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# MONTHLY HIGHLIGHT JANUARY/FEBRUARY

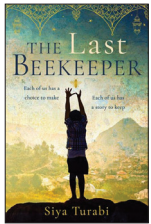


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## FICTION



### THE LAST BEEKEEPER

Siya Turabi

Paperback  
RRP \$29.99

One of the most exciting debuts of 2021, this is a lyrical historical

novel of family, friendship, and self-discovery exploring the power of choice in a changing world and love in communion with nature.



### CHAI TIME AT CINNAMON GARDENS

Shankari Chandran, Shankari

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

A gorgeously layered novel about

the unexpected families we create around us. *Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens* is about family and memory, community and race, but is ultimately a love letter to storytelling and how our stories shape who we are.



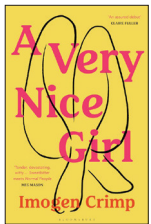
### SOMETHING TO HIDE

Elizabeth George

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

Detective Inspector Thomas Lynley and Detective

Sergeant Barbara Havers are called in to investigate the death of a Nigerian born detective sergeant working for the Metropolitan Police, a case that touches upon not only the work and the life of the murdered detective but also upon a controversial cultural tradition.



### A VERY NICE GIRL

Imogen Crimp

Paperback  
RRP \$29.99

1 February release

Anna is struggling to afford life in London as she trains to be a

singer. When she meets Max, a financier fourteen years older than her, Anna's intoxication oscillates between her hard-won moments on stage and nights spent with Max. A biting honest, darkly funny debut about love, sex, power and desire, by a major new British talent.



### LOVE AND OTHER PUZZLES

Kimberley Allsopp

Paperback  
RRP \$29.99

2 February release

Rory's life is perfectly

predictable, ordered and on track – just the way she likes it. She's doing everything right. So why does everything feel so wrong? A delightfully witty, warm-hearted and original novel about how stepping out of our comfort zones can sometimes be the best – and worst – thing that can ever happen to us.



### HOUSE OF SKY AND BREATH

Sarah J. Maas

Paperback  
RRP \$29.99

15 February release

The action-packed sequel to the number one

bestseller *House of Earth and Blood*, Sarah J. Maas weaves a captivating story of a world about to explode – and the people who will do anything to save it. The second installment in the groundbreaking *Crescent City* series.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH



### VIOLETA

Isabel Allende

Hardback  
RRP \$34.99

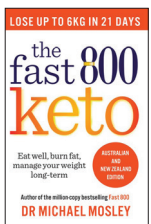
25 January release

One extraordinary woman. One hundred years of history. One unforgettable story.

Violeta comes into the world on a stormy day

in 1920. From the start, her life is marked by extraordinary events, for the ripples of the Great War are still being felt, even as the Spanish flu arrives on the shores of her South American homeland almost at the moment of her birth. In a letter to someone she loves above all others, Violeta recounts devastating heartbreak and passionate affairs, times of both poverty and wealth, terrible loss and immense joy, and a life shaped by some of the most important events of history: the fight for women's rights, the rise and fall of tyrants and, ultimately, not one but two pandemics. Through the eyes of a woman whose unforgettable passion, determination, and sense of humour will carry her through a lifetime of upheaval, Isabel Allende once more brings us an epic that is both fiercely inspiring and deeply emotional.

## NON-FICTION



### THE FAST 800 KETO

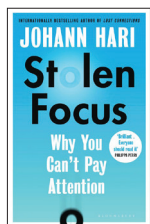
Dr Michael Mosley

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

From the multi-million-copy bestselling

author Dr Michael Mosley comes the ground-breaking *The Fast 800 Keto*, a dynamic new weight-loss programme that combines a keto diet with low-calorie intermittent fasting.

Based on the latest dietary science, this book presents a practical three-step program and includes easy-to-follow recipes from Dr Clare Bailey.



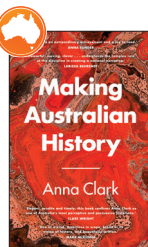
### STOLEN FOCUS

Johann Hari

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

Why have we lost our ability to focus? What are the causes? And, most

importantly, how do we get it back? For *Stolen Focus*, internationally bestselling author Johann Hari went on a three-year journey to uncover the reasons for our inability to focus. He interviewed the leading experts in the world on attention, and learned that everything we think about this subject is wrong.



### MAKING AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Anna Clark

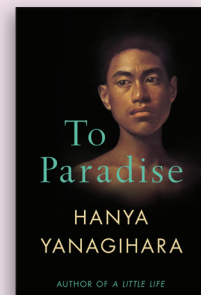
Paperback  
RRP \$34.99

A bold and expansive history that traces the

changing and contested project of Australia's national story. You will think about this country differently after reading this book.

*Making Australian History* catalogues changing readings of the past, it examines the problematic role of historians as national storytellers, and it incorporates the stories of people.

## INDIE FAVOURITE



### TO PARADISE

Hanya Yanagihara

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

From the author of the modern classic *A Little Life*, a bold, brilliant novel spanning three centuries and three different versions of the American

experiment, about lovers, family, loss and the elusive promise of utopia. The great power of this remarkable novel is driven by Yanagihara's understanding of the aching desire to protect those we love – partners, lovers, children, friends, family and even our fellow citizens – and the pain that ensues when we cannot.

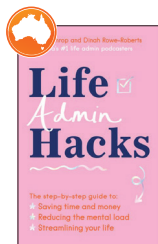


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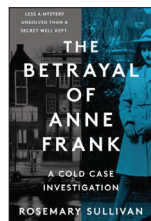
**I DIDN'T DO THE THING TODAY**  
**Madeleine Dore**  
 Paperback  
 RRP \$32.99

Madeleine Dore explores the joys of releasing ourselves from the burden of productivity guilt. For anyone who has ever felt the pressure to do more, be more, achieve more, this antidote to our doing-obsession is the permission slip we all need to find our own way.



**LIFE ADMIN HACKS**  
**Mia Northrop & Dinah Rowe-Roberts**  
 Paperback  
 RRP \$34.99

Working parents Mia and Dinah have marshalled their professional expertise in innovation, finance, design thinking and operations to research best practices, trial the tech and craft the most efficient processes to optimise their own life admin. The result? No more overwhelm, way more spare time and thousands of dollars saved. Now it's your turn.



**THE BETRAYAL OF ANNE FRANK**  
**Rosemary Sullivan**  
 Paperback  
 RRP \$32.99

Using new technology, recently discovered documents and sophisticated investigative techniques, an international team-led by an obsessed retired FBI agent-Vincent Pankoke has finally solved the mystery that has haunted generations since World War II: Who betrayed Anne Frank and her family? And why?



**FACTS AND OTHER LIES**  
**Ed Coper**  
 Paperback  
 RRP \$32.99

1 February release  
*Facts and Other Lies* puts fake news in its historical context and explains how disinformation has fractured society, even threatening democracy itself. It explains why disinformation is so potent and so hard to stop, and what we can do to help prevent its proliferation in Australia - where politicians and shock jocks are already operating from the same dark playbook.

## CHILDREN'S & YA



**BLUEY HAMMERBARN**  
**Bluey**  
 Board Book  
 RRP \$14.99

On a family trip to Hammerbarn, will Bluey and Bingo find everything they've ever wanted? A gorgeous board book for kids of all ages featuring everyone's favourite blue heeler pup Bluey. Based on the hit ABC KIDS TV show. **Age: 3+**



**THE WILD GUIDE TO STARTING SCHOOL**  
**Laura & Philip Bunting**  
 Hardback  
 RRP \$19.99

Hey, wild thing! Are you about to start school? Then it's time to get set for your wildest adventure yet. Follow this simple guide and you'll learn everything you need to know from starting the day just right (mmm, GumFlakes) to first day jitters, meeting teachers, making friends, lunch time, home time and all the things in between! **Age: 4+**



**LET THE GAMES BEGIN: POW POW PIG, BOOK 2**  
**Anh Do, Peter Cheong (illus)**  
 Paperback  
 RRP \$15.99

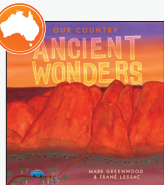
1 February release  
 Pow Pow Pig and the Z team are on a mission to save the world! But somehow they've ended up in Ancient Greece instead... It's going take an Olympic effort to get out of this mess! Another hilarious adventure from one of Australia's best-loved storytellers. **Age: 6+**



**FAMILY TREE**  
**Josh Pyke & Ronjojoy Ghosh (illus)**  
 Hardback  
 RRP \$19.99

*It started with a seed, and that seed was me. And, over time, laughter filled my garden...*  
*Family Tree* is a heartfelt celebration of family, community and the seasons of life, to cherish and to share.

A beautiful picture book by award-winning singer/songwriter Josh Pyke, gorgeously illustrated by Ronjojoy Ghosh, celebrating life, nature and love that closely binds families together all over the world. **Age: 3+**



**OUR COUNTRY: ANCIENT WONDERS**  
**Mark Greenwood & Frané Lessac (illus)**

Hardback RRP \$26.99  
 2 February release  
 Our home is an ancient land. In every corner of Australia, wonders are waiting for curious explorers. With each vibrant fact-filled page, readers will visit different natural wonders. See the prehistoric beasts that roamed the land in Winton, venture through the lava-formed caves at Undara, experience the fiery glow of Uluru and Kata Tjuta, and more! **Age: 7+**



**HERE'S TO US**  
**Adam Silvera**  
 Paperback  
 RRP \$17.99

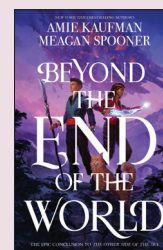
The follow-up to the charming bestseller, *What If It's Us*, Adam Silvera and Becky Albertalli reunite to give Arthur and Ben another shot at true love. Here's to celebrating old friends! Here's to embracing new beginnings! Here's to believing in second chances! **Age: 12+**



**ONLY A MONSTER**  
**Vanessa Len**  
 Paperback  
 RRP \$22.99

1 February release  
 Every family has its secrets, but the summer Joan Chang-Hunt goes to stay with her Gran in London, she learns hers is bigger than most. Joan is half-monster. When the monsters of London are attacked, Joan is forced on the run. Her rare and dangerous power means she's being hunted. Because in this story... she is not the hero. **Age: 13+**

## TOP PICK FOR YA



**BEYOND THE END OF THE WORLD**  
**Amie Kaufman & Meagan Spooner**  
 Paperback  
 RRP \$19.99

Time to do the impossible. Time to find a way between worlds. Time to find each other again.  
 Compelling and magnetic, this much-anticipated sequel to *The Other Side of the Sky* has something for every reader: a star-crossed love full of tantalising longing, unique and immersive new worlds to explore, and nonstop thrills that escalate into an unforgettably electric conclusion. **Age: 12+**



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