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## FICTION

### THE MOTHER

Jane Caro

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

Recently widowed, Miriam Duffy is a respectable real estate agent. A devoted mother

and grandmother. She was thrilled when her younger daughter Ally married her true love, but as time goes by Miriam wonders if all is as it seems. When the truth of her daughter's situation is revealed Miriam is faced with an unthinkable decision.



### GIVE UNTO OTHERS

Donna Leon

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

Once again, Commissario Guido Brunetti is willing to bend police rules

for an acquaintance, even though the woman who asks the favour, is not really a friend. What he discovers shows the Janus-faced nature of yet another Italian institution as well as the wobbly line that attempts to differentiate between the criminal and the non-criminal.



### BOOTH

Karen Joy Fowler

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

From the Booker-shortlisted, million-copy bestselling author

of *We Are All Completely Beside Ourselves* comes an epic novel about the infamous, ill-fated Booth family. Charmers, liars, drinkers and dreamers, they will change history forever. *Booth* is a riveting novel focused on the very things that bind, and break, a family.

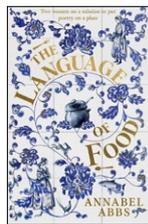
### A GREAT HOPE

Jessica Stanley

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

John Clare was a titan in Australian politics. The head of a powerful union and a key player in the election of a prime minister, tipped as a future leader himself. Supporting him in his push for power were his elegant wife, his troubled children and the mistress he thought would stay secret.

But now John has fallen, brutally, to his death. A terrible accident - or was it?



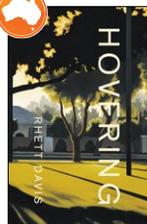
### THE LANGUAGE OF FOOD

Annabel Abs

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

Eliza Acton, despite having never before boiled an egg, became

one of the world's most successful cookery writers, revolutionizing cooking and cookbooks around the world. Her story is fascinating, uplifting and truly inspiring. By the award-winning author of *The Joyce Girl*, *The Language of Food* is a thought-provoking and page-turning historical novel.



### HOVERING

Rhett Davis

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

A spectacular debut novel from one of Australia's most exciting new writers. Winner of

the Victorian Premier's Unpublished Manuscript Award, *Hovering* crosses genres, literary styles and conventions to create a powerful and kaleidoscopic story about three people struggling to find connection in a chaotic and impermanent world.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH



### AUSTRALIANA

Yumna Kassab

Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

One small town, a multitude of stories.

This could be any small town. It aches under the heat of summer.

It flourishes in the cooler

months. Everyone knows everyone. Their families, histories and stories are interwoven and well-known by one and all. Or at least, they think they are. But no-one sees anything quite the same way. Perceptions differ, truths are elusive, judgements have outcomes and everything is connected. For better or for worse.

This is a version of small-town Australia that is recognisable, both familiar and new, exploring the characters, threads, and connections that detail everyday life to reveal a much bigger story. A tapestry that makes up this place called home.

From the acclaimed author of *The House of Youssef* comes this extraordinary and unique novel shining a light on Australian rural life.

### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Yumna Kassab is a writer from Western Sydney. She studied medical science and neuroscience at university. Her first book of short stories, *The House of Youssef*, has been listed for prizes including the Victorian Premier's Literary Award, Queensland Literary Award, NSW Premier's Literary Award and The Stella Prize.

## NON-FICTION

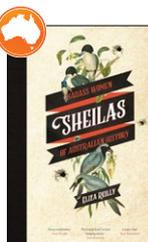
### BOB HAWKE

Troy Bramston

Hardback  
RRP \$49.99

The definitive full-life biography of Australia's 23rd prime minister. This book is

about the real Hawke, chronicling the stunning triumphs and shocking failures, a life riddled with huge flaws and great virtues marked by redemption and reinvention, which changed Australia and shaped the world. Revelatory and compelling, it will shock and surprise those who think they know the story of Australia's most popular prime minister.



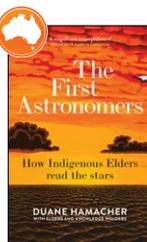
### SHEILAS: BADASS WOMEN OF AUSTRALIAN HISTORY

Eliza Reilly

Hardback  
RRP \$34.99

An entertaining romp through

Australian history that celebrates the badass sheroes we were never taught about in school. Cracking with satirical wit and whole-hearted admiration, *Sheilas* is a cheeky, funny, inspirational celebration of the tough-titted ladies who hiked up their petticoats and fly-kicked down the doors of opportunity for modern Australia.



### THE FIRST ASTRONOMERS

Duane Hamacher, with Elders and Knowledge Holders

Paperback  
RRP \$34.99

The first book to reveal the rich knowledge of the stars and the planets held by First Peoples around the world. These living systems of knowledge challenge conventional ideas about the nature of science and the longevity of oral tradition. Indigenous science is dynamic, adapting to changes in the skies and on Earth, pointing the way for a world facing the profound disruptions of climate change.

## NON-FICTION PICK

### BURNING QUESTIONS



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Margaret Atwood

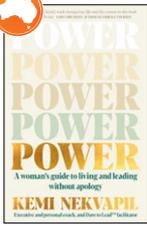
Hardback  
RRP \$42.99

From cultural icon Margaret Atwood comes a brilliant collection of essays which seek answers to *Burning Questions* such as: Why do people everywhere, in all

cultures, tell stories? How much of yourself can you give away without evaporating? How can we live on our planet? Is it true? And is it fair? What do zombies have to do with authoritarianism?

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## MORE NON-FICTION



### POWER

**Kemi Nekvapil**

Paperback  
RRP \$34.99

Shift your thinking about what power is and who gets to have it. Live and lead fully, without apology.

Blending inspiring stories with reflective coaching practices, *POWER* provides the tools to navigate the challenges that impact who we are and how we lead, from discrimination and burnout to trauma and self-doubt.



### THE IDEA OF AUSTRALIA

**Julianne Schultz**

Paperback  
RRP \$34.99

What is the 'idea of Australia'? What defines the soul of our nation? Are we

an egalitarian, generous, outward-looking country? Or is Australia a place that has retreated into silence and denial about the past and become selfish, greedy and insular?

Professor Julianne Schultz challenges our notions of what it means to be Australian in this important and compelling book.



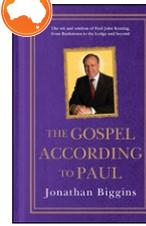
### DON'T BE TOO POLITE, GIRLS

**Wendy McCarthy**

Paperback  
RRP \$34.99

Wendy McCarthy has made her mark on Australia in many extraordinary ways.

For more than 50 years, she has been on the leading edge of feminism and corporate and public life in this country. Wendy is a woman who shaped her times as much as she was shaped by them, and now, at 80 years of age, she shares her remarkable life.



### THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL

**Jonathan Biggins**

Hardback  
RRP \$24.99

In *The Gospel According to Paul*, writer and satirist Jonathan Biggins

draws on his award-winning play to harness the eviscerating wit, wisdom and confidence of Keating, showing us the evolution of Paul John Keating, from Bankstown to the Lodge and beyond. Almost the autobiography Keating said he would never write, it is a timely reminder of the political leadership we are sorely missing.

## CHILDREN'S & YA



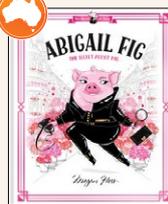
### BLUEY BABY RACE

**Bluey**

Hardback  
RRP \$16.99

16 March release

Based on the hit ABC KIDS TV show! Meet baby Bluey as she learns to walk with her friends. Will Mum help her win the baby race? A gorgeous hardback book for kids of all ages. **Age: 3+**



### ABIGAIL FIG: THE SECRET AGENT PIG

**Megan Hess**

Hardback  
RRP \$24.99

Abigail Fig is a very curious

pig. She's full of questions, which can sometimes be a little annoying. But one day, her observation skills come in handy when she witnesses a pignapping – can she follow the clues to find her friends?

The second *World of Claris* adventure from Megan Hess. **Age: 3+**



### FAMILIES

**Yael Jane Godwin & Yael Frankel**

Hardback  
RRP \$24.99

In this warm and

humorous exploration of families, much-loved Australian children's author Jane Godwin has teamed with internationally acclaimed Argentinian creator Yael Frankel. Together, they weave a colourful celebration of all the differences that make every family unique. **Age: 3+**



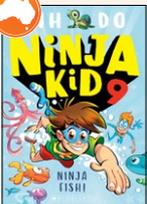
### WHEN YOU'RE OLDER

**Sofie Laguna & Judy Watson (Illus)**

Hardback  
RRP \$24.99

An exquisitely illustrated and deeply joyful celebration of the bond between brothers.

Join them as they explore the far reaches of this wild and amazing world, side by side every step of the way. From two highly acclaimed and award-winning creators. **Age: 3+**



### NINJA FISH: NINJA KID, BOOK 9

**Anh Do**

PB  
RRP \$15.99

There's tickets to the amazing new aquarium up for

grabs—Nelson and Kenny need to swim to win! But their swimming is so bad, they belong in the KIDDIE POOL! Can Grandma's latest AWESOME invention help turn these NINJA FLOPS into NINJA FISH?! **Age: 7+**



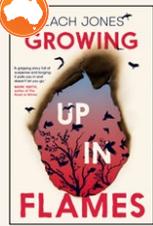
### YESTERDAY CRUMB AND THE STORM IN A TEACUP

**Andy Sagar**

Paperback  
RRP \$16.99

When strangling

girl Yesterday Crumb discovers a magical, walking teashop, she feels like she belongs for the first time – until her new life comes crashing down. With adventure and magic in every teacup, this is perfect for fans of *The Strangeworlds Travel Agency* and *Starfell*. **Age: 8+**



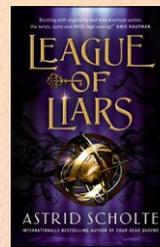
### GROWING UP IN FLAMES

**Zach Jones**

Paperback  
RRP \$19.99

Told from the perspective of three different characters, this

is a gritty realist novel exploring contemporary masculinity and children who are responsible for the care of their parents. Perfect for fans of Mark Smith and Vikki Wakefield. **Age: 13+**



### LEAGUE OF LIARS

**Astrid Scholte**

Paperback  
RRP \$19.99

Four teenagers charged with the illegal use of magic get together to devise the ultimate jailbreak. A thrilling YA fantasy novel full of twists and turns, perfect for

fans of *Six of Crows* and *Shadow and Bone*. From the bestselling author of *Four Dead Queens* comes a heart-pounding mystery rife with secrets and danger, where nothing is as it seems... **Age: 14+**  
*'League of Liars* is a thrilling page-turner with enough suspense to keep readers guessing right up until the very end!' - Lynette Noni



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