Booksellers Association AWARDS

Shortlists 2026

Adult fiction

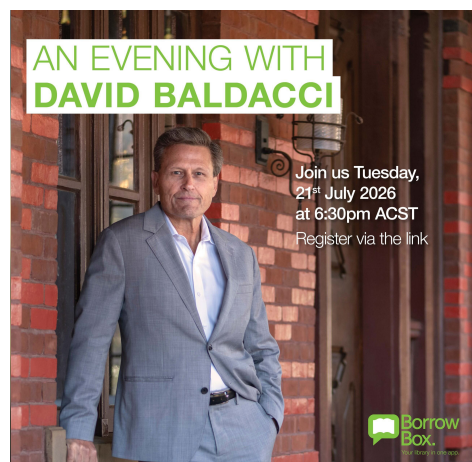
- A Great Act of Love by Heather Rose
- Lyrebird by Jane Caro
- Mad Mabel by Sally Hepworth
- Tenderfoot by Toni Jordan,
- The Unquiet Grave by Dervla McTiernan
- Wild Dark Shore by Charlotte McConaghy - **Winner**

Adult nonfiction

- Always Home, Always Homesick by Hannah Kent - **Winner**
- Defiance by Bob Brown
- Earthquake by Niki Savva
- Memorial Days by Geraldine Brooks
- The Mushroom Tapes by Helen Garner, Chloe Hooper & Sarah Krasnostein
- Unsettled by Kate Grenville

Children's

- Dear Broccoli by Jo Dabrowski, illus Cate James
- Here Come the Cousins by Maggie Hutchings, illus Sarah Zweck - **Winner**
- Ningaloo by Tim Winton, illus Cindy Lane
- Once I Was a Giant by Zeno Swords
- There's a Prawn in Parliament House by Annabel Crabb, illus First Dog on the Moon
- The Wicked Ship by Oceanforged



BorrowBox Presents an Exclusive Live Event with David Baldacci

Tuesday, 21 July
6:30pm ACST with Zoom

David Baldacci, bestselling author of the award-winning page-turner, *Nash Falls*, will be joining BorrowBox for an in-depth online discussion and Q&A session.



Manga Box Sets Now Available!

Borrow our new manga box sets and enjoy multiple volumes in one go!

List of sets available (or coming soon) at our libraries:

Dandadan - Heartstopper - My Hero Academia - Blue Box - Perfect World - Akira - Chainsaw Man - Blue Lock - One Piece - Spy x Family - Demon Slayer - Haikyuu!!



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Baby Time
 During school terms

 St Peter's Library
 Mondays 9:30am – 10:00am

 Payneham Library
 Tuesdays 9:30am – 10:00am

 Free. No booking required.

Story Time
 During school terms

 St Peter's Library
 Mondays, 10:30-11:30am

 Payneham Library
 Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30am

 Free. No booking required.

Fauna Rescue
 Tuesday, 14 July
 2:00pm — 3:00pm
 Payneham Library

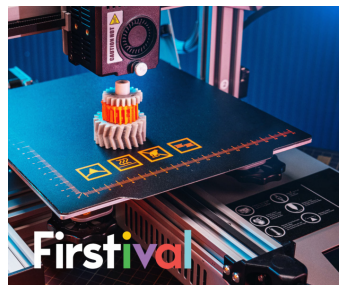
 Join Fauna Rescue of South Australia Inc. for an introduction to the important work of wildlife rescue and conservation.

 Free. Bookings essential.

Family Movie
July School Holidays
 Wednesday, 15 July
 2:00pm — 4:00pm
 Payneham Library

 Settle in for a cosy family movie with popcorn and plenty of comfort.

 Rated PG.
 Free. Bookings essential.



3D Printing: An Introduction
 Thursday, 30 July
 2:00pm — 3:30pm
 Payneham Library

 Ever wondered how 3D printing works or what you can create with it? This introductory show and tell session will guide you through the basics.

 Free. Booking essential.

Movies at the Library
 Wednesday
 29 July & 19 August
 2:00pm — 4:00pm
 Payneham Library

 Come along for a cuppa, chat, and movie at the library.

 Rated M.
 Free. Booking recommended.

Drop-in Tech Help
 Thursdays 2:30-4pm
 Payneham Library

 Our Library volunteers will be on hand to help you with your technology questions and to help you discover ways to stay connected.

 Free. No booking required.

1 on 1 Computer & Mobile Device Help
 Friday mornings
 St Peters Library

 Need to know more about using your laptop, Internet, eBooks, tablet, or how to get started? Book a 45 minute personalised session today!

 Free. Booking essential.



Events at the Libraries

Join us at our libraries for family-friendly events. Scan the QR code to view our events calendar



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Opening Hours

	Norwood Library 110 The Parade, Norwood	Payneham Library 2 Turner Street, Felixstow	St Peters Library 101 Payneham Road, St Peters
Monday	Closed	Closed	9.30am–5.00pm
Tuesday	1.00pm–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm
Wednesday	1.00pm–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm	9.30am–1.00pm
Thursday	1.00pm–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm
Friday	9.30am–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm
Saturday	10.00am–1.00pm	10.00am–1.00pm	10.00am–4.00pm
Sunday	1.00pm–4.00pm	1.00pm–4.00pm	Closed



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