

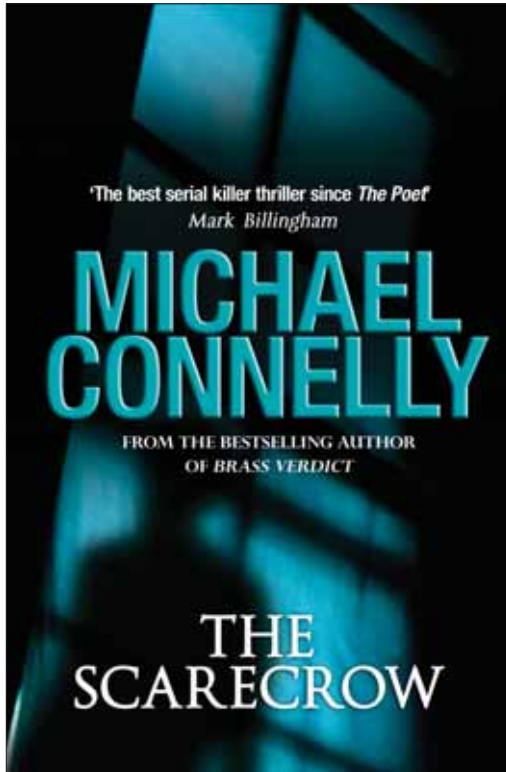
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NEW BOOKS

Featuring:

- Doctors who kill
- Michael Connelly
- Temple Grandin
- The Mafia
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- Alison Lester





THE SCARECROW

Michael Connelly

A new thriller from the #1 bestselling author featuring crime reporter Jack McEvoy from The Poet

Jack McEvoy is at the end of the line as a crime reporter. *The Los Angeles Times*; dwindling revenue means he's got 30 days left on the job. His last assignment? Training his replacement. But Jack has other ideas. He is going to go out with a bang—a final story that will win the newspaper journalism's highest honour—a Pulitzer prize.

Jack focuses on Alonzo Winslow, a 16-year-old drug dealer from the projects who has confessed that he brutally raped and strangled one of his crack clients. Jack convinces Alonzo's mother to co-operate with his investigation into the possibility of her son's innocence. But Jack's real intention is to use his access to report and write a story that explains how societal dysfunction created a 16-year-old killer. But as he delves into the story he realises that Alonzo's confession is bogus, and Jack is soon off and running on the biggest story he's had since 'The Poet' crossed his path twelve years before.

Michael Connelly began writing his first novel *The Black Echo* in 1992, after three years working on the crime beat in L.A. Since then he has published over fourteen Harry Bosch novels, and an array of crime and mystery novels, including the legal thriller *The Lincoln Lawyer* and *The Poet*, featuring Jack McEvoy. He lives in Florida.

Allen & Unwin 9781741756784 \$32.99 tpb

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MARKETING & PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

The thriller of the year will be backed by a major marketing and publicity campaign including:

- A HUGE outdoor advertising campaign
- Features, interviews and reviews
- In-store promotions
- Multimedia and online marketing
- Pre-promotion with the release of *The Poet* in May, featuring the first chapter of *The Scarecrow*



IN HOVERING FLIGHT

Joyce Hinnefeld

A rich and engrossing novel about love, loss, and the fragile beauty of nature

When artistic Addie Sturmer meets Professor Tom Kavanagh, their life together promises to be ideal. But as Addie becomes famous as a bird artist and even more infamous as an environmental activist, their shared lives change. Their grown daughter, Scarlet, who has spent her childhood longing for a 'normal' family has the kind of homecoming for which no child wishes—a visit back to family and dear friends for the passing of Addie.

This generous, elegant and engrossing novel has as its base the stuff that makes us human. It's about family and friends, about mothers and daughters, poets and painters, and passion, all explored through characters who are inspired by the lives, and particularly the songs, of birds.

In Hovering Flight has been rapturously received by booksellers in the United States, much like *Water for Elephants* was, and it was the US indies #1 pick for September (*The Guernsey Literary & Potato Peel Society* was their #1 August pick).

Joyce Hinnefeld has published fiction, poetry, and essays and her book of short stories, *Tell Me Everything* was called 'a beautiful and wise collection, with no wasted words'. *In Hovering Flight* is her first published novel. She lives in Pennsylvania.

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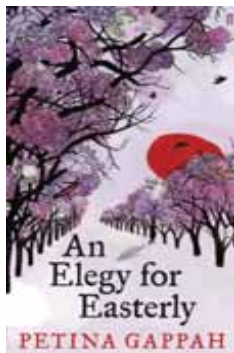
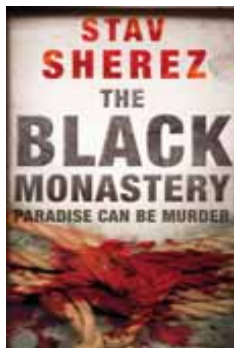
THE SPY GAME

Georgina Harding

In 1961, young Anna's mother disappears into the fog. A rumble of exhaust and a blurred wave through an icy windscreen, and her mother is gone. The adult world shrouds the loss in silence, tidies the issue of death away along with the things that her mother left behind. Anna's brother Peter, however, is convinced that their mother is alive. With his questions ongoing, it leads the two of them into a deep game of suspicion that will haunt them for the rest of their lives. *The Spy Game* is a painful and tender reminder of the importance of understanding the past and, in turn, the importance of letting go.

Georgina Harding is the author of the novel *The Solitude of Thomas Cave*.

Bloomsbury 9780747599029 \$32.99 tpb



THE BLACK MONASTERY
Stav Sherez

When Detective Nikos is persuaded back to his home town in Greece, he is faced with the gory murder of a young boy near the old monastery. Thirty-three years previously two murders and a mass cult suicide were committed in the exact same spot. As Nikos begins his investigation, two British crime writers arrive, and another murder is committed. As the crime writers are drawn into their own investigation, they discover more about the island's dark past—and what began as a diversion becomes a dangerous pursuit ...

Stav Sherez is a freelance journalist and music critic. His debut novel, *The Devil's Playground*, received rave reviews.

Faber 9780571244829 \$32.99 tpb

AN ELEGY FOR EASTERLY
Petina Gappah

Petina Gappah is the voice of Zimbabwe. In this astonishingly powerful debut, she dissects with real poignancy the lives of people caught up in a situation over which they have no control. As they deal with spiralling inflation, power cuts and financial hardship—a way of life under Mugabe's regime—they must also cope with issues common to all people everywhere; failed promises, disappointments and unfulfilled dreams. Compelling, unflinching and tender, *An Elegy for Easterly* is a defining book, and a stunning portrait of a country in chaotic meltdown.

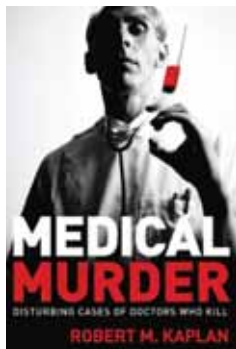
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THE OLD JOKE
Reina James

Mim Lyons is a retired actress, occasionally recognised from her last great role in the late 1960s. When her agent calls out of the blue with a job offer, her husband begins to dream and scheme about the possibility of a comeback. As Mim struggles to preserve the quiet surface of the existence she has created away from the limelight, she begins to reassess the roles she has been playing—as friend, daughter, mother and wife and to ultimately decide who exactly she wants to be.

Reina James first novel was *This Time of Dying*. She lives in Sussex.

Portobello 9781846271946 \$32.99 tpb



MEDICAL MURDER

Disturbing cases of doctors who kill

Robert M. Kaplan

In 2000, world-wide headlines announced that Dr Harold Shipman had been found guilty of murdering fifteen of his patients. Before the trial, many assumed he was an over-zealous doctor accused of going too far in providing comfort to dying elderly patients. But Shipman had deliberately and callously murdered not just fifteen, but several hundred patients making him a medical serial killer of extreme dimensions ...

In *Medical Murder*, forensic psychiatrist Dr Rob Kaplan delves into the worlds of doctors who kill—from Dr Harry Bailey, a Sydney psychiatrist, who dispatched numerous patients with the discredited Deep Sleep Therapy, to Dr William Palmer who poisoned his victims for insurance money. Kaplan explores the twisted motivations of these stealthy killers and grapples with the chilling paradox of why these healers use their skills in horrendous experiments, torture or genocidal murder.

Doctor Robert Kaplan is a forensic psychiatrist and historian. He lives in Wollongong.

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WHAT A RIDE

An Aussie pursuit of the Tour de France

Rupert Guinness

Behind the scenes of the world's greatest bike race

Rupert Guinness has been covering the Tour de France for 20 years, and in that time has watched the Australian riders evolve into the collective force they are now: from pioneering Phil Anderson who, in the 1980s, set the mark by becoming the first Australian to claim the yellow jersey, to the great Cadel Evans. Guinness analyses the riders' fortunes and misfortunes through his knowledge of and relationship with these extraordinary Australian athletes. There are humorous and sadly tragic moments, heroes and villains, and testing times when everything seems to go wrong. But there are also days of perfect riding, extraordinary scenery and uplifting successes. *What A Ride* is not just a book about Australians racing the Tour, but a warts-and-all insider's account from an Australian journalist, in pursuit of the Australian riders seeking victory in the greatest and hardest race of them all.

Rupert Guinness is a senior sports writer for the *Sydney Morning Herald*. He lives in Sydney.

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COURAGE, SURVIVAL AND GREED

Sydney PEN Voices:
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*Three leading literary voices
tackle the big issues facing
contemporary Australia*

Anna Funder examines the nature of courage. Aboriginal writer, Melissa Lucashenko examines if the European notion of 'survival' is different from the indigenous one, and Christopher Kremmer considers greed from all angles—social, historical, economic and cultural.

Anna Funder is the author of *Stasiland*, winner of the BBC 4 Samuel Johnson Prize. Melissa Lucashenko is an award-winning novelist and essayist. Christopher Kremmer latest book is *Inhaling the Mahatma*.

Allen & Unwin 9781741758467 \$24.99 pb
Available May 2009

ALWAYS LIZA TO ME

A memoir for my silent sister
Cecilia Rice

This is the story of the Rice family, and of Liza, Cecilia Rice's severely mentally retarded sister. As children the kids in Cecilia's family always believed Liza would not survive to adulthood and that therefore she would never be their problem. But she did survive. With warmth, wisdom and humour, Cecilia shows us how, over the years, the family came to think of 'their problem' as 'their sister'.

Cecilia Rice has been a practising solicitor for over 20 years. She is now at the Australian Communications and Media Authority.

Allen & Unwin 9781741751673 \$32.99 tpb

SPINELESS

Dealing with wildlife in your home and in the backyard
Bronwen Scott

Australian homes and backyards are abuzz with wildlife: possums in the roof, ants in the cupboards, frogs in the pond and spiders hanging from windows and racing across walls. Reach for *Spineless*, a useful little book that helps you identify the pals and pests that share your home and tell you how to cultivate the good guys while banishing pesky and downright alarming house guests.

Dr Bronwen Scott is an invertebrate zoologist at Victoria University, Melbourne.

Jacana 9781741758368 \$19.99 pb

WHY CAN'T I LOOK THE WAY I WANT?

Overcoming eating issues
Melinda Hutchings

Unless you've been there it's impossible to know what it's like to be in the grip of an eating disorder. Melinda Hutchings, a survivor of anorexia nervosa, and ambassador for Eating Disorders Australia, has written what could be the ultimate survival manual for victims—guys and girls. *Why Can't I Look the Way I Want* tackles everything from dieting and anxieties around food, to physical and emotional rehabilitation, to re-establishing relationships.

Melinda Hutchings speaks regularly at forums across Australia, and is an Ambassador for the Eating Disorders Foundation NSW. Her website is www.bodycage.com

Inspired Living 9781741757545 \$24.99 pb

THE INTIMACY OF DEATH AND DYING

Gentle guidance to help you through

Claire Leimbach, Trypheylna McShane & Zenith Virago

There's no rehearsal for death or dying. Warm, wise and reassuring, *The Intimacy of Death and Dying* is packed full of practical advice on everything from how to talk about death and dying with children, to how to keep loved ones comfortable and comforted during their last days, to putting a funeral together, and dealing with grief.

Claire Leimbach is an award-winning documentary maker and photographer. Trypheylna McShane has nursed loved ones through the dying experience. Zenith Virago, CNC, JP has been working in the field of death and dying since the mid-90s.

Inspired Living 9781741758948 \$24.99 pb

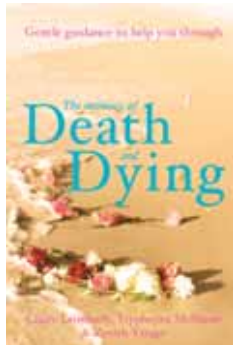
THE POWER OF SMALL

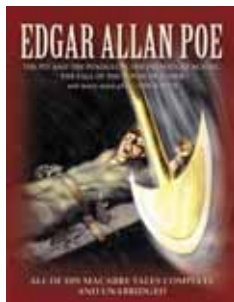
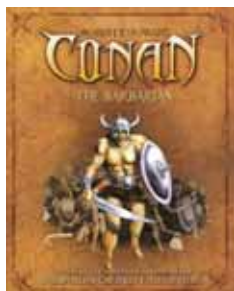
Linda Kaplan Thaler
& Robin Koval

Covering everything from dating and relationships, to career success, the authors of *The Power of Nice* show that even the smallest deed can transform our lives. From the compliment you give your partner at the end of the day to the quick once-over glance you give an email before clicking 'send'. Written in the same entertaining, funny yet insightful style as *The Power of Nice*, learn how to harness the power of small to improve your life.

Linda Kaplan Thaler is the CEO and Robin Koval is president of the Kaplan Thaler Group. Their first book together was *The Power of Nice*. They live in New York.

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CONAN THE BARBARIAN
Robert E Howard

The original, unabridged adventures of the world's greatest fantasy hero, by the original character's creator, are contained in this massive volume.

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Edgar Allan Poe

All of Edgar Allen Poe's macabre tales, complete and unabridged, in one terrifying volume from The Pit and the Pendulum to The Raven.

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Introduction by George Low

To celebrate 65 years since D-Day in 2009, here are the 12 best *Commando* D-Day comic books ever in the one glorious volume.

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MAKING ANIMALS HAPPY

How to create the best life for pets and other animals

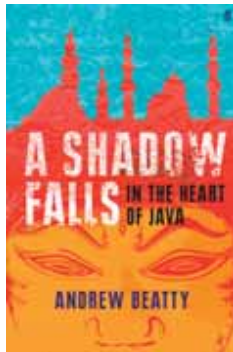
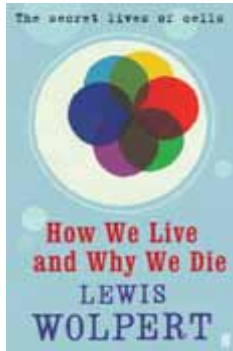
Temple Grandin &
Catherine Johnson

In her bestselling book *Animals in Translation*, Temple Grandin delivered extraordinary insights into how animals think, act, and feel. Now she shows us how to give our animals the best and happiest life—on their terms, not ours. Whether it's how to make the healthiest environment for the dog that you leave alone all day, how to keep pigs from being bored, or how to know if the lion pacing in the zoo is miserable or just exercising. Grandin teaches us to challenge our assumptions about animal emotions.

This is essential reading for anyone who's ever owned, cared for, or simply cared about an animal.

Temple Grandin is the author of four previous books, including the bestselling *Thinking In Pictures* and *Animals In Translation*. Grandin spearheaded reform of the quality of life and humaneness of death for the world's farm animals. She lectures widely on both animal science and autism. Catherine Johnson, PhD co-wrote *Animals In Translation*.

Bloomsbury 9781408800300 \$35.00 tpb



HOW WE LIVE AND WHY WE DIE

The secret lives of cells
Lewis Wolpert

How do we move, think and remember? Why do we get ill, age and die? Distinguished biologist, Lewis Wolpert explains how cells provide the answers to the fundamental questions about our lives. Wolpert provides a clear explanation of the science that underpins our lives. *How We Live and Why We Die* is a lively, passionate and accessible guide to understanding the human body and, essentially, life itself.

Lewis Wolpert is a Professor of Biology as Applied to Medicine at University College, London. He is the author of a number of books on science, including *Malignant Sadness* and *Six Impossible Things Before Breakfast*.

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A SHADOW FALLS

In the heart of Java
Andrew Beatty

Andrew Beatty lived in a village in Java, Indonesia, and was entranced by its strange and sensual way of life. Javan mysticism, Hinduism and Islam coexisted without competing with each other as they had always done. But now, the chill wind of Islamism was driving apparently modern young women to take the veil, and young men to announce that they would no longer participate in the old rituals. As violence began to intrude, Beatty and his family began to feel like vulnerable outsiders. This is a story of how one of the biggest issues of our time plays out in ordinary lives.

Andrew Beatty is an internationally-respected anthropologist. He teaches at Brunel University and lives near Oxford.

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BECOMING SHAKESPEARE

Jack Lynch

Becoming Shakespeare is not only essential reading for anyone intrigued by Shakespeare, but it also offers a consideration of the vagaries of fame.

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MANAGE YOUR TIME TO REDUCE YOUR STRESS

Rita Emmett

Combines quick, easy-to-digest tips and infectious good humour to give readers positive ways to handle stress and their overly busy lives.

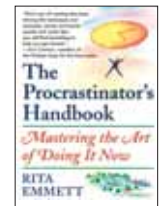
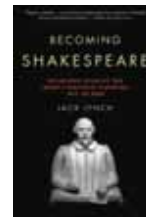
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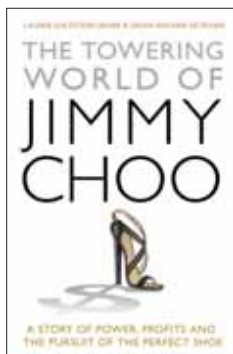
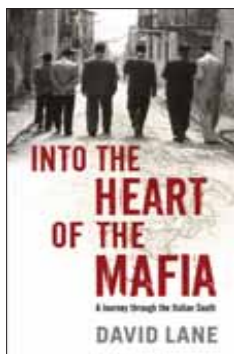
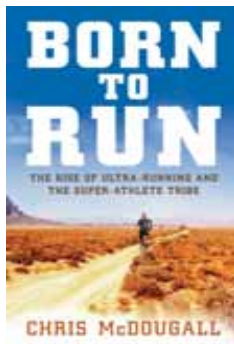
THE PROCRASTINATOR'S HANDBOOK

Rita Emmett

Almost everyone procrastinates. Filled with useful advice and real-life stories, and written with a winning touch. This is as entertaining as it is helpful and rewarding.

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BORN TO RUN
Chris McDougall

'Make friends with pain, and you will never be alone.'

Truly inspirational, *Born to Run* is the untold story of the rise of ultra-running, the rapidly growing and breathtaking endurance sport. At its pulsing heart is the story of the ultrarunners (including the author) who risk their lives venturing into the deepest canyons of Mexico to learn the secrets of the Tarahumara, a mysterious tribe reputed to be the best distance-runners in the world ...

Intrepid writer Chris McDougall comes across an incredible cast of characters—including the man who for his fiftieth birthday ran across Death Valley four times—and reveals, from those in the know, how anyone can run longer and faster.

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INTO THE HEART OF THE MAFIA
David Lane

The hold of the Mafia on Italy, from Naples—home of Mafia-controlled mozzarella and toxic waste—through no less rotten Sicily is as strong as ever. In this memorable journey round the cities and villages of the Italian South, David Lane gives us, out of his unrivalled knowledge of Italy, a telling exposé of the operations of the Mafia today. Lane shows how globalisation has transformed the Mafia into more than simply a local phenomenon. At the same time, he incorporates a portrait of the South's long and tumultuous history, to provide a richly coloured portrait of a European region under siege.

David Lane is the author of *Berlusconi's Shadow*. He has lived in Rome since 1972.

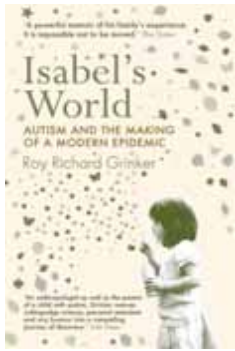
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THE TOWERING WORLD OF JIMMY CHOO
Lauren Goldstein Crowe & Sagra Maceria de Rosen

'Lauren and Sagra have taken a stiletto and used it to burst the bubble of hot air and secrecy that surrounds the business of selling luxury goods.' Toby Young, author of *How to Lose Friends and Alienate People*

The Towering World of Jimmy Choo examines the world's seemingly insatiable appetite for luxury goods by telling the behind-the-scenes tale of one of the most talked-about brands of our age. This is the story of how the Jimmy Choo brand got to where it is today through love, controversy, fashion, finance, celebrity, power, and intrigue and, above all, intense ambition.

Bloomsbury 9781408802151 \$35.00 hc



ISABEL'S WORLD
Autism and the Making of a Modern Epidemic
Roy Richard Grinker

When Roy Richard Grinker's daughter Isabel was diagnosed with autism in 1994, he knew nothing about it. Driven to learn more Grinker, an anthropologist, set forth on a journey around the world, talking to mothers and fathers, physicians and teachers, advocates and scientists, and made a surprising and controversial discovery about the so-called autism epidemic that would change both his understanding of the disorder and his relationship with his daughter.

Roy Richard Grinker is Professor of Anthropology and the Human Sciences at the George Washington University in Washington, DC. He is the author of four other books and lectures widely about autism.

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THE TOP 100 F1 DRIVERS OF ALL TIME
foreword by Sir Jackie Stewart, OBE
Alan Henry

Now in paperback, updated and with a new forward by F1 legend Sir Jackie Stewart OBE, *The Top 100 F1 Drivers of all Time* is the perfect addition to any rev-head's library. If you want a heated debate with your fellow racing enthusiasts, then just name the Formula 1 driver you think is the best in the sport, and watch the sparks fly.

Who will make it into that coveted number one spot proffered by one of the sports most respected authorities? To find out, read Alan Henry's controversial chart of the best drivers from the history of Formula One.

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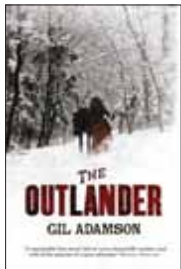
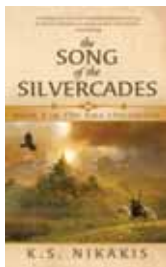
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SCARECROW CD
Michael Connelly

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THE GUERNSEY LITERARY & POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY

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K.S. Nikakis

The second instalment in the *Kira Chronicles* trilogy follows heroine, Kira, on her nail-biting quest to save her people.

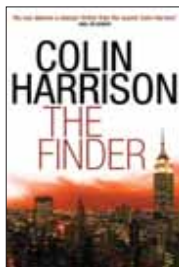
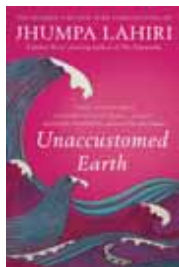
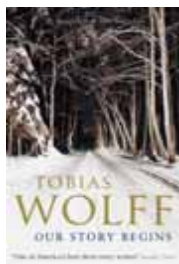
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THE DANISH GIRL

David Ebershoff

One of the most passionate and unusual love stories of the 20th century; and it is currently being made into a feature film starring Nicole Kidman and Charlize Theron.

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OUR STORY BEGINS
Tobias Wolff

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Jhumpa Lahiri

‘Lahiri’s enormous gifts as a storyteller are on full display in this collection: the gorgeous, effortless prose; the characters haunted by regret, isolation, loss, and tragedies big and small; and most of all, a quiet, emerging sense of humanity.’—Khaled Hosseini

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THE GREAT WARMING
Brian Fagan

The history of the Great Warming suggests that we may yet be underestimating the power of climate change to disrupt our lives today—and, our vulnerability to drought, writes Fagan, is the ‘silent elephant in the room.’

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THE SECRET SCRIPTURE
Sebastian Barry

Exquisitely written, this is the story of a life blighted by terrible mistreatment and ignorance, and yet marked still by love and passion and hope. *The Secret Scripture* was shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize. 2008 winner of the Costa Award Book of the Year.

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THE FINDER
Colin Harrison

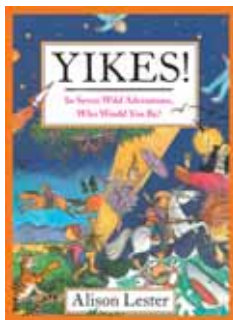
A sizzling story of manipulation and revenge, Colin Harrison will keep you guessing—and breathless—until the very last page.

Bloomsbury 9780747596462 \$23.99 pb

CHEZ MOI
Agnes Desarthe

‘*Chez Moi* is full of surprises and delights. Myriam’s story will catch your attention and make you want to linger in her restaurant over yet another cup of coffee, and then one more.’ Kim Edwards, author of *The Memory Keeper’s Daughter*.

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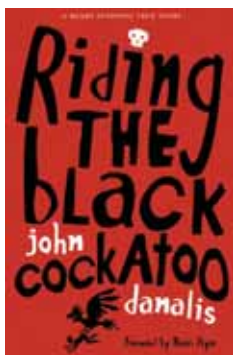
In seven wild adventures, who would you be?

Alison Lester

Packed with eccentric characters and scenes of wild adventure, this is one of Alison Lester's funniest and much-loved books, re-created in a new format edition. Readers turn into storytellers when they choose a character and turn the page to find out what happens to them and everyone else. For ages 4-6.

Alison Lester is the well-known creator of many popular and award-winning children's books. She lives in Victoria.

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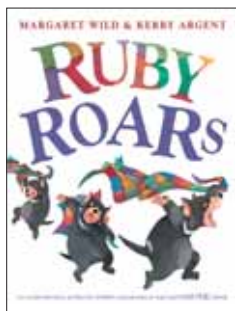
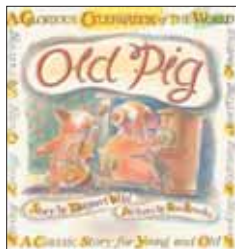
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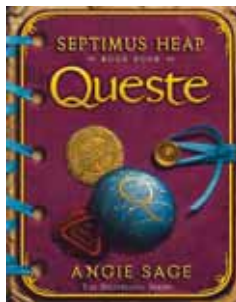
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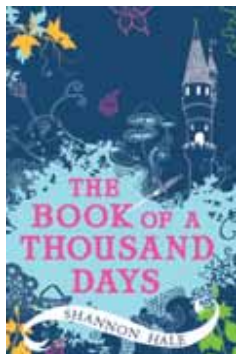
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