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On the journey.....

Happy 2012! School is back for kids & teachers, and most of us are back into the swing of another work year . We had an AMAZING Christmas selling period so thanks to all our loyal & new customers who made BB their destination bookstore for some great present ideas. We hope all recipients were happy with the choices! Mark and I had 2 weeks holidays with our gorgeous King Charles Cavalier puppies, Jasper and Chobe—taking them to puppy school and teaching them lots of obedient tricks. It was also a chance to catch up on some reading (see back page) as well as being a judge for the debut fiction category of the Indie Awards (see shortlist pg 4) - what an impressive and diverse list this is, it's going to be so hard to pick a winner! I have also just started a fantastic new kids series called Keeper of the Realms which is like Narnia meets Lemony Snickett! Also, congratulations to Mark who got accepted into Cert III Cookery at William Angliss. This is the year to follow his passion after he has been so supportive of mine with creating Book Bonding especially since he hurt his knee in October in his warehouse job and is hoping to avoid a knee reconstruction! Bookclubs also have begun again and it's not too late to join one of our groups if you are looking for something low key but fun to do once a month. Ask in store or via email or check our website for more details. Sadly, we farewell Laura who has graduated uni & scored her first full time job. Laura has been such a fantastic employee since August 2008 and we wish her all the best. Fortunately, Samantha came back in October after a stint at the CAE and now has been hired on a permanent part time basis so you'll see lots of her in store Wednesdays to Saturdays-plus she is a big reader of children's fiction and even has her own book blog (see back page). And of course, we still have Julia and our other Laura on weekends to help you out as well. See you in the store sometime, Natasha (BB co-owner)



OUR HOURS
Mon-Fri 9.30-6pm
Sat 9.30am-5pm
CLOSED Sundays
and public holidays.

**FEBRUARY
BOOKCLUB
PICKS**
Theme: Classics
with a hero/ine
theme

Fiction Fanatics
Vanity Fair by
William Thackeray
Book Bandits
Portrait of a Lady by
Henry James
Early Birds
French Lieutenant's
Woman by
John Fowles
Wordsmiths
The Street Sweeper
by Elliot Perlman
*not doing classic
Night Owls
French Lieutenant's
Woman by
John Fowles
* Want to join? \$150
a year which includes
4 of the 12 books.
Ask staff or see web-
site for more details

DISCOVER THE WRITER WITHIN YOU! WRITING WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

Archimede Fusillo is a well respected writer and one of the most in-demand and successful presenters of author talks and workshops in Australia. This 6 hour complete workshop is great value and guaranteed to inspire and help your writing. This workshop will be hands on and practical for 18+ adults interested in learning or furthering their writing skills. The sessions will cover the following aspects; fundamentals of writing, character development, scene descriptions, alternate structures, creating realistic dialogue, editing your work, looking at the publishing industry and tips on getting published. There will be great opportunity to ask qus, review work and gain feedback. Two session available (or just do one!)

Date: Sat 17th March 10am-1pm AND / OR Sat 24th March 10am-1pm. Capped at 20 participants due to practical nature.

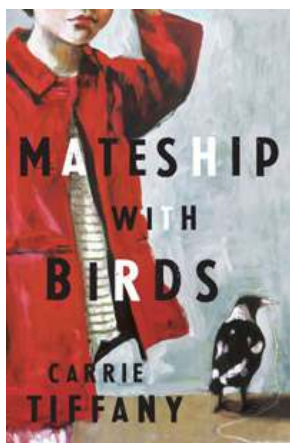
Venue: Sam Merrifield Library meeting room, 762 Mt Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds

Cost: \$45 per session or \$80 for the two sessions (\$10 saving) this includes room, hire, snacks and beverages at both sessions. **** We make no profit on this!**

BYO paper & writing equipment. Payment needs to be made by Monday 12th March to secure spot. Cash only

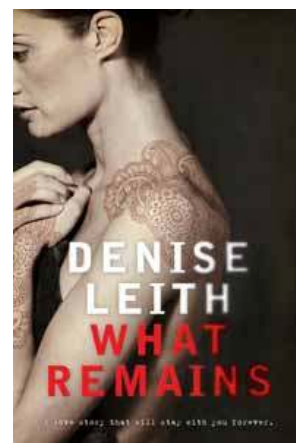


AUSSIE READS TO GET EXCITED ABOUT—ALL UNDER \$30



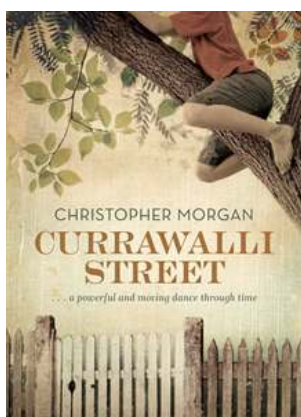
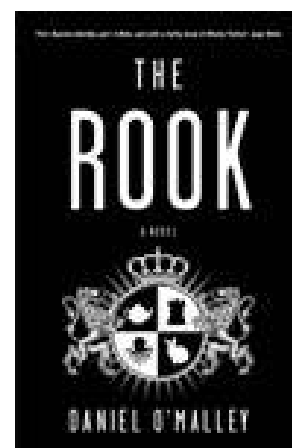
A novel about young lust and mature love in 1950s country Australia. It is a hymn to the rhythm of country life – to vicious birds, virginal cows, adored dogs, ill-used sheep, and a collection of misfits question the nature of what a family can be. \$19.99rrp

Follows the tumultuous life of journalist Kate Price from her 1st assignment as a naive & idealistic young correspondent in Riyadh in 1991, to Baghdad in 2004, where she can't feel anything unless it cuts her to the bone. \$29.99rrp



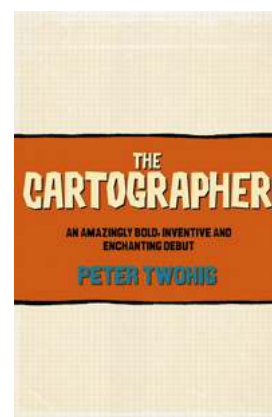
We had a lot of fans of Shelly Beach Writer's Group, and here's Mornington Peninsula writer June Love's fun sequel with Gina being the last-minute fill-in as director of the chaotic seaside festival. \$29.95rrp

'The body you are wearing used to be mine.' So begins the letter Myfanwy is holding when she awakes in a park. With no recollection of who she is, Myfanwy must follow the instructions her former self left behind. \$29.99rrp

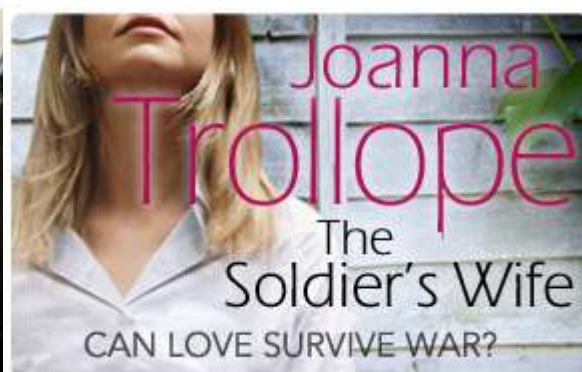


Reveals the echoes between past and present through the story of one ordinary street and its families, from the pre-war innocence of early 1914 to the painful and grim consequences of the Vietnam War. \$27.99rrp

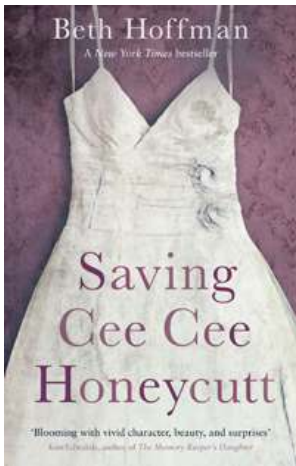
Melbourne, 1959. An 11-year-old boy who violently lost his brother a year before witnesses a murder as he spies through the win-
dow of a strange house and goes on the run. Bold, captivating and funny debut. \$29.99rrp



MORE GREAT NOVELS UNDER \$33



LOVE "THE HELP"? TRY THIS!



Warm yet heart-breaking, and generously spiced with humor, *Saving Cee-Cee Honeycutt* is the story of a girl who loses her mother but finds many others under a balmy Georgia sun.

Think *Steel Magnolias* meets *The Help* in this Southern debut novel sparkling with humor, heart and feminine wisdom which was also a New York Times bestseller. \$29.99RRP



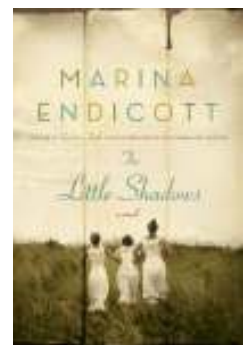
NEW NOVEL FROM PULITZER WINNER JENNIFER EGAN \$19.99



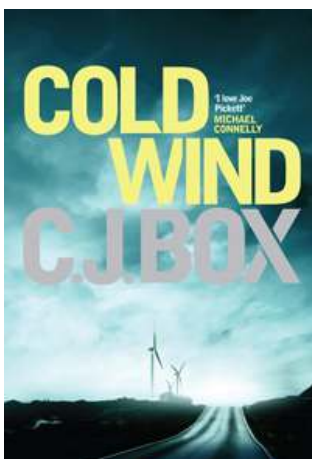
JANET EVANOVICH'S BOUNTY HUNTER STEPHANIE PLUM IN FILM THIS FEB! \$19.95RRP FTI

SOUNDS AMAZING!!

Revolves around 3 sisters in the world of vaudeville before and during the WWI: Aurora, the eldest and most beautiful, who is 16 when the book opens; thoughtful Clover, a year younger; and the youngest sister, joyous headstrong sprite Bella, who is 13. The girls, overseen by their fond but barely coping Mama, are forced to make their living as a singing act after the untimely death of their father and need to navigate their way to adulthood among a cast of extraordinary characters – some charming charlatans, some unpredictable eccentrics, and some just ordinary with magical gifts. \$29.99



CHOMP INTO SOME CRIME—ALL UNDER \$33



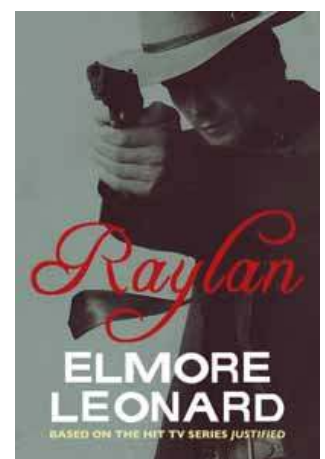
For fans of Lee Child, Michael Connelly, George Pelecanos. When Earl Alden is found dead, dangling from a wind turbine, it's his wife, Missy, who is arrested. Unfortunately for Joe Pickett, Missy is his mother-in-law, a woman he dislikes heartily, and now he doesn't know what to do—especially when the early signs point to her being guilty as sin. But then things happen to make Joe wonder. \$24.99rrp

One evening, Ylva isn't home as expected after work, but when she's still missing the next day, husband Mike starts to worry. As Mike battles suspicion from the police and his own despair, he is unaware that Ylva is still alive, just a stone's throw from his own home. Ylva has been drawn into a twisted plot of revenge and tragedy that leads back into her and her abductors' shared past... **SPECIAL PRICE \$19.99**



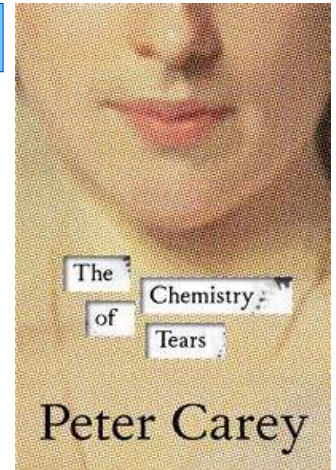
WE HAVE SO MANY FANS OF THIS SCANDI CRIME SERIES BOOK 7: \$32.99RRP Former police inspector Harry Hole returns to Oslo after three years abroad requesting permission to investigate a homicide. But the case is already closed: the young junkie was in all likelihood shot dead by a fellow addict. Yet, Harry is granted permission to visit the boy's alleged killer in jail. What follows is what appears to be the first impossible case in Harry Hole's career.

US Marshal Raylan Givens, star of the television series "Justified" and protagonist of *RIDING THE RAP*, *PRONTO* and the story 'FIRE IN THE HOLE', is back in action, this time with a federal warrant to serve on a dope dealer named Angel Arenas, a man 'born in the U.S. but a hundred percent of him Hispanic'. \$29.99rrp

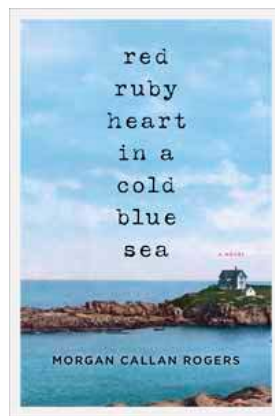


INDIE BOOKSELLERS' BOOK OF THE MONTH

When her lover dies suddenly, all Catherine has left is her work. The long affair had been kept secret from their colleagues at London's Swinburne Museum and now she must grieve in private. Or almost. In an act of compassion, the head of her department gives Catherine a very particular project, something to cling onto: a box of intricate clockwork parts that appear to be the remains of a 19th century automaton, a beautiful mechanical bird. Once she discovers that the box also contains the diary of the man who commissioned the machine, one obsession merges into another. Who was Henry Brandling? Who was the mysterious, visionary clock-maker he hired to make a gift for his ailing son? And what was the end result that now sits in pieces in Catherine's her studio? 288pages. Normally \$39.95RRP HARDBACK but take **20% OFF** as our special book of the month pick price



GOOD BOOKS YOU MAY HAVE MISSED IN JANUARY



PHYRNE FISHER ON ABC TV

Meet the Hon. Phryne Fisher - gorgeous, charming and terribly fashionable. Tiring of the tedium of 1920s English high society she sets out for



Melbourne, Australia to start a new life as a lady detective along the way encountering more than her fair share of corrupt cops, communism and cocaine smugglers. 18 books to collect so far \$22.99rrp each



SHORTLIST The Indie Awards 2012

For the best Australian writing of 2011 as chosen by Australian independent booksellers.

Winners to be announced on 10 March 2012.



FICTION



NON-FICTION



DEBUT FICTION

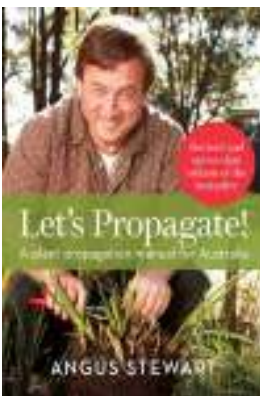
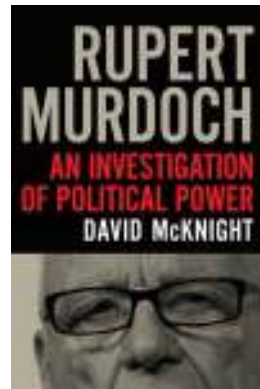
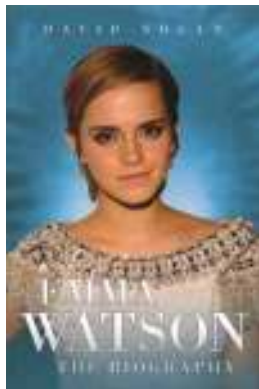
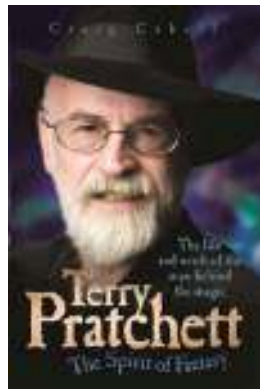
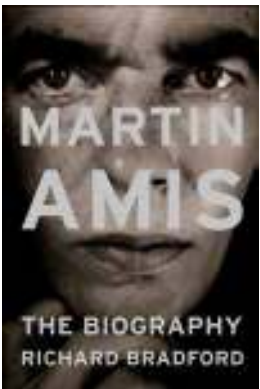


CHILDREN'S

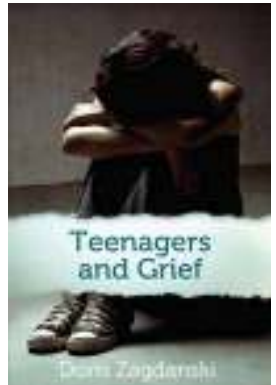
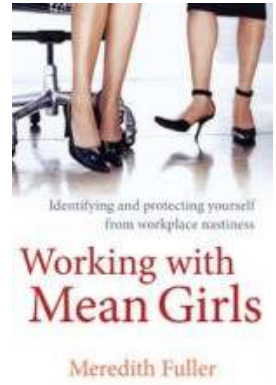
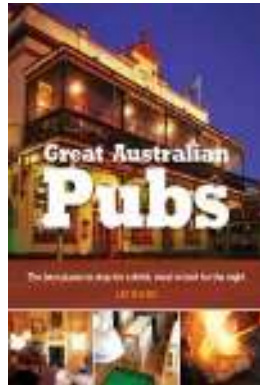
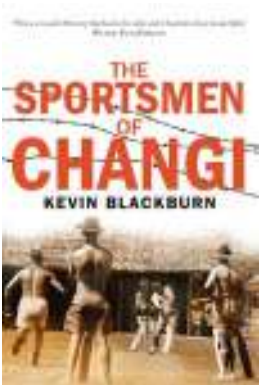
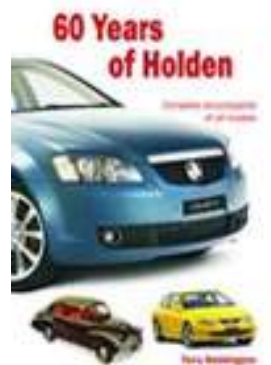
www.indies.com.au



NEW BIOGRAPHIES TO START OFF THE NEW YEAR WITH

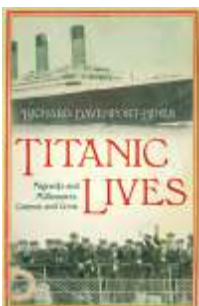


INTERESTING NON FICTION TITLES—GARDENING, DIET, SPORT, WORK, GRIEF, AUSSIE PUBS AND HOLDEN CARS ALL UNDER \$50

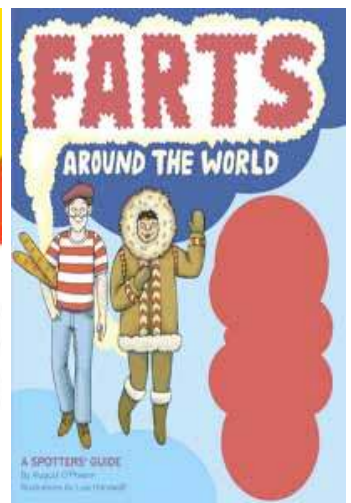
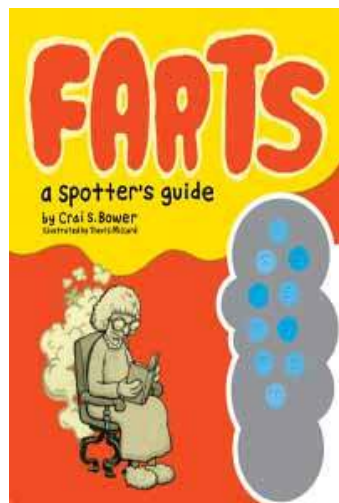


TITANIC ANNIVERSARY

In this original and timely book, Richard Davenport-Hines views the great liner as a paradigm of Edwardian society. At the bottom of the ship was the steerage class, filled with emigrants hoping for a better life in the New World. Above them were hundreds of second-class passengers buoyed up by their prosperous respectability. On the upper decks were the hereditary rich and those of inconceivable wealth. Bringing together over 2,000 passengers and crew from every class and every continent, TITANIC LIVES tells their stories, re-creating the complexities, disparities and tensions of life one hundred years ago. \$35rrp



TOILET HUMOUR



POCKET ROCKETS ARE GREAT INTRODUCTIONS TO A WRITER / SERIES FOR ONLY \$5 EACH

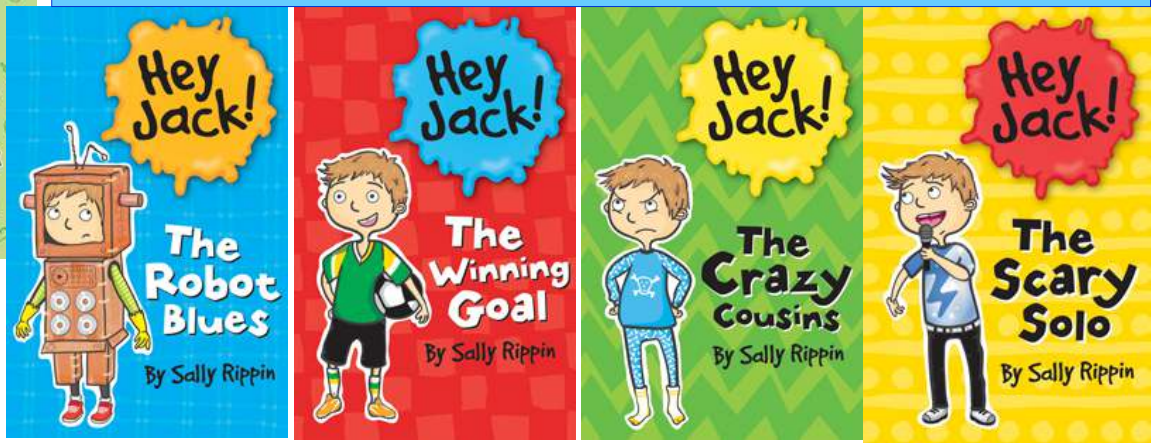
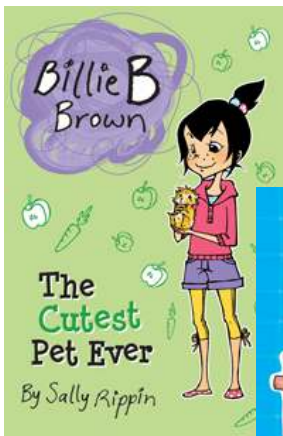


10 TITLES WERE INTRODUCED LAST YEAR TO PROMOTE NEW SERIES / AUTHOR AS TASTE TESTERS AND DID SO WELL THEY SOLD OUT. THIS YEAR THERE IS 10 MORE SO GET THEM WHILE THEY LAST...

Go Girl: Camp Chaos & Go Girl Sleep Over
Naughty Stories: Bravest Kid & Day teacher Went Mad
Space Scout Dark World & The Robot King
Zac Power: Thrill Ride & Volcanic Panic
From Your Diary with Love: Step Back in Time & Two's Company
2011 TITLES

Go Girl: Dancing Queen & Surf's Up
Naughty Stories: Girl who Blew Up her Brother & Upside Down Boy
Space Scout: Jelly People & The Shrinking Race
Zac Power: Sky High & Tomb of Doom
From Your Diary with Love: Don't Do Disco & New Girl Blues

AUTHOR SALLY RIPPIN GIVES US A NEW BILLIE BOOK AS WELL AS A NEW SERIES ABOUT HER BEST MATE JACK! \$7.95RRP EA



READ THE BOOK BEFORE SEEING THE FILM

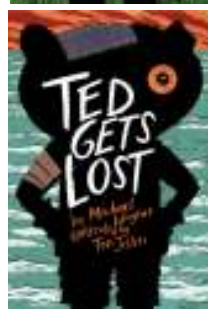
Set in 1930s Paris, an orphan who lives in the walls of a train station is wrapped up in a mystery involving his late father and an automaton. Wonderful text and superb visuals made Invention of Hugo



Cabret a great contender for a film directed by Martin Scorsese.
\$29.99rrp hb

NEW TED ADVENTURE

We sold heaps of this great stuffed toy adventure book for 8+ kids last year so we're very excited to see book 2 on our shelves now! Ted was inspired by a story Michael Wagner's son, Wil, wrote when he was in primary school. It was called 'My Teddy Hates Me' and it was about a teddy who gets fed up with his rough owner and runs off to the Sydney Olympics. It was hilarious, so Michael stole all the best bits and made a story of his own! And then he bought his son an amp as payment!!
\$12.95rrp each

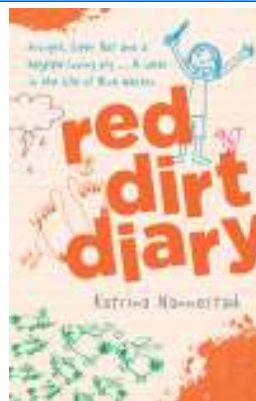
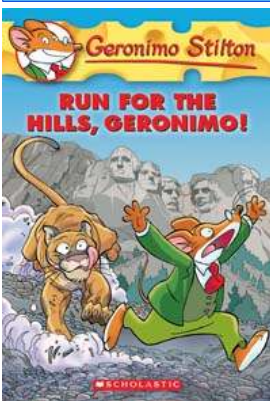


BOOK 5 IN THIS POPULAR SERIES



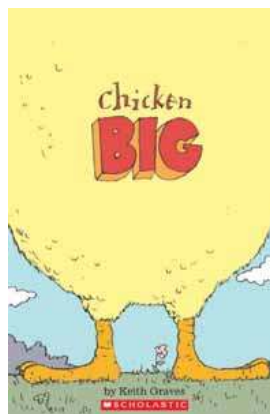
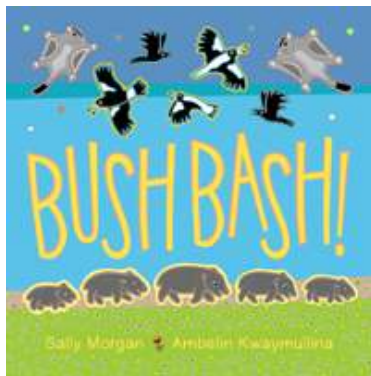
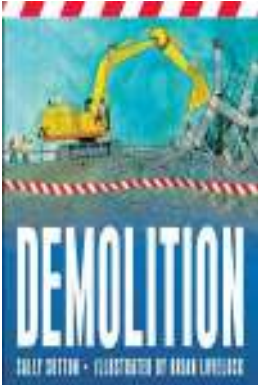
Move over, Matilda, and step aside, Madeline, there's a new charming miniature heroine making her mark. Alice-Miranda is in bustling NYC. It's a blur of skyscrapers, hot dog carts, chats with zoo animals and classes at Mrs Kimmel's School for Girls, right next to glorious Central Park. Her family's glamorous department store, Highton's on Fifth, has just been renovated but plans for the fabulous re-opening party are going curiously wrong. Is that why Alice-Miranda's father Hugh seems so worried? And why is her new friend Lucinda so shy about inviting Alice-Miranda home? \$15.95rrp each

NEW ONES IN THESE GREAT SERIES FOR KIDS



HB PICTURE BOOKS FROM \$24.95

PB PICTURE BOOKS FROM \$12.99



THE LITTLE OLD MAN WHO LOOKED UP AT THE MOON



Pamela Allen

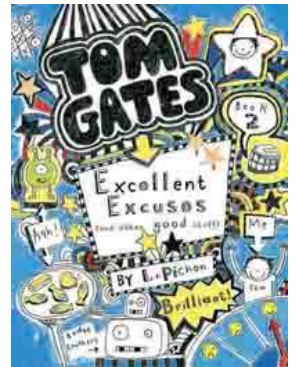


Take a closer look at these great reads for 8+

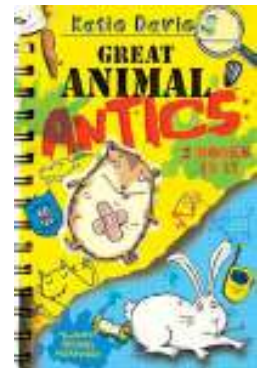


From the author of "Parvana" comes An absorbing, emotionally engrossing story about a young Indian girl who is cast out by her family when she develops leprosy.

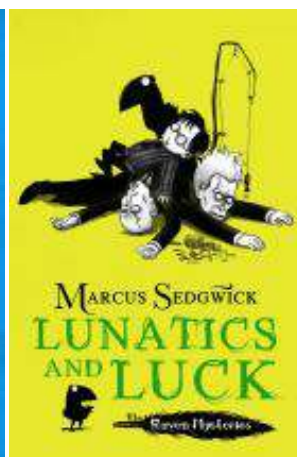
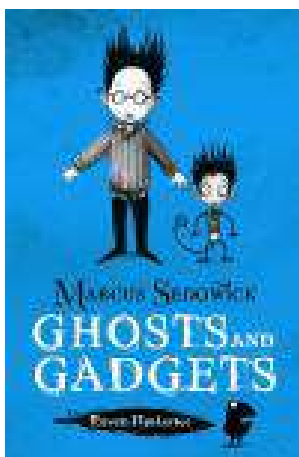
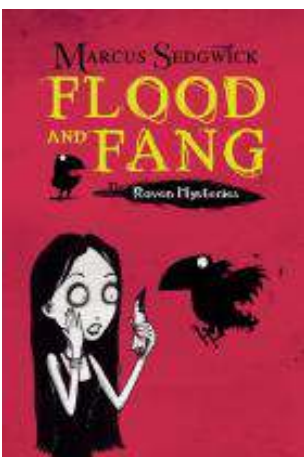
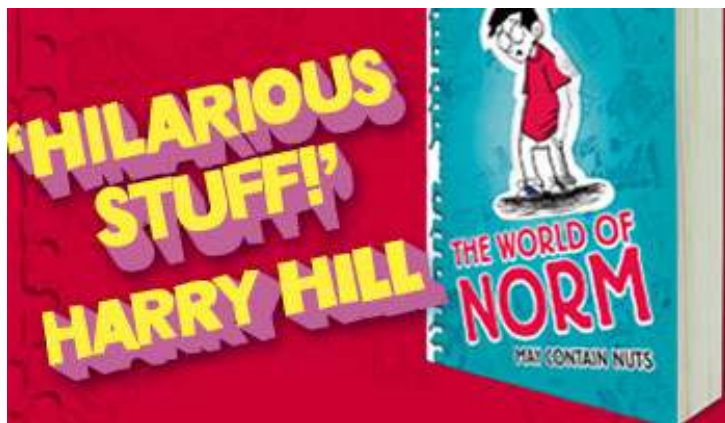
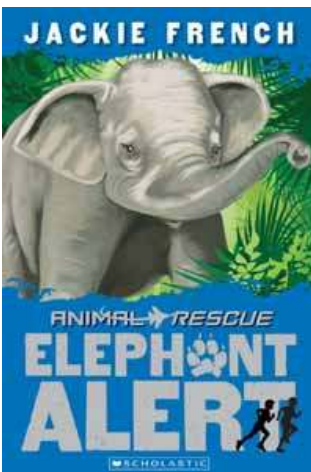
Book 2 in this fab series, for fans of Wimpy Kid. "No school for two whole weeks! (Yeah!) I can forget ALL about lessons . And concentrate on good stuff like: inventing new ways to annoy my sister Delia, Band practice. Watching TV and eating caramel wafers. Excellent. \$15.99rrp



Two brilliant stories about Anna, her brother Tom, and their neighbours, Suzanne and Joe-down-the-road, as they investigate two mysterious pet problems... Anna and her brother, Tom, have pestered Mum so much for a pet that she finally gives in and buys them a pair of hamsters. But their happiness soon turns to horror when they discover the hamsters slaughtered in their cage. Can they solve the case of the Great Hamster Massacre? Joe has gone to live with his Dad, leaving behind his beloved pet rabbit. When the rabbit becomes ill, Anna and Suzanne are convinced it's because it's missing Joe. Now Joe is sick too. Can Anna, Tom and Suzanne pull off the Great Rabbit Rescue in time? \$12.99RRP

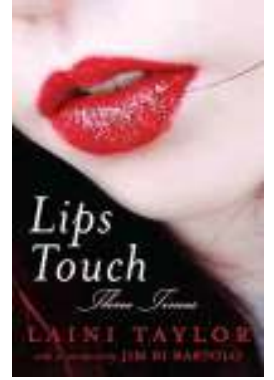
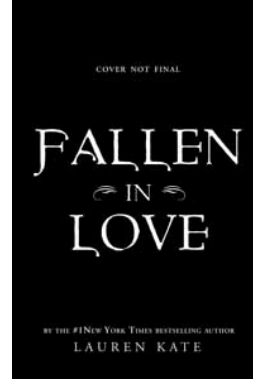
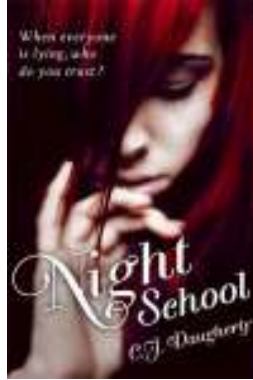


New series to get addicted to for 8+ readers

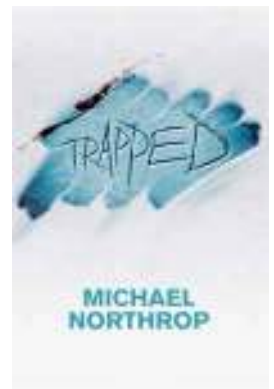
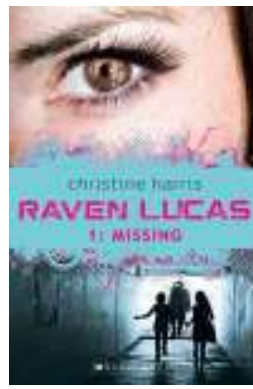
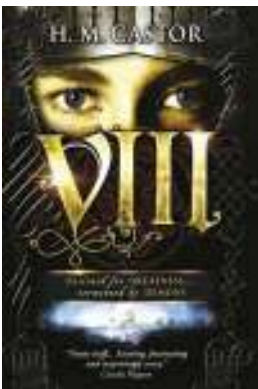


DID YOU MISS THIS IN 2011? GET INTO THIS SERIES NOW BEFORE BK 4 COMES OUT IN MARCH Edgar the Raven, guardian of Otherhand Castle rules the roost in this six book series of quirky tales of mystery, with a touch of goth-froth, by Marcus Sedgwick and Pete Williamson. For kids 8+ \$14.99RRP

COOL PARANORMAL TEEN READS

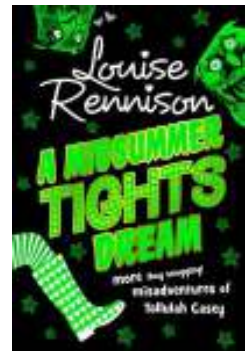
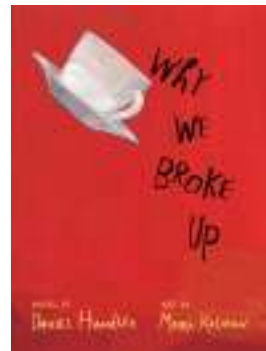
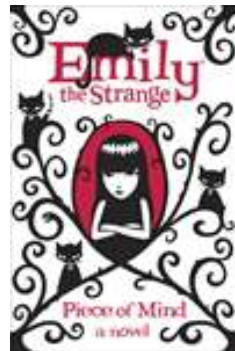
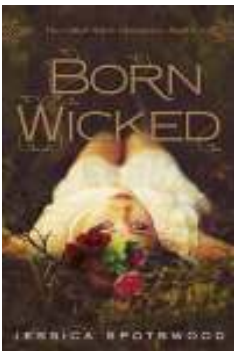


ADDICTIVE HISTORICAL AND THRILLER READS FOR YA



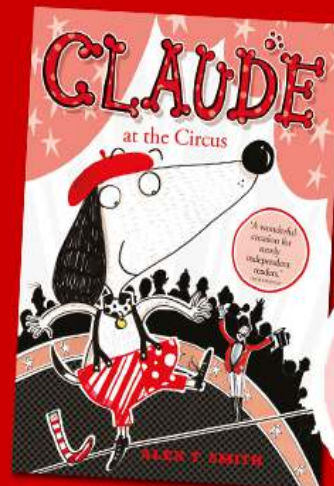
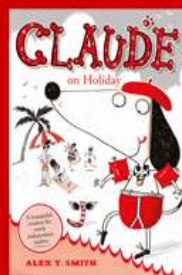
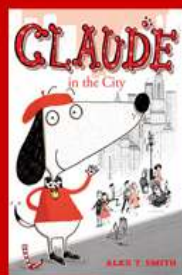
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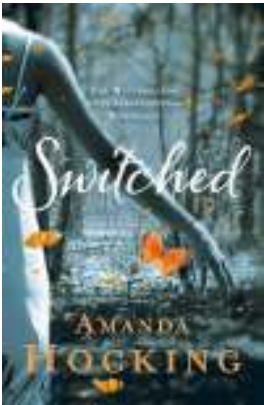
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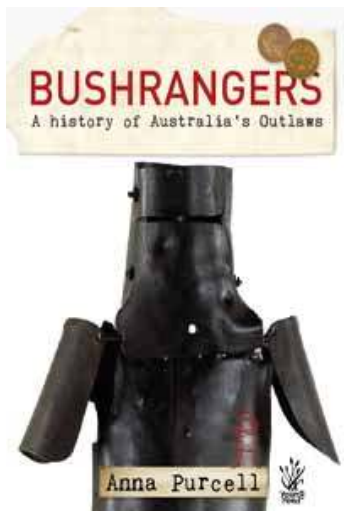
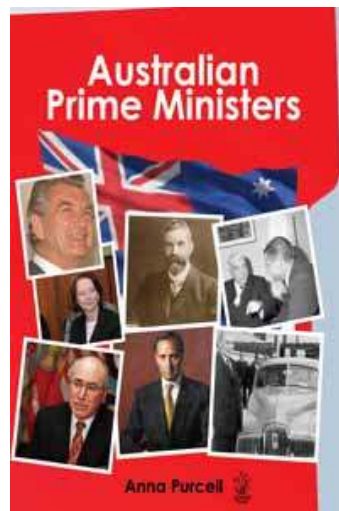
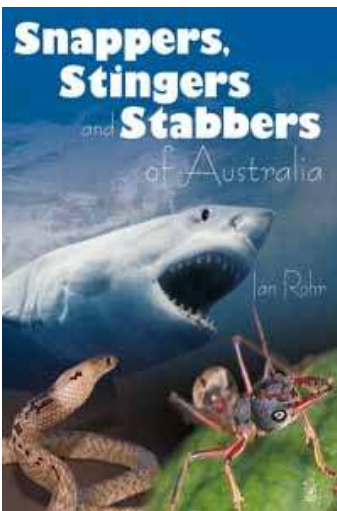
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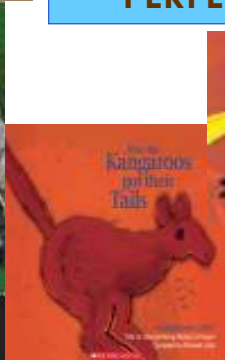
In 2010, then 24yo Amanda Hocking was working full-time in disability earning \$18,000 a year. She was writing and sending query letters to publishers, and kept getting nothing but rejection letters back. In April 2011, she started publishing her own ebooks. Sales were slow. Together, the three books by May sold 624 books. Her cut: \$326. In June, she started sending her work to bloggers to review. And that's when things began to take off. To date she has sold nearly 1million copies and raking in close to \$2 million. Now she's got a publisher (and film deal) to take her writing and sales to the next level. **Switched** is the first book of the young adult paranormal literature series the Trylle Trilogy. It follows the story of Wendy Everly who, at six years old, her mother was convinced she was a monster and tried to kill her. It isn't until eleven years later that Wendy discovers her mother might have been right. With the help of Finn Holmes, Wendy finds herself in a world she never knew existed (faeries) - a world both beautiful and frightening, and Wendy's not sure she wants to be a part of it. IN this trilogy, Wendy will be caught between two worlds, torn between love and duty, and she must decide what life she is meant to lead. Book 1 Switched released Jan 2012, Book 2 Torn released March 2012, Book 3 Ascend released April. All \$16.99each



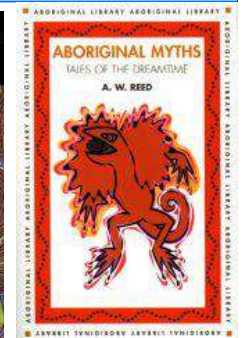
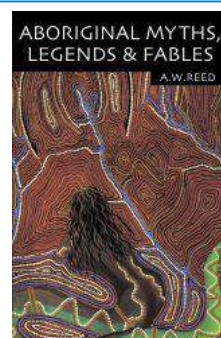
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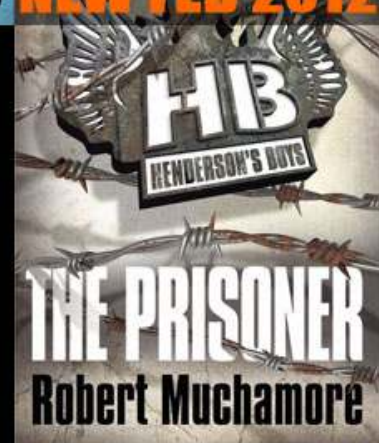
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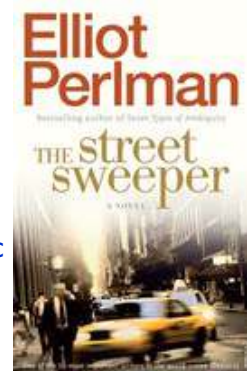
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STAFF AND CUSTOMER REVIEWS

Elliot Perlman's "The Street Sweeper"-reviewed by Natasha Co-owner / Manager. This is an excellent but heavy going read that fulfilled my interest in the Holocaust and American Civil Rights – both which I studied at uni and taught in schools. I also managed to visit Auschwitz and Mauthausen when in Europe in 2000 and this story provides another interesting yet personal insight into the plight and guilt of the sonderkommando group through the eyes of Mr Mandelbrot, a present day Jewish cancer patient who tells his Holocaust survivor story to a black ex-con cleaner searching for his daughter. Juxtaposed with this is another present day story of Adam, a Jewish academic trying to deal with a relationship break up as well as researching the work of Prof. Border - a man who interviewed Jewish survivors immediately after the war - but is hiding a secret of his own. Extremely well written, there is a plethora of fictionalised characters that are vividly real and the writing allows you to follow the various journeys, along with their discoveries and mistakes. It all comes full circle in the end in a way that shows the interconnectedness of us all and the importance of memory and passing on important stories. The final scenes were a little quick for me, and there were a few repetitive passages that didn't fulfill their intention for me, but overall I really loved this novel and recommend it highly especially if you like a challenging, thinking read. \$32.95rrp (20% off with our sale on until 21st Jan) personal insight into the plight and guilt of the sonderkommando group through the eyes of Mr Mandelbrot a present day Jewish cancer patient who tells his Holocaust survivor story to a black ex con cleaner searching for his daughter. Juxtaposed with this is another present day story of Adam, a Jewish academic living in the shadow of his American Civil rights lawyer father whilst trying to deal with a relationship break up as well as researching the work of Prof Border - a man who interviewed Jewish survivors after the war – but is hiding a secret of his own . Extremely well written and researched, there was only a few repetitive passages that didn't hit the mark of intention for me. But it is the plethora of vividly real characters that really embrace you and Perlman's fluent prose and structure allows you to follow the various journeys, along with their discoveries and mistakes both in the present day and seamlessly back to the horrific, tragic or sad past of all concerned. The final scenes, though slightly rushed, bring everything full circle and show the importance of memory, story sharing and the interconnectedness of us all. Highly recommended if you like a challenging, thinking read. \$32.95rrp



"Wildwood" by Colin Meloy reviewed by staff member Samantha Bound *Wildwood* has all the elements this type of middle-grade book should have. The writing is not dumbed down – apart from a few obvious thesaurus moments, it is straightforward and accessible to kids while still having that appeal that hooks in older readers. There is plenty of adventure and a fully immersive imaginative world. There is that fantastic concept of kids being swept into the kind of place they've only ever dreamed about – populated by derring-do, talking animals, heroes and villains, and all the weird and wacky stuff that lives in our heads. It is, at heart, a classic kids adventure story, well done and engaging. Where it didn't quite get me was with the emotional resonance. Prue and Curtis were a little over-shadowed by everything that happened around them, and my emotions weren't pulled into the story the way I wanted them to be. But still, *Wildwood* was thoroughly fun and enjoyable. \$19.95rrp hardback. See Sam's blog— <http://bookgrotto.blogspot.com/>



Note from Bookophile reader Kelly M *Just finished 'The Dovekeepers' - absolutely loved it! Now reading Murakami's 1Q84 and thought I would let you know that this book will appeal to anyone who loves (1984, a thriller and love story combined) or 'The Girl with a dragon tattoo'. Instead of Lisbeth Salander we have Aomame and instead of Karl Blomkvist we have Tengo, two parallel stories that will keep you guessing all the way to the finish. Along the way Murakami throws out some interesting moral questions and all I can say is that this book was UNPUTDOWNABLE.....*



Note from Bookophile reader Heather L *- I took my mother in law to see the movie of Warhorse and we both thoroughly enjoyed it. As you would gather from seeing the movie trailers, it is the story of one particular horse and his relationship with the teenage farm boy who trains him before & during WWI. The horse is first used by an officer in the English cavalry and then the German army to pull gun carriages. Before the horse and the boy can be re-united, there are a few sub plots which add a depth and interest to the movie and which are not in the book. Surprisingly, for Hollywood, there is no romance! I saw the movie first and then read the book. I usually read first as the books are usually much better than the films. However, the book of Warhorse is a children's/teenage book and does not develop the social themes of class structure in England, the financial struggle of the boy's farming family nor the horrors of war as the film does. I would be happy for a grade 6 child to read the book, but not to see the movie. I think teenagers would be able to cope with the cruelty to the horses in the movie and the battle scenes better than a younger child. Warhorse is only the second film that I think is better than the book (Other? Bridget Jones' Diary!) If you want to see the film, perhaps read the book first as it will give you the basis for the film.*

