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When a high-profile case lands literally at her feet, Detective Emilia Hart sees a chance to expand her caseload beyond the endless succession of domestic violence deaths that land on her desk. But this is no simple investigation.

Another body turns up, then another. Then more—a lot more. All men, all shot in a similar MO. It's not until a manifesto taking credit for the crimes is published by a group calling themselves Daughters of Eve that Hart discovers a link between the victims. All of them had been perpetrators themselves. All had offended against women and children. Few had been charged with those crimes—and none convicted.

As panic sets in and chaos rules the streets, the police draw ever closer to the Daughters of Eve but the serial killer continues to elude them. Again, Hart sees something that everyone else has missed. But this time she's not sharing that information with her colleagues, or even her partner. This time she's using all her skills to cover up the clues.

A stunning debut that will take you to the edge and make you look down.

Nina D. Campbell worked as professional writer across the community and public sectors before becoming a fiction author. She lives in South Australia.
Detective Dave Burrows returns in another breathtaking tale of rural suspense

After the family's devastating tragedy, Detective Dave Burrows is crystal clear that his wife, Mel, is no longer interested in their marriage.

Before Dave can talk to Mel, he and his partner, Bob Holden, are sent to investigate a suspected sheep stealing at a station north of Carnarvon where they very quickly realise that this crime is a lot more than just stock theft.

As a ferocious tropical storm floods the airstrip and uncovers more than anyone expected, Dave and Bob find themselves isolated, outnumbered and in extraordinary danger. Dave has to confront the guilt and trauma of his past before he can move forward. And perhaps there's no way out this time.

Fleur McDonald is the best-selling author of The Shearer's Wife, Something to Hide and Deception Creek. She lives in Western Australia.
Mariam Lind goes on a shopping trip with her eleven-year-old daughter, Iben. Following an argument Mariam storms off, expecting her young daughter to make her own way home ... but she never does. As Detective Roe Olsvik interrogates Mariam, he instantly suspects her—but there is much more to this case and these characters than their outer appearances would suggest. A brilliantly twisty and unusual literary thriller of family secrets, rebirth and the legacy of trauma, Reptile Memoirs is a biting exploration of the cold-bloodedness of humanity.

Silje Ulstein has a Masters Degree in Literature from the University of Oslo. Reptile Memoirs was a bestseller in Norway.

1958. Vivienne George escapes marriage to a man she doesn't love by fleeing to tropical North Queensland. Hidden away in a secluded lodge, she spends her days swimming in the beautiful lake nearby. It may seem like the perfect place to escape, but there's something about this mysterious lodge and lake which puts Vivienne on edge. Is there any truth to the legend of the girls of Lake Evelyn? And how will Vivienne find the life she's always wanted when her past comes back to haunt her?

Averil Kenny is the acclaimed author of Those Hamilton Sisters. She currently lives in Far North Queensland.

1774. Rob Courtney has spent his life in an African trading outpost. When his grandfather dies, Rob stows away on a ship to England. Enlisting in the navy, he is sent to join the war against the rebellious American colonists. But on the other side of the Atlantic, his distant cousins Cal and Aidan Courtney are leading a campaign against the British in a quest for American Independence. A powerful historical thriller of families divided and a country on the brink of revolution by the master of adventure fiction.

Wilbur Smith (1933-2021) published over forty global bestsellers, including the Courtney Series, the Ballantyne Series, the Egyptian Series and the Hector Cross Series.
When an eccentric elderly widow claims she is being stalked, Detective Jack Warr is the only person willing to dig into the truth behind her wild claims. Jack soon finds himself embroiled in an international drugs operation, art theft—and a murder investigation. But Jack believes that every aspect of this multi-faceted case is simply a distraction from the one person who lies at the heart of it all—the widow's elusive stalker. Find him, and the truth will come out...

Lynda La Plante is considered the Queen of Crime Drama and is the author of nearly forty bestselling novels.

The envelope is unremarkable. There is no return address. It contains a single, folded, sheet of white paper. It drops through the mail slot like any other piece of post. But for the nine complete strangers who receive it—each of them recognising just one name, their own, on the enclosed list—it will be the most life-altering letter they ever receive. It could also be the last, as one by one, they start to meet their end. But why? A chilling and fiendish crime novel that everyone will be talking about...

Peter Swanson is the American author of The Girl With a Clock for a Heart, The Kind Worth Killing, Rules for Perfect Murders and Every Vow You Break.

A young woman, Violet, lies in a hospital bed in the closing days of the war. Her pregnancy is over and she is no longer able to conceive. In a small, watchful town in Wales, another Violet contemplates the fate she shares with her unborn child. Unwed and unwanted, an overseas posting offers a temporary way out. As their lives begin to intertwine, a spellbinding story of women's courage emerges, suffused with power, lyricism and beauty, from an exhilarating new voice in British fiction.

Alex Hyde is a lecturer at University College London. Violets is a fictional reimagining of her father's story.
For years, the residents of Lake Haven, Wisconsin ignored the whispered troubles about the Chao family, if only to keep eating at the best restaurant in town. But when tyrannical patriarch Leo 'Big' Chao is found frozen to death in the family's meat freezer, scandalous events force the community to turn its attention to the three Chao sons. When Dagou 'Dog Eater' Chao is held on trial for his father's murder, the Chaos' turbulent history spills into the public eye, and a small town looks on in disbelief...

Lan Samantha Chang is the author of the award-winning Hunger and Inheritance. She is the director of the Iowa Writers' Workshop.

1742. Goody Brown has grown up in the smuggling town of Winchelsea. Then, when she turns sixteen, her father is murdered. To find justice in a lawless land, Goody must enter the cut-throat world of her father's killers. Facing high seas and desperate villains, she discovers an existence without constraints and a taste for danger. Goody was never born to be a gentlewoman. But what will she become instead? An electrifying story of vengeance and transformation, and a lyrical and transporting work of historical imagination.

Alex Preston is an award-winning author of This Bleeding City and In Love and War. He is Patron of the Oxford Literary Festival.

Liv never knew real friendship until she met Beth and Binnie. The three women become inseparable as they muddle through early parenthood together. Then along comes Ange and the group finds fresh aspirations; bigger houses, better schools, exclusive restaurants. But Liv can't keep up. When they take a trip to a Greek island resort, Liv seizes the opportunity to reclaim her place at the heart of the group. A sly, suspenseful novel about female bonds turned toxic, and the desperate ends one woman will go to keep her friends close and her enemy closer.

Julie Mayhew is the acclaimed author of Impossible Causes. She lives in the UK.
Policeman Harry Bristow took a bribe, letting a man he knew as Igor into Britain. When he recognises him fifteen years later as newly-elected MP Peter Robinson, he knows he has to come clean. But the MP recognises him too and Harry fears what he might do next. With no way to contact Moscow, Robinson must act fast to preserve his position and reap its rewards at any cost. Meanwhile, Manon Tyler, CIA analyst, has just boarded a plane to London with a report on Russian illegals to read...

Dame Stella Rimington is former head of MI5 and author of the bestselling Liz Carlyle series.
Winner of the Desmond Elliott Prize—fear takes root among the women of Manningtree when the Witchfinder General comes to town.

A thrilling page-turner from the author of The Undoing, the major series on HBO.
Multi-award-winning Hannah Gadsby transformed comedy with her show Nanette, even as she declared that she was quitting stand-up. Now, she takes us through the defining moments in her life that led to the creation of Nanette and her powerful decision to tell the truth—no matter the cost.

Hannah Gadsby's unique stand-up special, Nanette, was a viral success that left audiences captivated by her blistering honesty and her ability to create both tension and laughter in a single moment. But while her worldwide fame might have looked like an overnight sensation, her path from open mic to the global stage was hard-fought and anything but linear.

Ten Steps to Nanette traces Gadsby's growth as a queer person from Tasmania—where homosexuality was illegal until 1997—to her ever-evolving relationship with comedy, to her struggle with late-in-life diagnoses of autism and ADHD, and finally to the backbone of Nanette—the renouncement of self-deprecation, the rejection of misogyny, and the moral significance of truth-telling.

Equal parts harrowing and hilarious, Ten Steps to Nanette continues Gadsby's tradition of confounding expectations and norms, properly introducing us to one of the most explosive, formative voices of our time.

‘Hannah is a Promethean force, a revolutionary talent . . . This hilarious, touching, and sometimes tragic book is all about where her fires were lit.’ - Emma Thompson
As she approached the age of seventy, Ruth Wilson began to have recurring dreams about losing her voice. And as she grappled with feelings of unfathomable sadness, she made the radical decision to retreat from her conventional life with her husband to a small sunshine-yellow cottage in the Southern Highlands where she lived alone for the following ten years.

Ruth had fostered a lifelong love of reading, and from the moment she first encountered *Pride and Prejudice* in the 1940s she had looked to Jane Austen's heroines as her models for the sort of woman she wanted to become. She resolved to re-read Jane Austen's six novels; to reflect on her life in relation to what she discovered in each of them. And as Ruth read between the lines of both the novels and her own life, she began to reclaim her voice.

*The Jane Austen Remedy* is a beautiful, life-affirming memoir of love, self-acceptance and the curative power of reading. Published the year Ruth turns ninety, it is a timely reminder that it's never too late to seize a second chance.

Ruth Wilson read her first Jane Austen novel in 1947. In 2021, at the age of eighty-eight, she graduated from the University of Sydney with a PhD that suggests a new approach to reading literary fiction at school.
Keith Urban came from humble origins. Born in New Zealand and raised in outer Brisbane, his father worked at the local tip; Keith was a high school dropout. But Keith had a plan. 'Nashville's not my dream,' he once said. 'It's my destiny.' And Keith was hell-bent on scaling that musical Everest. Whatever it took.

It didn't come easy. Keith served his apprenticeship in the beer barns of Australia and was constantly on the road. His early trips to America, meanwhile, were disasters. But he never gave up, settling in Nashville in the 1990s and forming The Ranch. When the band fell apart, so did Keith, ending up in rehab (not for the last time). Keith did eventually reach the top, however, through a combination of talent, charisma, sex appeal, dogged perseverance—and skin thick enough for a rhino.

Keith Urban has lived out his musical dreams: he's jammed with the Rolling Stones, buddied up with John Fogerty and Glen Campbell and shared a stage with the Reverend Al Green. He's become a regular on Oprah and Ellen. And in a seemingly unlikely makeover, has recently worked with the biggest names in pop, dance and groove, from Taylor Swift to Pitbull. Along the way Keith has won four Grammys and recorded 20 US Country Number One hits. Keith Urban is the definitive biography of an Oz music superstar.

Jeff Apter is the author of more than 20 music biographies, many of them bestsellers. He lives in Wollongong, NSW.
MARY ANN AND CAPTAIN PIPER
The remarkable true story of the convicts' daughter who became the toast of colonial Sydney

Jessica North

Born on Norfolk Island to First Fleet convicts, Mary Ann was expected to become a farmer's wife. Instead, at the age of fourteen she entranced the island's Commandant, the charming and flirtatious Captain Piper.

Learning how to behave as a lady, and overcoming the stigma of her origins, Mary Ann became mistress of the colony's grandest home when Sydney was just becoming a party town. With scores of servants, she and Captain Piper entertained on a scale that had never been seen in the colonies, hosting magnificent garden parties, dinners and balls for hundreds of guests, including governors of New South Wales. But the Pipers were living beyond their means, and trouble was around the corner.

Mary Ann's life journey from barefoot child to Sydney's fashionable society encompasses triumphs, tragedies and travels around the globe. For the first time, Jessica North's biography reveals Mary Ann Piper to be one of the most remarkable women in Australia's early history.

Jessica North is the author of Esther: The extraordinary true story of the First Fleet girl who became First Lady of the colony.
ASSISTED
A doctor’s story of assisting death and embracing life
Dr Stefanie Green

A transformative and compassionate memoir by a leading pioneer in medically assisted dying

What if you could decide exactly when and where your death would happen? What if instead of dying alone, in the middle of the night, in a hospital bed, you could be at home at a time of your choosing? You could decide who would be with you as you left this earth. And what if a doctor could help ensure your death was comfortable, peaceful and dignified? This option is now available to some of us: what does it look like in practice?

Dr Stefanie Green shares the most intimate moments of her first year as a doctor delivering medically assisted dying. She recounts the courageous stories of her patients and the tender, funny and sometimes absurd and confronting details of how our last days can unfold. This is also the story of her transition from assisting births to assisting deaths, and how she sustains herself in order to be able to assist others.

Dr Stefanie Green pioneered physician-administered medical assistance in dying in Canada.

AUSTRALIA'S GREAT DEPRESSION
How a nation shattered by the Great War survived the worst economic crisis it has ever faced
Joan Beaumont

Some generations are born unlucky. Australians who survived the horrors of the Great War, and the Spanish flu epidemic that followed, were soon faced with the shock of the Great Depression. With over a third of the workforce unemployed in 1932, Australia was one of the hardest hit countries of the world.

Threatened with national insolvency, and with little room for policy innovation, governments resorted to austerity and deflation. Violent protests erupted and paramilitary movements threatened the political order.

It might have ended very differently, but Australia's democratic institutions survived. Australia's people, too, survived. Australia's Great Depression details this impressive narrative of resilience in the nation's history.

Joan Beaumont is a Professor of History at the Australian National University and is the multi-award-winning author of Broken Nation.
THE BOOKSELLER AT THE END OF THE WORLD
Ruth Shaw

A & U New Zealand
9781988547756 | $32.99 | HB | Memoir

A rich, immersive, funny and heart-breaking memoir of the charming bookseller who runs two tiny bookshops in the remote village of Manapouri in Fiordland, in the deep south of New Zealand

Ruth Shaw weaves together stories of the characters who visit her bookshops, musings about her favourite books, and bitter-sweet stories from her full and varied life before bookshops. She sailed through the Pacific for years, has been held up by pirates, worked at Sydney's King's Cross with drug addicts and prostitutes and campaigned on numerous environmental issues.

But underlining all her wanderings and adventures are some very deep losses and long-held pain. Balancing that out is her beautiful love story with husband Lance, and her delightful sense of humour. This memoir will make you weep and make you laugh—and make you want to read more books.

Ruth Shaw runs two tiny bookshops in Manapouri, New Zealand.

NATURAL CARE
Wendyl Nissen

A & U New Zealand
9781988547701 | $45.00 | PB | Lifestyle

Care, kindness, generosity of spirit. In this time of great uncertainty, Wendyl Nissen focuses on turning to your garden, animals, books, loved ones, and, importantly, looking after yourself physically, mentally and emotionally so that you have the means to give to others. Beautifully illustrated with stunning photographs from prize-winning photographer Jane Ussher, Nature Care includes many tips and ideas as well as great recipes to try.

Wendyl Nissen is a journalist, broadcaster and former magazine editor. She lives in the Hokianga, New Zealand.
**SIMPLE WHOLEFOODS**
100 effortlessly delicious plant-based recipes for every day
Sophie Steevens

- A&U New Zealand
- 9781988547879 | $44.99 | HB | Cookery

Plant-based, gluten-free and refined sugar-free, these 100 family-friendly recipes all use ingredients as close to their natural state as possible. *Simple Wholefoods* also includes tips to broaden your wholefood, plant-based lifestyle, emphasising how easy it can be to make healthier lifestyle choices for both you and your family. Whether you're at the beginning of your health journey, needing the inspiration to stay motivated or seeking simple, mouth-watering nutritiousness to add to your repertoire, you'll find yourself using this book time and time again.

Sophie Steevens is the author of *Raw + Free*. Born in New Zealand, she lives in Brisbane.

**GET RICH OR LIE TRYING**
Ambition and deceit in the new influencer economy
Symeon Brown

- Atlantic
- 9781838950286 | $32.99 | PB | Society & Culture

Discover the truth about the billion-dollar online economy that made the internet's best-known stars. Exposing the fraud, exploitation, misogyny and environmental destruction at the core of the influencer economy, *Get Rich or Lie Trying* asks if our online race for fame and riches is costing us too much. A revealing window onto a broken financial model that often resembles a pyramid scheme, this incredible blend of reportage and analysis will captivate and horrify you in equal measure.

Symeon Brown is a British reporter and journalist.

**THE STASI POETRY CIRCLE**
Philip Oltermann

- Faber
- 9780571373338 | $32.99 | PB | History

Berlin, 1962. East Germany is thrown into chaos by the new Berlin Wall. The Ministry for State Security is hunting for a new weapon against capitalism—and their solution is stranger than fiction. Rather than tanks or bombs, the Stasi resolve to fight the enemy through rhyme and verse, winning the Culture Wars through poetry—and the result is the most bizarre book club in history. Weaving unseen archival material with exclusive interviews, this is both a gripping true story and a parable about creativity in a surveillance state.

Philip Oltermann is the Berlin Bureau Chief for the Guardian and the author of *Keeping up with the Germans*. 
In January 2020, Amy Bloom travelled with her terminally ill husband Brian to Switzerland, where he was helped by Dignitas to end his life while Amy held his hand. Written with piercing insight and wit, In Love charts the anxiety and pain of the process that led them to Dignitas, while never avoiding the complex ethical problems that are raised by assisted death. A poignant love letter to Bloom's husband and a passionate outpouring of grief, it reaffirms the power and value of human relationships.

Amy Bloom is the American author of White Houses and Lucky Us.

Using her own history of alcoholism as a springboard, Julia shows the reader how to harness prayer—in whatever form that takes—to overcome seemingly insurmountable obstacles, and forge ahead towards becoming the person they were meant to be. Seeking Wisdom is a guide to 'creative unblocking': a spiritual path to deeper creativity and a more profound connection to the divine. Filled with meditation and creative exercises, it is further proof that Julia Cameron is the queen of change.

Julia Cameron is an American artist, poet, playwright, novelist, filmmaker, composer and journalist, best known as the bestselling author of The Artist's Way.

Fully illustrated, The Passenger collects the best new writing, photography, art and reportage from around the world. Rome is a place of contradictions: an 'incredibly deceptive city', always different from what it appears to be. In this volume focussing on the largest metropolis in Europe, discover a guide to the sounds of Rome; the feigned unrest and real malaise of the suburbs; the influence of the Vatican; the excessive power of real estate speculators and the rule of gangs; disillusioned trappers; football fans of every age, and much more...
Our planet hasn't seen the current rate of extinction since the demise of the dinosaurs, and global conservation efforts are failing to halt this. As a society, we face choices which will determine the fate of Earth's estimated 8.7 million species, including humans. As wildlife declines, conservation needs to make trade-offs. But what should we conserve and why? There are many surprising answers in Rebecca Nesbit's lively, stimulating book, which sows the seeds of a debate we urgently need to have.

Rebecca Nesbit is a British ecologist and author of *Is that Fish in your Tomato?*

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The hilarious account of one man's quest to mount a Francis Bacon exhibition in the Soviet Union in 1988. Curator James Birch found himself the focus for a picaresque cast of Soviet officials, attachés and politicians under the forbidding eye of the KGB as he attempted to bring an unseen western cultural icon to Russia during the time of 'Glasnost'. *Bacon in Moscow* is the story of the evolution of an exhibition that was at the artistic and political heart of a sea of change that culminated with the fall of the USSR.

James Birch is a British curator who has promoted modern art exhibitions around the world for over thirty years.

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*A Cellarful of Noise* is the account of Brian Epstein's extraordinary life: a memoir of a life made in music, and an iconic record of the origins of the Fab Four by the man known as the 'Fifth Beatle'. With a brilliant new introduction by award-winning author Craig Brown (One Two Three Four: The Beatles in Time) and featuring over 30 photographs that offer a glimpse of the Beatles on their way to phenomenal success, this is essential reading for every Beatles fan.

Brian Epstein was a British music entrepreneur who managed the Beatles and was the driving force behind the band's rise to global fame.
For centuries, Ferdinand Magellan has been celebrated as a hero: a noble adventurer who circumnavigated the globe in an extraordinary feat of human bravery; a paragon of daring and chivalry. *Straits* draws on extensive and meticulous research to conduct a dazzling investigation into Magellan's life, his character and his ill-fated voyage. Offering up a stranger, darker and even more compelling narrative than the fictional version that has been glorified for half a millennium, it untangles the myths that made Magellan.

Felipe Fernández-Armesto is a renowned and award-winning historian.

Superyachts represent the most rarefied experience, reserved only for the ultra-wealthy. Brendan O'Shannassy has had unparalleled access to the greatest wealth group the world has ever known. *Superyacht Captain* makes for eyebrow-raising reading, as entertaining as it is instructive. Jaw-dropping insights, woven in with life lessons learned from the most successful captain in the industry, make this a compelling, valuable and uniquely honest read.

Brendan O'Shannassy is Chair of the International Superyacht Society's Captains' Committee.

Nistisima means food eaten during times of fasting observed by those of Orthodox faith. Mostly this involves using vegetables, pulses and grains to create easy, delicious dishes that all just happen to be vegan. *Nistisima* draws on the history and culture around nistisimo cooking in the Mediterranean, Middle East and Eastern Europe to share 120 simple, nutritious and flavour-packed recipes. Whether you're vegan, vegetarian, or simply want to eat more plant-based food, *Nistisima* offers you tried and tested recipes that celebrate the very best of this tradition.

Georgina Hayden is an award-winning food writer and stylist. Born in Cyprus, she now lives in London.
A revolutionary new explanation for sentience from the neuroscientist who discovered how the brain dreams.

One of the century's most feted singer-songwriters shares his unique perspective about song-writing.

The thrilling true story of the greatest and most successful wartime deception ever attempted—now a major movie starring Colin Firth and Matthew Macfadyen.
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