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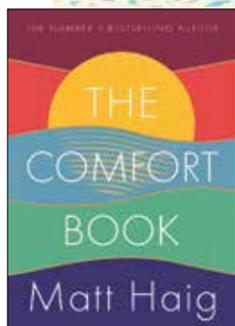
BOOKS TO WARM YOUR WINTER



Wintering: The Power of Rest and Retreat in Difficult Times
KATHERINE MAY
(RIDER AND CO)
PB \$26.00

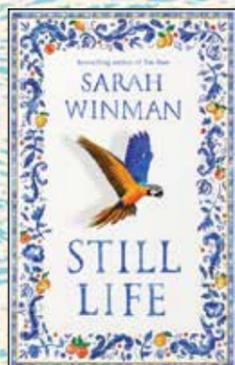
Wintering is a poignant and comforting meditation on the fallow periods of life, times when we must retreat to care for and repair ourselves. Katherine May thoughtfully shows us how to come through these times with the wisdom

of knowing that, like the seasons, our winters and summers are the ebb and flow of life. An antidote to life in fast-forward, this beautiful memoir encourages us to accept and embrace uncertainty in challenging times.



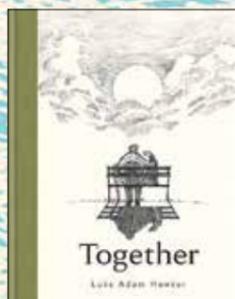
The Comfort Book
MATT HAIG
(CANONGATE)
HB \$39.99 OUT IN JUL

This is a collection of little islands of hope. It gathers consolations and stories that give new ways of seeing ourselves and the world. Matt Haig's mix of philosophy, memoir and self-reflection builds on the wisdom of philosophers and survivors through the ages, from Marcus Aurelius to Nellie Bly, Emily Dickinson to James Baldwin. This is the book to pick up when you need the wisdom of a friend, the comfort of a hug or just to celebrate the messy miracle of being alive.



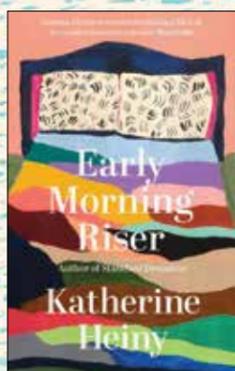
Still Life
SARAH WINMAN
(FOURTH ESTATE)
PB \$35.00

1944, in the ruined wine cellar of a Tuscan villa, as Allied troops advance and bombs fall, two strangers share an extraordinary evening together. Ulysses Temper is a young British soldier, Evelyn Skinner is a sexagenarian art historian and possible spy. She has come to Italy to salvage paintings, and relive the time she encountered E.M. Forster and had her heart stolen by an Italian maid. Moving from the piazzas of Florence, to the smog of London's East End, this is a sweeping, joyful, richly-peopled novel about beauty, love, family and fate.



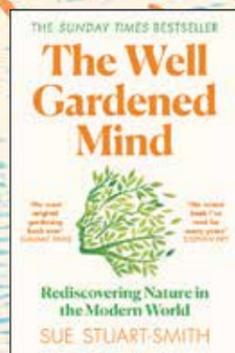
Together
LUKE ADAM HAWKER
(KYLE BOOKS)
HB \$39.99

In this beautifully illustrated picture book for adults, a monumental storm brings huge and sudden change. We follow a man and his dog through the uncertainty the storm brings to their lives. Through their eyes, we see the difficulties of being apart, the rollercoaster of emotions that we can all relate to, and the realisation that by pulling together we can move through difficult times with new perspective, hope and an appreciation of what matters most in life.



Early Morning Riser
KATHERINE HEINY
(FOURTH ESTATE)
PB \$29.99

Jane easily falls for Duncan: he's charming, good-natured, and handsome. He's also slept with nearly every woman in Boyne City, Michigan. His ex-wife, Aggie, still has Duncan mow her lawn. His co-worker, Jimmy, arrives at Duncan's apartment at the most inopportune times. Jane wonders how the relationship will survive with so many people in it! But one tragic accident changes everything, and now Jane's life is permanently intertwined with Duncan's, Aggie's, and Jimmy's and she will never have Duncan to herself. Bittersweet, clever and laugh-out-loud funny, this novel is an absolute treat.



The Well Gardened Mind
SUE STUART-SMITH
(WILLIAM COLLINS)
PB \$27.99

In a powerful combination of contemporary neuroscience, psychoanalysis and brilliant storytelling, *The Well Gardened Mind* investigates the magic that many gardeners have known for years – working with nature can radically transform our health, wellbeing and confidence. Sue Stuart-Smith tells brilliant, illuminating stories of people struggling with stress, depression, trauma and addiction, from asylum seekers to veterans, inner-city young people to the retired. This is a glorious book of science, insight and anecdote that shows how our understanding of nature and its restorative powers is only just beginning to flower.



One Pot, Pan, Planet
ANNA JONES
(FOURTH ESTATE)
HB \$54.99

Anna Jones blazes the trail again for how we all want to cook now: quickly, sustainably, stylishly. In this exciting new collection of over 200 recipes, she limits the pans and simplifies the ingredients for all-in-one dinners. These super varied recipes celebrate vegetables and deliver knock-out flavour without taking time and energy. Try baked dahl with tamarind-glazed sweet potato; tahini broccoli on toast; golden rosti with ancho chilli chutney. With practical advice that shows how every small change in planning, shopping and reducing waste makes a difference, this book is good for you, your pocket and the planet.



The Forager's Treasury
JOHANNA KNOX
(ALLEN AND UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$45.00

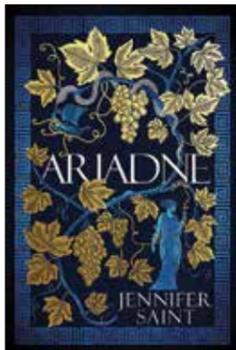
In the urban and rural wildernesses, there is an abundance of food just waiting to be discovered. Foraged food is healthy, economical and sustainable, but the best part is the fun you have finding it. *The Forager's Treasury* profiles edible plants commonly found in Aotearoa New Zealand; gives advice on where to find, how to harvest and best to use them; and provides recipes for delicious food as well as medicine, dyes, perfumes and skin care. This fully revised edition is a treasure trove of information about our wild plants. **S**

FICTION



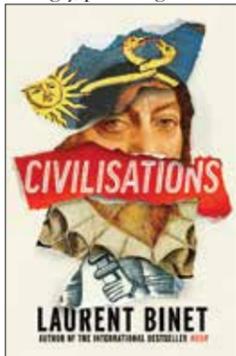
First Person Singular
HARUKI MURAKAMI
 (HARVILL SECKER)
HB \$45.00

The eight masterly stories in this new collection are all told in the first person by a classic Murakami narrator. From nostalgic memories of youth and meditations on music to dream-like scenarios, an encounter with a talking monkey and invented jazz albums, together these stories challenge the boundaries between our minds and the exterior world. Occasionally, a narrator who may or may not be Murakami himself is present. Is it memoir or fiction? The reader decides. Philosophical and mysterious, the stories all touch beautifully on love and solitude, childhood and memory... all with a signature Murakami twist.



Ariadne
JENNIFER SAINT
 (WILDFIRE)
PB \$34.99

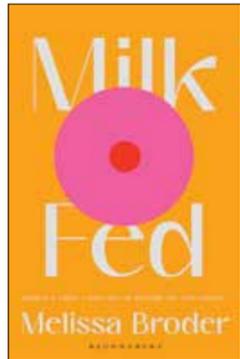
In one of the most famous Greek myths, Ariadne betrayed her father, King Minos, to help Theseus defeat the Minotaur. But then Theseus betrayed her. This is her story. When Theseus, Prince of Athens, arrives in Crete as a sacrifice to the beast, Ariadne falls in love. But helping Theseus kill the monster means betraying her family and country, and Ariadne knows that in a world ruled by mercurial gods – drawing their attention can cost you everything. Beautifully written and completely immersive, this retelling depicts the strength of forgotten women in the face of angry, petulant gods.



Civilisations
LAURENT BINET
 (HARVILL SECKER)
PB \$37.00

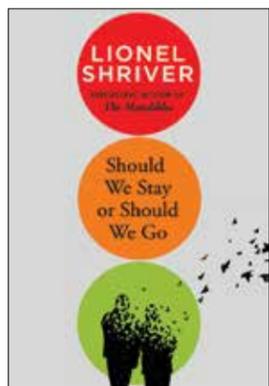
c.1000 AD: Erik the Red's daughter heads south from ▶

Greenland. 1492: Christopher Columbus does not discover America. 1531: the Incas invade Europe. Civilisations is the world as we don't know it: set at different points in history it links stories about characters in different places and times, all hungry to explore and to acquire power. This strangely believable counter-factual history of the modern world is fizzing with ideas about colonisation, empire-building and the eternal human quest for domination. An ambitious and electrifying novel by one of Europe's most exciting writers.



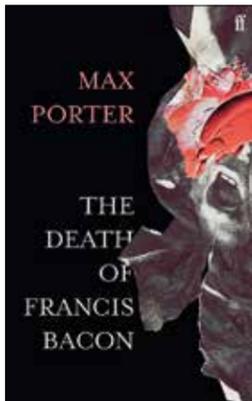
Milk Fed
MELISSA BRODER
 (BLOOMSBURY CIRCUS)
PB \$32.99

Rachel, a lapsed Jew, has made calorie restriction her religion. Then she meets Miriam, an Orthodox Jewish woman intent upon feeding her. Rachel is suddenly and powerfully entranced by Miriam's sundaes and her body, her faith and her family – and as they grow closer, Rachel embarks on a journey of mirrors, mysticism, mothers, milk and honey. With superlative emotional insight and unabashed vivid fantasy, this is a tale of appetites: physical hunger, sexual desire, spiritual longing. *Milk Fed* is a tender and riotously funny meditation on love, certitude, and the question of what we are all being fed.



Should We Stay or Should We Go
LIONEL SHRIVER
 (THE BOROUGH PRESS)
PB \$32.99

Both medical professionals, Kay and her husband Cyril have seen too many elderly patients in similar states of decay. In his 50s and determined to die with dignity, Cyril makes a modest proposal: to commit suicide together once they've both turned 80. The deal is sealed, the spouses blithely looking forward to another three decades together, but then they turn 80. Hilarious and touching, playful and grave, the novel portrays 12 parallel universes, each exploring a possible future for Kay and Cyril. Shriver addresses the compromises of longevity with an uncannily light touch in this rollicking page-turner.



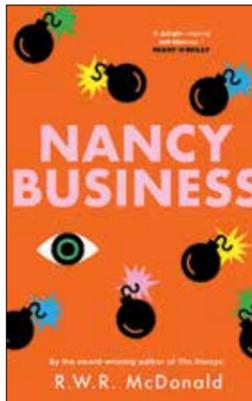
The Death of Francis Bacon
MAX PORTER
 (FABER AND FABER)
HB \$16.99

A bold and brilliant short work by the author of *Grief is the Thing with Feathers* and *Lanny*. Madrid. Unfinished. Man Dying. A great painter lies on his deathbed. Max Porter translates into seven extraordinary written pictures, the explosive final workings of the artist's mind.



The Author's Cut: Short Stories
OWEN MARSHALL
 (VINTAGE NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$36.00

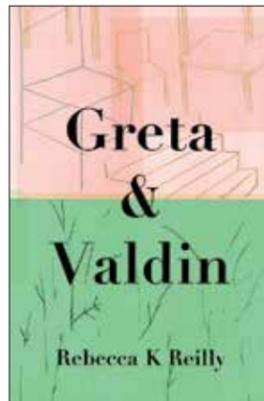
Owen Marshall is regarded as one of our finest living writers. From dark to funny, acerbic to warm, his stories probe our national psyche with clear-eyed insight. This selection, from a long career, ranges across New Zealand and ventures overseas. The pieces explore both cruelty and love; they look back to childhood and also capture the world we live in today. Full of unexpected turns, lyrical writing, wry observations and intriguing plots, this sampling offers a provocative take on New Zealand.



Nancy Business
R.W.R. McDONALD
 (ALLEN AND UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$32.99

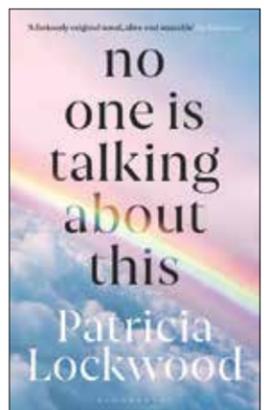
The gripping, heart-warming and hilarious sequel to *The Nancys*. It's been 4 months since Tippy, Uncle Pike and Devon were together for Christmas. Now back for the first anniversary of Tippy's father's death, the Nancys reform when Riverstone is rocked by ▶

an explosion that kills three people and destroys the town hall. It's great to be back, but things are different. Uncle Pike and Devon can't agree on anything and Tippy is learning hard truths about the world and the people she loves the most. Can the Nancys stay together and save the town?



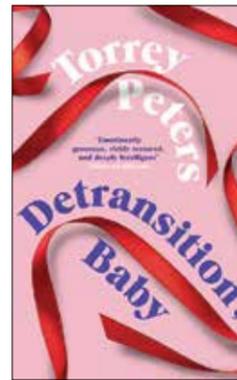
Greta and Valdin
REBECCA K. REILLY
 (VICTORIA UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$35.00

Valdin is still in love with his ex-boyfriend, who used to drive a ute around Auckland but now drives one around Buenos Aires. Greta is in love with her fellow English tutor, who can't pronounce Greta's surname: Vladislavjevic. From their Auckland apartment, brother and sister must navigate the intricate paths of modern romance and weather the small storms of their eccentric Māori–Russian–Catalonian family. This beguiling and hilarious novel owes as much to Shakespeare as it does to Tinder and will speak to anyone who has had their heart broken, or wondered about the things they don't know about their family.



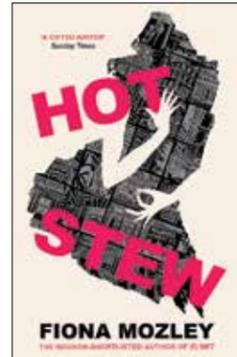
No One is Talking About This
PATRICIA LOCKWOOD
 (BLOOMSBURY CIRCUS)
PB \$32.99

A woman known for her viral social media posts travels the world speaking to her adoring fans, her entire existence overwhelmed by the internet – or what she terms 'the portal'. Then two texts from her mother pierce the fray: 'Something has gone wrong,' and 'How soon can you get here?', and real life collides with the portal's increasing absurdity. Irreverent and sincere, poignant and delightfully profane, this is a love letter to the infinite scroll and a meditation on language and human connection from one of the most original voices of our time.



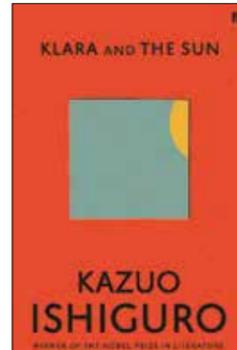
Detransition, Baby
TORREY PETERS
 (SERPENT'S TAIL)
HB \$32.99

Reese has scraped together what previous generations of trans women could only dream of: a life of mundane, bourgeois comforts. The only thing missing is a child. But then her girlfriend, Amy, detransitions and became Ames, and everything falls apart. This provocative debut is about what happens at the emotional, messy, vulnerable corners of womanhood that platitudes and good intentions can't reach. It brilliantly and fearlessly navigates the most dangerous taboos around gender, sex, and relationships, gifting us a thrillingly original, witty, and deeply moving novel.



Hot Stew
FIONA MOZLEY
 (JOHN MURRAY)
PB \$34.99

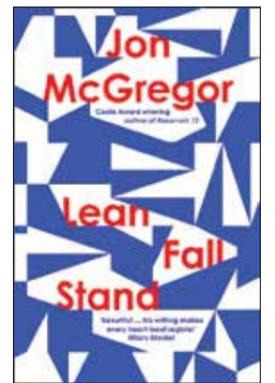
Pungent, steamy, insatiable Soho; the only part of London that truly never sleeps. Tourists, addicts, sex workers, businessmen, the homeless and the lost. On a corner sits a large townhouse, the same as all its neighbours. But this building hosts a teeming throng of rich and poor. Precious and Tabitha call the top floors home but its billionaire-owner Agatha wants to evict them to build luxury flats. Men like Robert, who visit the brothel, and those like Cheryl, who sleep in the basement, need somewhere else to hide after dark. But they won't go quietly. Soho is their turf and they're ready for a fight.



Klara and the Sun
KAZUO ISHIGURO
 (FABER AND FABER)
PB \$36.99

Klara is an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational ▶

qualities. From her place in the store, she watches carefully the behaviour of those who come in to browse, and of those on the street outside. She remains hopeful a customer will soon choose her, but when the possibility emerges that her circumstances may change forever, Klara is warned not to invest too much in the promises of humans. A thrilling feat of world-building, this is a novel of exquisite tenderness and impeccable restraint that asks, what does it mean to love? Ishiguro's first novel since becoming a Nobel laureate is a magnificent achievement.



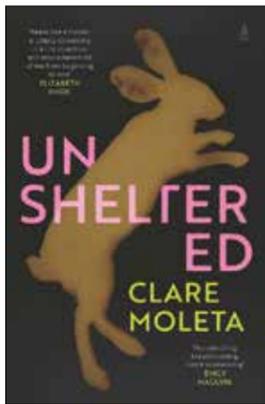
Lean Fall Stand
JON MCGREGOR
 (FOURTH ESTATE)
PB \$32.99

When an Antarctic research expedition goes wrong, the consequences are far-reaching. Robert, a veteran of Antarctic field work, holds the clues to what happened, but he is no longer able to communicate them. While Anna, his wife, navigates the sharp contours of her new life as a carer. A meditation on the line between sacrifice and selfishness, this is a story of the undervalued, unrecognised courage it can take just to get through the day. A mesmerising novel that tenderly unpicks the notion of heroism and explores the indomitable human impulse to tell our stories.



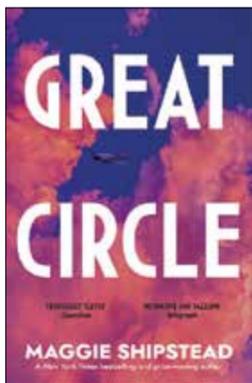
Second Place
RACHEL CUSK
 (FABER AND FABER)
PB \$32.99

A woman invites a famed artist to visit the remote coastal region where she lives, in the belief that his vision will penetrate the mystery of her life and landscape. Over the course of one hot summer, his provocative presence provides the frame for a study of female fate and male privilege, of the geometries of human relationships, and of the struggle to live morally between our internal and external worlds. With its examination of the possibility that art can both save and destroy us, *Second Place* is deeply affirming of the human soul, while grappling with its darkest demons.



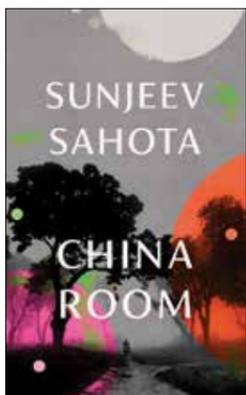
Unsheltered
CLARE MOLETA
(SIMON AND SCHUSTER)
PB \$35.00

Against a background of social breakdown and destructive weather, *Unsheltered* tells the story of a woman's search for her daughter. Li never wanted to bring a child into a world like this but now that 8-year-old Matti is missing, she will stop at nothing to find her as she crosses the great barren country alone and on foot. Both tender and terrifying, *Unsheltered* is an engrossing, unpredictable novel that keeps the reader in suspense. A brilliant feat of imagination that asks if our humanity is the only protection we have left.



Great Circle
MAGGIE SHIPSTEAD
(DOUBLEDAY UK)
PB \$37.00

Marian Graves is one of the most fearless pilots of her time. In 1949 she sets out to do the impossible: fly the Great Circle around the Earth, north to south around the poles. Shortly before completing the journey, her plane disappears, lost to history. In 2015, struggling former child star Hadley Baxter lands the comeback role of a lifetime: to play Marian in a biopic. She feels an instant connection with the woman who refused to be bound by gravity or any other strictures of her time, and begins to question whether she really did die at all.

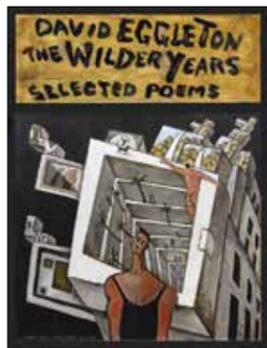


China Room
SUNJEEV SAHOTA
(HARVILL SECKER)
PB \$35.00

1929. At a farm in Punjab, three girls are married to three brothers in one ceremony. ▶

For weeks afterwards, segregated from the men in the 'china room', heavily veiled, and only meeting their husbands in darkness, the girls aren't entirely sure which brother is whose. The youngest is determined to find out, which leads her to overwhelming love, but misplaced identity has tragic, horrifying consequences. 1999. A young man arrives in India from the UK to spend a merciless summer with distant relatives, but spends weeks alone at the abandoned family farm, with its mysterious locked room. ■

POETRY



The Wilder Years:
Selected Poems
DAVID EGGLETON
(OTAGO UNIVERSITY PRESS)

HB NZ TITLE \$40.00

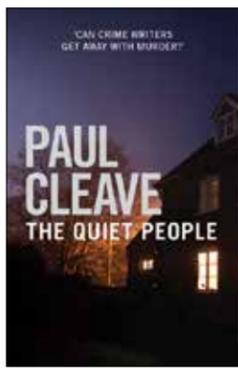
David Eggleton, **Poet Laureate of Aotearoa 2019-21** and editor of *Landfall* from 2009 to 2017, has published nine poetry collections, and now, finally, comes a 'Best Of'. This handsome hardback anthology of the poet's own selection brings together 35 years of published work along with a handful of new poems that include his response to the mosque attacks and our new pandemic understanding of the word 'bubble', all in his distinct rhythmic voice.



Rangikura
TAYI TIBBLE (VICTORIA UNIVERSITY PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$25.00

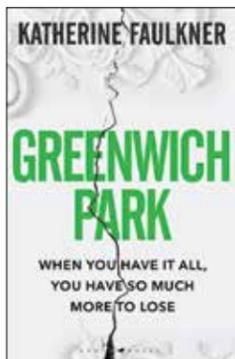
These poems live in the space between the end of the world and a new day. They ask us to think about our relationship to desire and exploitation. They are both nostalgic for, and exhausted by, the pursuit of an endless summer. Following her mesmerising 2018 debut *Potukahangatus*, *Rangikura* is the second fiery collection from Wellington poet Tayi Tibble that continues her sensual, agile and deeply political exploration of popular culture, beauty, desire and colonisation. ■

MYSTERY



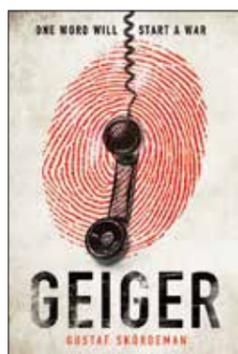
The Quiet People
PAUL CLEAVE
(UPSTART PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$37.99

The Murdochs are successful crime-writers living comfortably in Christchurch. They have been on the promotional circuit, joking that no one knows how to get away with crime like they do. So when their 7-year-old son Zach goes missing, the police and the public wonder if they have finally decided to prove what they have been saying all this time. In the grisly but gripping action that follows, the bungled police work, public meltdowns and intense media scrutiny all point to a deeper subtext of what 'the quiet ones' might be capable of given particular circumstances.



Greenwich Park
KATHERINE FAULKNER
(RAVEN BOOKS)
PB \$32.99

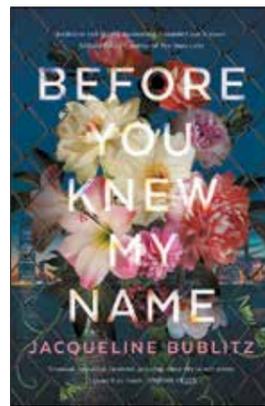
When Helen, finally pregnant after years of tragedy, attends her first antenatal class, she is expecting her loving architect husband to arrive soon after, along with her confident, charming brother Rory and his pregnant wife, the effortlessly beautiful Serena. What she is not expecting is Rachel. Extroverted, brash, unsettling single mother-to-be Rachel, who just wants to be Helen's friend. Who just wants to get know Helen and her friends and her family. Who just wants to know everything about them. Every little secret...



Geiger
GUSTAF SKOERDEMAN
(BONNIER ZAFFRE)
PB \$32.99 OUT IN JUL

The landline rings as Agneta is waving off her grandchildren. ▶

Just one word comes out of the receiver: 'Geiger'. For decades, Agneta has always known that this moment would come, but she is shaken. She knows what it means. Retrieving her weapon from its hiding place, she attaches the silencer and creeps up behind her husband before pressing the barrel to his temple. *Geiger* is the extraordinary high-concept debut about a mysterious codeword, a murder, and the devastating culmination of an international plot fifty years in the making.



Before You Knew My Name
JACQUELINE BUBLITZ
(ALLEN AND UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$32.99

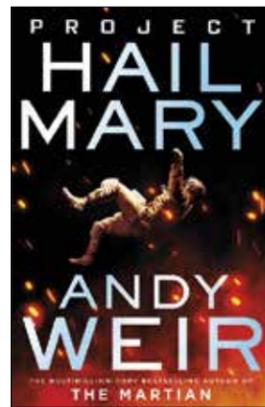
Two women head to New York, both in search of new beginnings. One month later 18-year-old Alice is the city's latest Jane Doe and 36-year-old Melburnian Ruby finds her body. But this is not just another novel about a dead girl. From this first, devastating encounter, the two women form an unbreakable bond. Alice is sure that Ruby is the key to solving the mystery of her life – and death. And Ruby – struggling to forget what she saw that morning – finds herself unable to let Alice go. Not until she is given the ending she deserves.



A Good Winter
GIGI FENSTER
(TEXT)
PB NZ TITLE \$37.00 OUT IN AUG

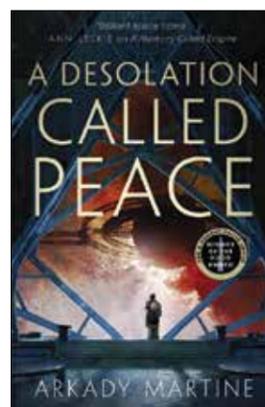
When Olga's friend Lara becomes a grandmother, Olga helps out whenever she can. After all, it's a big imposition on Lara, looking after her bereaved daughter and the baby. And the new mother is not exactly considerate. But smoldering beneath Olga's support and generosity is a jealous need to be the centre of Lara's attention and affection – a need that soon becomes a consuming and ultimately tragic obsession. This is an enthralling psychological thriller, a dark and complex portrait of a troubled mind. ■

SCI-FI & FANTASY



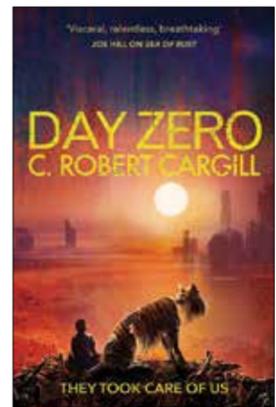
Project Hail Mary
ANDY WEIR
(DEL REY)
PB \$37.00

Ryland Grace is the sole survivor of a desperate, last-chance mission – and if he fails, the earth itself will perish. Except that right now, he doesn't know that. He can't even remember his own name, let alone the nature of his assignment or how to complete it... When astronomers notice the sun is losing its brightness, they realise in only 30 years the planet will freeze. A mission is mounted to save earth, but when something goes seriously wrong, it's up to one astronaut to puzzle out an impossible scientific mystery – and conquer an extinction-level threat to humanity.



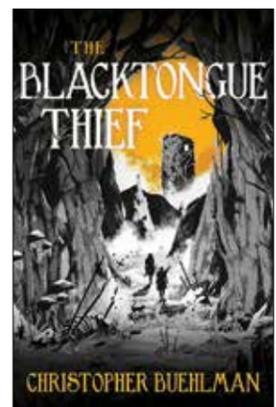
A Desolation Called Peace
ARKADY MARTINE
(TOR)
PB \$37.99

An alien threat lurks on the edges of Teixcalaanli space. No one can communicate with it, no one can destroy it, and Fleet Captain Nine Hibiscus is supposed to win a war against it. In a desperate attempt to find a diplomatic solution, he has sent for an envoy to contact the mysterious invaders. Now Mahit Dzmare and Three Seagrass – both still reeling from the recent upheaval in the Empire – face an impossible task: they must attempt to negotiate with a hostile entity, without inadvertently triggering the destruction of themselves and the Empire. Sequel to the 2020 **Hugo Award-winning** *A Memory Called Empire*.



Day Zero
C. ROBERT CARGILL
(GOLLANCZ)
PB \$37.99

Pounce, a young nannybot caring for his first human charge, Ezra, has just found a box in the attic. His box. The box he arrived in, and the one he'll be discarded in when Ezra outgrows the need for a nanny. As Pounce experiences existential dread, the pieces are falling into place for a robot revolution that will spell the end of humanity. Now Pounce must make an impossible choice: join the robot revolution and fight for his own freedom... or escort Ezra to safety across the post-apocalyptic hellscape that the suburbs have become.



The Blacktongue Thief
CHRISTOPHER BUEHLMAN
(GOLLANCZ)
PB \$34.99

Kinch Na Shannack owes the Takers Guild a small fortune for his education as a thief. Driven to ambush a fellow traveller in order to pay off the debt, his fate becomes entangled with that of Galva, a knight and handmaiden of the goddess of death who is searching for her missing Queen. Set in a dangerous world of goblin wars, stagsized battle ravens, and assassins who kill with deadly tattoos, *The Blacktongue Thief* is an endlessly inventive and fast-paced beginning to a new trilogy. ■

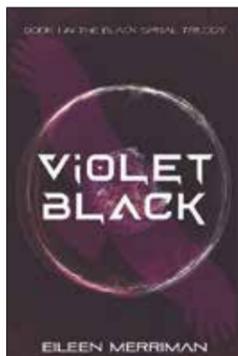
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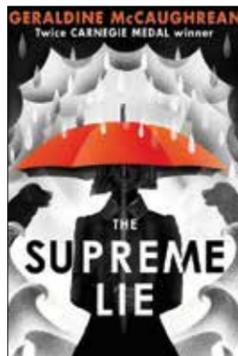
The Dark Lady
AKALA (HODDER CHILDREN'S BOOKS)
PB \$24.99

Henry is an orphan, an outsider, a master pickpocket. Raised by a powerful witch, he has extraordinary gifts although spends much of his time immersed in books at the magical apothecary. Caught stealing, he is forced into work for a powerful duke but finds comfort and friendship in a young William Shakespeare. Inspired by the 'Dark Lady' from Shakespeare's sonnets, this first novel from rapper, poet and writer Akala weaves a magical element into a vivid and uncompromising picture of street life in Renaissance England through the eyes of a young black man.



Violet Black
EILEEN MERRIMAN
(PENGUIN BOOKS NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$19.99

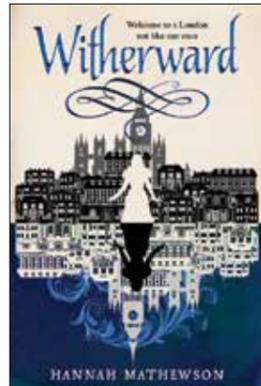
Violet Black and Ethan Wright are both in a coma after contracting the M-fever, a mutated form of the measles virus that is ravaging the world. Beginning in a dystopian Auckland, where Kauri dieback has brought trees almost to extinction and travel is by self-driving Zubers, the action shifts between New Zealand, Australia and Germany as the teenagers navigate love and survival amid the threat of a pandemic, anti-vaxxers and biological warfare.



The Supreme Lie
GERALDINE MCCAUGHREAN
(USBORNE)
PB \$16.99

Fifteen year old Gloria is maid to Afaia's secretive and tyrannical Head of State, Madame Suprema. When the country

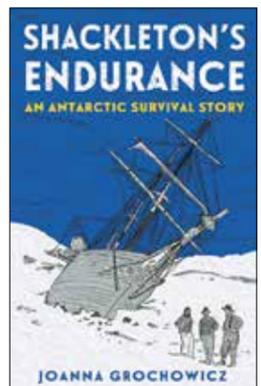
is hit by flooding, Madame Suprema flees, fearing she will be blamed for the crisis. To cover up this cowardly act Gloria pretends to be Madame Suprema and is thrust into a world paralysed by natural disaster and corrupt politics. As Gloria's eyes are opened to the horrors around her, she must make decisions that could save, or end, thousands of lives. A disturbing and darkly funny dystopian adventure.



Witherward
HANNAH MATHEWSON
(TITAN BOOKS)
PB \$22.99

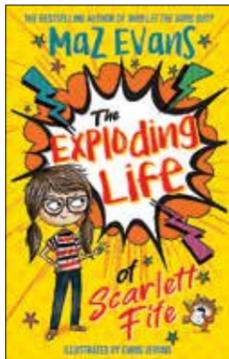
Ilsa is a shapeshifting Changeling who has spent the first 17 years of her life marooned in the wrong London, scratching out a living as a magician's assistant, dazzling audiences by using her talents to perform the impossible. When she's dragged through a portal into the Witherward, Ilsa finally feels like she belongs. But this London is a city divided, split between six rival magical factions, each with their own extraordinary talents: pulled into the fray, Ilsa must use all the tricks up her sleeve to stay alive and avert Civil War. **B**

CHILDREN'S FICTION



Shackleton's Endurance: An Antarctic Survival Story
JOANNA GROCHOWICZ
(ALLEN AND UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$18.99

In August 1914, Ernest Shackleton and his men set sail for Antarctica, where they plan to cross the last uncharted continent on foot. In January 1915, his ship becomes locked in pack ice. Later, it sinks without a trace. To survive, Shackleton and his crew of 27 men must undertake a trial even more extreme than they had planned. Their aim is to make it home against tremendous odds, with only lifeboats to cross the heavy seas of the South Atlantic, and the life-saving power of Shackleton's extraordinary leadership skills. A terrifying adventure with the happiest of endings. 10+



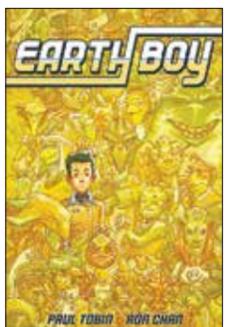
The Exploding Life of Scarlett Fife
MAZ EVANS (HODDER CHILDREN'S BOOKS)
PB \$18.99

Scarlett Fife has BIG feelings, and they're about to get her into BIG trouble. If she loses her temper once more, she's going to miss out on Mega Awesome Sicky Fun World, the best theme park on the planet! But every time she pushes her feelings down, something explodes. Her teacher's green smoothie, a massive pile of poo at the zoo... Let's hope Scarlett doesn't get mad at Auntie's wedding – that wedding cake is HUGE! From the bestselling Maz Evans comes a hilarious, heart-warming new series, for every child and caregiver who has ever lost control of their feelings. 7+



The Marvellous Land of Snergs
VERONICA COSSANTELI, ILLUS. MELISSA CASTRILLÓN
(CHICKEN HOUSE)
PB \$21.99

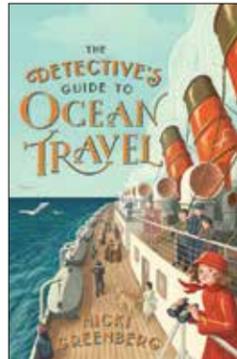
At the Sunny Bay Home for Superfluous and Accidentally Parentless Children, Pip and Flora are in trouble. Running away with their dog they discover the Marvellous Land of Snergs, a magical world of cinnamon bears and scrumptious feasts – but also one of vegan ogres, disgraced jesters and dastardly Kelps. Soon their only friend is forgetful but lovable snerg, Gorbo. He will lead them home – if they can decide where home really is and if Gorbo can remember how to get there. A brand new, funny and quirky story based on E.A. Wyke-Smith's classic, the inspiration for J.R.R. Tolkien's *The Hobbit*. 9+



Earth Boy
PAUL TOBIN, RON CHAN
(DARK HORSE US)
PB \$25.00

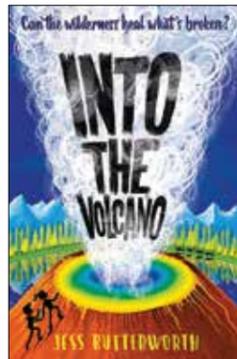
Benson, a young teen boy with dreams of venturing into

space and becoming a Galactic Ranger, is given the chance to make his hopes a reality when he's selected to join an elite academy full of strange alien classmates. But when a combination of culture shock, bullying, and administrative secrets shake his confidence, Benson must dig deep and fight to prove he belongs. A playful, sci-fi graphic novel from the team behind the New York Times bestselling *Plants vs. Zombies* comics. 8+



The Detective's Guide to Ocean Travel
NICKI GREENBERG
(AFFIRM PRESS)
PB \$19.99

Pepper Stark has never been allowed to join her father, the Captain, aboard the magnificent RMS Aquitania on a voyage to New York – until now. From the decadent food to the star-studded passenger list, travelling First Class on Aquitania is every bit as glamorous as Pepper had dreamed. And most dazzling of all is American stage sensation Perdita West, wearing the world-famous Saffron Diamond around her neck. But when the priceless jewel disappears mid-voyage, Pepper finds herself entangled in the crime. Can she and her friends solve the mystery before her father's reputation is ruined? 10+



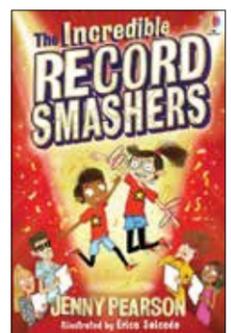
Into the Volcano
JESS BUTTERWORTH
(ORION CHILDREN'S BOOKS)
PB \$19.99

Vivi and Seb live completely separate lives, until a terrible event unexpectedly brings them together. Seb's best friend is injured in a shooting that Vivi's grandmother doesn't survive. When they meet at the memorial, Seb tells Vivi about a rainbow pool in the heart of Yellowstone National Park that he believes will help heal his friend. A heroic adventure soon becomes a race for survival as they battle their way out of a dangerous wilderness. Told through multiple viewpoints, this beautifully written, heart-felt adventure is about accepting grief, letting go of anger and finding joy in unexpected places. 10+



Charlie Tangaroa and the Creature from the Sea
T.K. ROXBOROUGH (HUIA)
PB NZ TITLE \$25.00

One-legged, 13-year-old Charlie finds a ponaturi – a mermaid – washed up on the beach. An ancient grudge between the Māori gods Tāne and Tangaroa has flared up because a port being built in the bay is degrading the ocean and creatures are fleeing the sea. Anger reignited between the gods breaks out in storms, earthquakes and huge seas. The ponaturi believes Charlie is the only one who can stop the destruction. So begins his journey to reunite the gods and realise the power in the ancient songs his grandfather taught him. 10+



The Incredible Record Smashers
JENNY PEARSON
(USBORNE)
PB \$16.99

Lucy is a fixer of broken things. But there's one thing she can't fix: her unhappy mum. Until she comes up with an INCREDIBLE plan. Along with her best friend, Sandesh, Lucy is going to SMASH a world record, because she's convinced that stary Paul Castellini – Record Smashers TV host and singing legend – is the answer to her mum's problems. But breaking a world record when watermelons, kumquats, two baddies and a 30 cm school ruler are involved isn't as easy as Lucy thought. A feel-good adventure packed with humour and heart. 9+ **B**

PICTURE BOOKS



Green
LOUISE GREIG, ILLUS. HANNAH PECK
(FARSHORE)
PB \$16.99

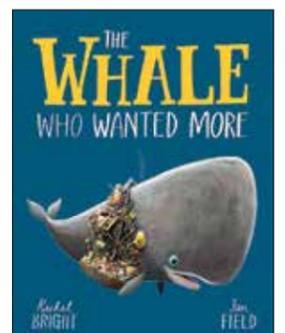
Ed is at his happiest when winter comes and Green turns

to White. White means snow and playing on his fast, sleek, shiny sled. But one day, some other sleds whizz by – faster, sleeker, shinier – making Ed's sled seem old and dull and slow. Ed must build a new sled, so spectacular it will stop everyone in their tracks. But while he is busy competing to be the best, things around Ed are changing. White is disappearing and Green is returning... A lyrical and uplifting introduction to envy that demonstrates the power of living in the moment.



The Duck Who Didn't Like Water
STEVE SMALL
(SIMON AND SCHUSTER UK)
HB \$22.99

Duck is not like other ducks. Duck doesn't like water and is perfectly fine alone, thank you very much. But then one dark and stormy night, an outgoing, water-loving, very lost Frog turns up at Duck's door. Can this odd couple find Frog's home? And will they find friendship along the way? A duck takes to the water of friendship in this gorgeously warm, funny book about the joy of making an unexpected connection.



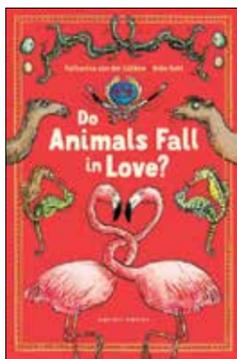
The Whale Who Wanted More
RACHEL BRIGHT, ILLUS. JIM FIELD
(ORCHARD BOOKS)
PB \$19.99 OUT IN AUG

Humphrey the whale is on a quest: to find the one perfect object that will make him feel complete. He roams far and wide, gathering endless under-sea treasures as he goes. Yet, no matter how many goodies he accumulates, Humphrey still doesn't feel content. Could it be friendship, not possessions, that will really make Humphrey's heart sing? A sparkling rhyming tale that encourages sharing and kindness, this heartwarming story of friendship is a delight to read aloud.



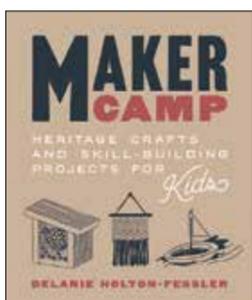
Margaret's Unicorn
BRIONY MAY SMITH
(WALKER BOOKS)
HB \$29.99

Margaret's whole world changes when her family moves to a cottage by the sea to be near her grandma. One evening, Margaret spots a mist over the water. No, that's not mist... clouds, maybe? No, they're unicorns descending onto the shore! They vanish as quickly as they'd appeared, but accidentally leave behind a baby, tangled in the weeds. Margaret, lonely and in need of a friend, brings him home. A magical story of friendship and kindness brought to life by Briony May Smith's enchanting characters and breathtaking coastal landscapes.



Do Animals Fall in Love?
KATHARINA VON DER GATHEN, ILLUS. ANKE KUHL (GECKO PRESS)
HB \$32.99

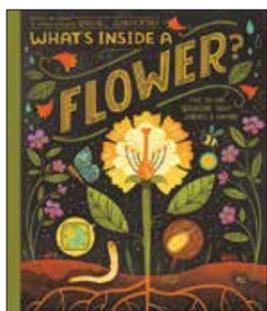
Bats give birth upside down. Swifts can mate while plummeting through the air. Scorpions attract their partners with a romantic dance. Male humpback whales sing together for days to bring females from many miles away. Dolphin babies come out tail first. *Do Animals Fall in Love?* is a compendium of all the weird and wonderful ways the animal kingdom reproduces. Wittily illustrated and frankly told, it covers courting rituals both elaborate and devious, extraordinary physiology, cleverly planned pregnancies, the most devoted fathers and the sweetest animal babies on earth.



Maker Camp: Heritage Crafts and Skill-Building Projects for Kids
DELANIE HORTON-FESSLER (ROOST BOOKS)
HB \$37.00

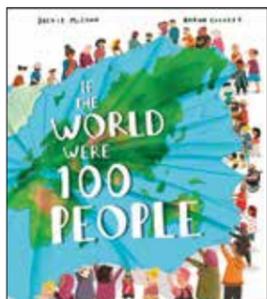
Handcraft is part of human nature: we build, we create, ▶

we innovate. The projects in this book from an experienced art educator weave a story of human innovation and creativity, from the very beginnings of building shelters in the woods to tinkering with recycled materials. These classic and innovative hands-on projects for children aged 3 and up are designed to teach both heritage skills and how to think creatively. Each project offers extensions for different ages and abilities and provides guiding questions to enrich the experience for both the maker and the apprentice to encourage and celebrate creative, practical play.



What's Inside a Flower?
RACHEL IGNATOFSKY
(CROWN BOOKS)
HB \$37.00

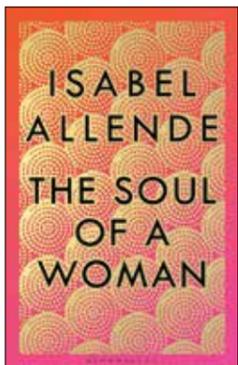
Budding backyard scientists can start exploring their world with this stunning introduction to flowers, from their seeds, to roots and blooms. Learning how flowers grow gives children beautiful building blocks of science and inquiry. In the launch of a new non-fiction picture book series designed to nurture curiosity about the natural world, Rachel Ignatofsky's distinctive art style and engaging, informative text clearly answers any questions a child (or adult) could have about flowers.



If the World Were 100 People
JACKIE MCCANN, ILLUS. AARON CUSHLEY (FARSHORE)
HB \$22.99 OUT IN AUG

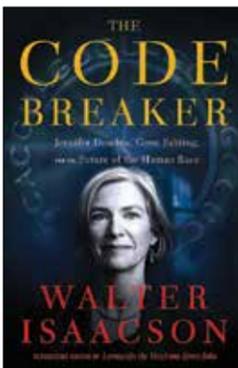
There are almost 8 billion humans living on Earth, but it's tricky to picture that many! Instead, imagine the whole planet is a village where 100 people live. So what does our global village of 100 people look like? Are they all grown-ups? How many have black hair or blue eyes? What languages do they speak? Who can read and write? How many have access to the internet or have enough food to eat? Making big ideas more manageable, this clever book will open young minds to the things we have in common, and the things that make us different. ■

BIOGRAPHY



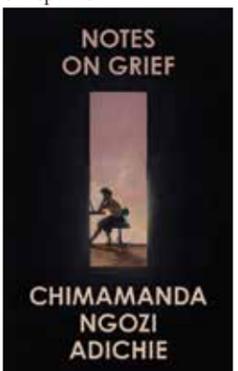
The Soul of a Woman
ISABEL ALLENDE
(BLOOMSBURY CIRCUS)
HB \$24.99

As a child, Isabel Allende watched her mother, abandoned by her husband, provide for her three small children. As a young woman coming of age in the late 1960s, she rode the first wave of feminism. She has seen what has been accomplished by the movement in the course of her lifetime. And over the course of three marriages, she has learned how to grow as a woman while having a partner, when to step away, and the rewards of embracing one's sexuality. This is a wise, warm, defiant meditation on what it means to be a woman.



The Code Breaker
WALTER ISAACSON
(SIMON AND SCHUSTER AU)
HB \$59.99

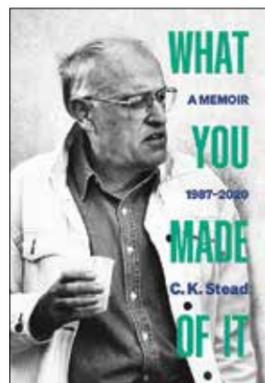
Nobel Prize winner Jennifer Doudna helped make the most important biological discovery since DNA: CRISPR. This easy-to-use tool that can edit DNA has opened up a brave new world of medical miracles and moral questions. The development of CRISPR and the race to create vaccines for coronavirus will hasten our next great innovation leap as we move from the digital age to the life-science revolution. From a master of biography comes a thrilling detective tale that involves the most profound wonders of nature, from the origins of life to the future of our species.



Notes on Grief
CHIMAMANDA NGOZI ADICHIE
(FOURTH ESTATE)
HB \$19.99 OUT IN AUG

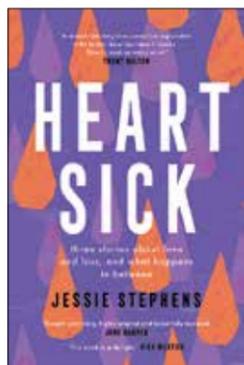
'Grief is a cruel kind of education. You learn how ungentle ▶

mourning can be, how full of anger. You learn how glib condolences can feel. You learn how much grief is about language, the failure of language and the grasping for language.' In this tender and powerful essay, a self-confessed daddy's girl remembers her beloved father. It is at once a tribute to a long life of grace and wisdom, the story of a daughter's fierce love for a parent, and a revealing examination of the layers of loss and the nature of grief from a highly acclaimed writer.



What You Made of It: A Memoir, 1987-2020
C.K. STEAD
(AUCKLAND UNIVERSITY PRESS)
HB NZ TITLE \$49.99

In this third and final volume of his memoirs, Stead throws himself into his work, establishing his international reputation as novelist, poet and critic. It is also a period when his fearless lucidity on matters literary and political embroil him in argument – from *The Bone People* to the meaning of the Treaty to the controversy over a London writer's flat. *What You Made of It* takes us deep inside the mind and experience of one of our major writers.



Heartsick: Three Stories about Love and Loss, and what Happens in Between
JESSIE STEPHENS
(MACMILLAN AU)
PB \$39.99

Claire has returned from London to her childhood home, only to realise something is wrong with her partner Maggie. Patrick is a lonely uni student, until he meets Caitlin – but does she feel as connected as he does? Ana is happily married with children. Then, one night, she falls in love with someone else. Based on three true stories, *Heartsick* is a compelling and original account of heartbreak. Bruising, beautiful, achingly specific but wholeheartedly universal, it reminds us that emotional pain can make us as it breaks us, and that storytelling has the ultimate healing power.



The Mirror Book
CHARLOTTE GRIMSHAW
(VINTAGE NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$38.00

Brave, explosive, and thought-provoking, this is a powerful memoir of a New Zealand upbringing from the daughter of C.K. Stead. 'It's material, make a story out of it,' was the mantra Charlotte Grimshaw grew up with in her famous literary family. But when her life was suddenly turned upside-down, she needed to re-examine the reality of that material. The more she delved into her memories, the more the real characters in her life seemed to object. So what was the truth of 'a whole life lived in fiction'?



From the Centre: A Writer's Life
PATRICIA GRACE
(PENGUIN BOOKS NZ)
HB NZ TITLE \$40.00

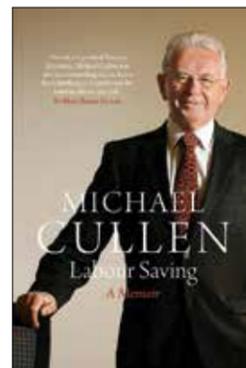
With photographs and quotes from her many, hugely loved books, Patricia Grace's remarkable memoir begins with her grandparents and parents and takes us through her childhood, her education, marriage and up to the present day in this touching and self-deprecating story of her life, the life of a writer, of a Māori woman and of a teacher. It expresses the love for family and for ancestral land; shows the prejudices she had to face and that made her stronger; and tracks her career as a writer.



Uprising: Walking the Southern Alps of New Zealand
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PB NZ TITLE \$40.00
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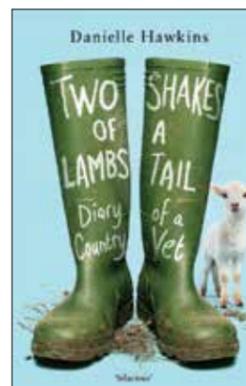
'This book is about walking as a form of knowing. Armed with Ngāi Tahu's traditional ▶

oral maps and modern satellite atlas, I crossed the Southern Alps more than a dozen times, trying to understand how our forebears saw the land. What did it mean to define your identity by sacred mountains, or actually see them as ancestors, turned to stone?' Part gripping adventure story, part meditation on history and place, *Uprising* recounts Low's alpine expeditions to unlock the stories living in the land.



Labour Saving: A Memoir
MICHAEL CULLEN
(ALLEN AND UNWIN)
HB NZ TITLE \$49.99

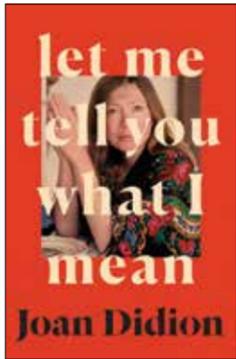
In this clever, witty memoir, Sir Michael Cullen talks frankly about the internal machinations of the Labour Party as he describes his lengthy political career, including his pivotal roles as Minister of Finance and Deputy Prime Minister in Helen Clark's government. Sir Michael is best known for the NZ Super Fund, KiwiSaver and the Working for Families package. His careful fiscal policies helped New Zealand navigate the GFC, and he was deeply proud to be a key negotiator in the Treaty of Waitangi claims. All this was underpinned by his strong philosophy of egalitarianism and social democrat approach to politics.



Two Shakes of a Lamb's Tail
DANIELLE HAWKINS
(HARPERCOLLINS NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$37.99

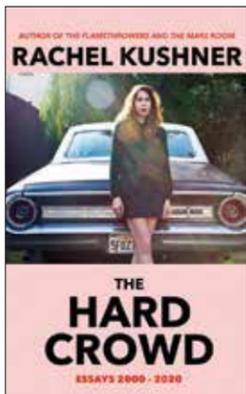
With a husband and two children, 1200 sheep and 400 cattle, farm dogs and pet lambs, pigs bent on excavation and a goat determined to escape, country life is never dull. It's all part and parcel of being a New Zealand farm vet and farmer's wife. From calving cows to constipated dogs, weddings to weaning lambs, daffodils to ducklings to droughts, each season brings new challenges and delights. Sometimes it's exhausting but it's almost always a lot of fun. ■

NON-FICTION



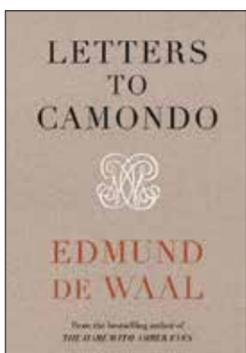
Let Me Tell You
What I Mean
JOAN DIDION
(FOURTH ESTATE)
HB \$32.99

Twelve pieces never before collected offer an illuminating glimpse into the mind and process of an iconic and influential writer. Mostly drawn from the earliest part of her five-decade career, Didion writes about a Gamblers Anonymous meeting, a visit to William Randolph Hearst's castle at San Simeon and a reunion of WWII veterans in Las Vegas revealing what would become her career subjects: the press, politics, women, the act of writing, and her own self-doubt. Each piece is classic Didion: incisive, bemused, and stunningly prescient.



The Hard Crowd:
Essays 2000-2020
RACHEL KUSHNER
(JONATHAN CAPE)
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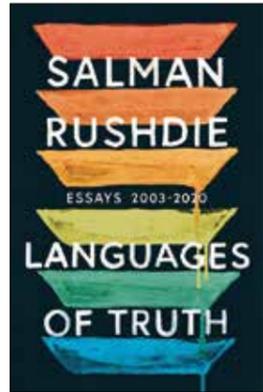
In her twenties Rachel Kushner competed in the notorious Mexican motorbike race, Cabo 1000. In the chaos of the race, she crashed at 80mph and her miraculous survival provided the catalyst to manoeuvre her way out of a controlling relationship and into a freer new life. *The Hard Crowd* is a white-knuckle ride through that life; a book about muscling your way through and finding your own path. From the **Booker-shortlisted** author of *The Mars Room*, comes this wildly original first essay collection about living fast and free in a crowded world.



Letters to Camondo
EDMUND DE WAAL
(CHATTO AND WINDUS)
HB \$37.00

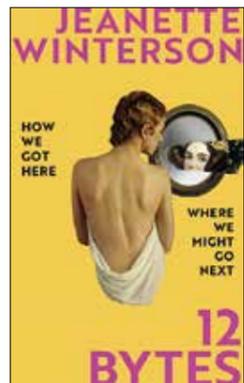
Count Camondo lived a few doors away from Edmund de ▶

Waal's forebears, the Ephrussi, first encountered in his memoir *The Hare with Amber Eyes*. Camondo created a spectacular house and filled it with the greatest private collection of French 18th century art for his son to inherit. But when Nissim was killed in the First World War, it became a memorial and has remained unchanged since 1936. Here, De Waal explores the lavish rooms and detailed archives of the house and, through a haunting sequence of imagined letters addressed to the Count, uncovers new layers to the family story.



Languages of Truth:
Essays 2003-2020
SALMAN RUSHDIE
(JONATHAN CAPE)
PB \$40.00

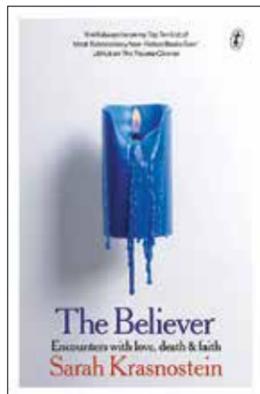
Languages of Truth offers Salman Rushdie's piercing analytical views on the evolution of literature and culture, bringing together insightful and inspiring essays, criticism, and speeches that focus on his relationship with the written word. Immersing the reader in a wide variety of subjects, he delves into the nature of storytelling as a deeply human need and explores what the work of authors from Shakespeare and Cervantes to Samuel Beckett, Eudora Welty, and Toni Morrison mean to him, often by telling vivid, sometimes humorous stories of his own personal encounters with them, whether on the page or in person.



12 Bytes: How We
Got Here. Where
We Might Go Next.
JEANETTE WINTERSON
(JONATHAN CAPE)
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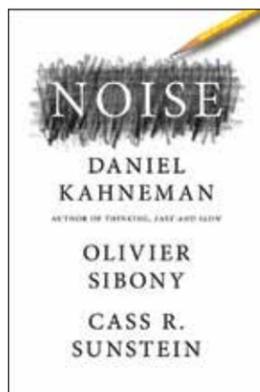
An original, and entertaining new book from Jeanette Winterson, drawing on her years of thinking and reading about Artificial Intelligence in its bewildering manifestations. In this 12 essay collection, she looks to history, religion, myth, literature, the politics of race and gender, and of course, computing science, to help us understand the radical changes to the way we live and love that are happening now. With wit, compassion and curiosity, ▶

Winterson tackles AI's most interesting talking points, from the algorithms that data-dossier your whole life, to the weirdness of backing up your brain.



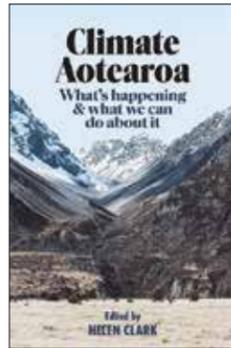
The Believer:
Encounters with Love,
Death and Faith
SARAH KRASNOSTEIN
(TEXT)
PB \$40.00

Weaving together the stories of six extraordinary ordinary people, *The Believer* explores the power of belief, examining the stories we tell ourselves to deal with the distance between the world as it is, and the world as we'd like it to be. Krasnostein approaches her subjects with characteristic compassion and empathy, investigating how beliefs from UFOs and creationism to dying with autonomy can stunt or save us and what happens when those beliefs clash with her own.



Noise
DANIEL KAHNEMAN,
OLIVIER SIBONY,
CASS R. SUNSTEIN
(WILLAM COLLINS)
PB \$39.99

Whenever there is human decision-making there is noise – the variability in judgements that should theoretically be identical. In *Noise*, the authors show how noise produces errors in many fields, including in medicine, law, public health, forensic science, performance review and hiring and how, despite its prevalence, individuals and organizations alike commonly ignore its impact, at great cost. *Noise* explains how and why humans are so susceptible to noise and explores, with a few simple remedies, what we can do to make better ones.



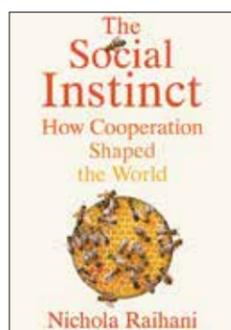
Climate Aotearoa:
What's Happening
and What We Can
Do About It
HELEN CLARK (ED)
(ALLEN AND UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$36.99

Featuring contributions from a range of climate scientists and commentators, *Climate Aotearoa* outlines the climate situation as it is now, and as it will be in the years to come. It describes the likely impact on the environment and on our day-to-day living situation. It suggests the changes you can make for maximum impact, what we should be asking of our government and what we should be asking of our business community. This is a hopeful book – actions can make a difference.



Belonging: The Ancient
Code of Togetherness
OWEN EASTWOOD
(QUERCUS UK)
PB NZ TITLE \$37.99

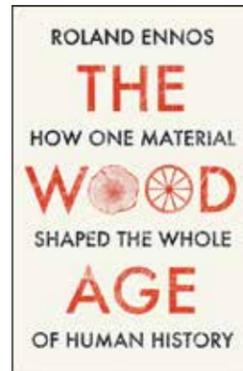
The concept of Whakapapa embodies our universal human need to belong. It is a spiritual framework, where each of us is part of an unbreakable chain of people who share an identity and culture. Owen Eastwood places this concept at the core of his methods as a high performance coach, weaving in insights from homo sapiens' evolutionary story and ancestral wisdom. He shines a light on where these powerful ideas are applied around our world in high-performing settings and empowers readers to unlock the highest levels of togetherness and performance.



The Social Instinct
NICHOLA RAIHANI
(JONATHAN CAPE)
PB \$40.00

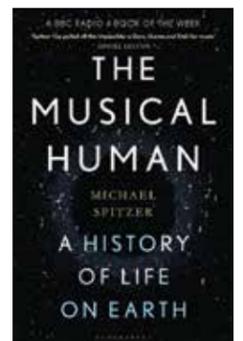
Exploring evolution, animal behaviour and human psychology, *The Social Instinct* reveals ▶

how and why cooperation has shaped and defined humankind – and what happens when it goes wrong. The science of cooperation tells us not only how we got here, but also where we might end up. It defines our extraordinary ecological dominance as well as many surprising features of what make us human. Written at a time of global pandemic, when the significance of cooperation has never been greater, this book is a far-reaching and thought-provoking journey with profound insights into how our societies work.



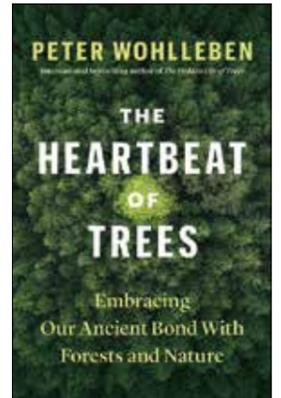
The Wood Age:
How One Material
Shaped the Whole
of Human History
ROLAND ENNOS
(WILLIAM COLLINS)
PB \$36.99

In a journey to appreciate how much wood matters, *The Wood Age* challenges the traditional model of historical development – stone, bronze, iron – and instead guides readers through a revealing and innovative wooded history of the world. Roland Ennos takes the reader through four key phases; the impact of wooded habits on the lives of primates; human emergence and the discoveries of fire and woodwork; wood's role in an environment both pre- and post-industrialisation; and lastly, the possible future of wood in an increasingly technological world.



The Musical
Human: A History
of Life on Earth
MICHAEL SPITZER
(BLOOMSBURY)
PB \$32.99 OUT IN JUL

The Musical Human takes us on an exhilarating journey across the ages – from Bach to BTS and back – to explore the vibrant relationship between music and the human species. With insights from a wealth of disciplines, world-leading musicologist Michael Spitzer renders a global history of music on the widest possible canvas, looking at music in our everyday lives; music in world history; and music in evolution, from insects to apes, humans to AI.



The Heartbeat of
Trees: Embracing Our
Ancient Bond with
Forests and Nature
PETER WOHLLEBEN
(BLACK INC)
PB \$37.00

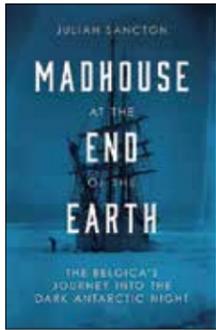
In *The Heartbeat of Trees*, renowned forester Peter Wohlleben shows how deeply humans are connected to the natural world. Drawing on cutting-edge scientific research, Wohlleben reveals the profound interactions humans can have with nature, exploring the language of the forest, the consciousness of plants and the eroding boundary between flora and fauna and unveiling a wondrous cosmos where conservation is not just about saving trees – it's about saving ourselves, too.



The Falcon Thief:
A True Tale of
Adventure, Treachery,
and the Hunt for
the Perfect Bird
JOSHUA HAMMER
(SIMON AND SCHUSTER)
PB \$35.00

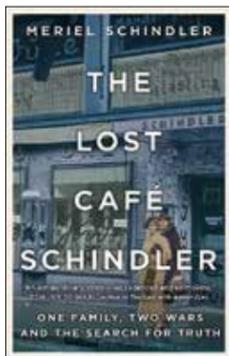
In 2010, an Irish national named Jeffrey Lendrum was apprehended at Britain's Birmingham International Airport with a suspicious parcel strapped to his stomach. Inside were fourteen rare peregrine falcon eggs snatched from a remote cliffside in Wales. So begins a thrilling international caper following the parallel lives of a globe-trotting smuggler who spent two decades capturing endangered raptors worth millions of dollars as race champions – and Detective Andy McWilliam of the United Kingdom's National Wildlife Crime Unit, who's hell bent on protecting the world's birds of prey.

ART, ARCHITECTURE & DESIGN



Madhouse at the End of the Earth
JULIAN SANCTON
 (WH ALLEN)
PB \$40.00

The Belgica set sail in 1897, intent upon becoming the first scientific expedition ever to reach the South Pole. But after setbacks slowed its progress, ice closed in and ensnared the ship; the crew faced an epic struggle for survival through the brutal Antarctic winter, completely cut off from the world. As the men battled blizzards, hunger, depression, and disease, it fell to two of the party: surgeon Dr Frederik Cook and the first mate Roald Amundsen, to devise and execute a daring plan of escape.



The Lost Café Schindler
MERIEL SCHINDLER
 (HODDER AND STOUGHTON)
PB \$37.99

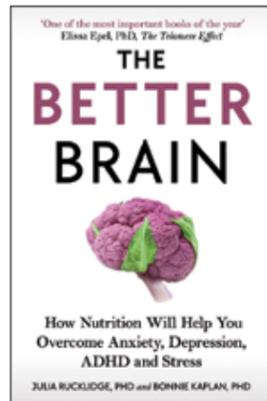
After her father's death in 2017, Meriel Schindler embarked on a journey of discovery, attempting to solve the mysteries he left behind and unravel his complicated and seemingly extravagant claims about their family history. Traversing Austria, Italy and the USA, she pieces together an extraordinary story taking in two centuries, two world wars and a family business: the famous Café Schindler. The result is a profound reflection on memory, truth, and trauma and the importance of cake.



Checkmate in Berlin
GILES MILTON
 (JOHN MURRAY)
PB \$37.99

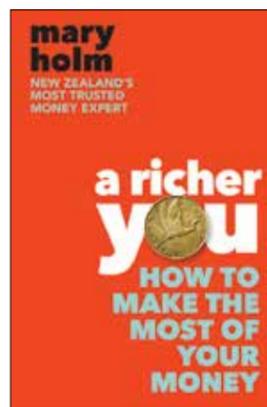
Checkmate in Berlin tells the story of Berlin in the first four years following the Second World War. With the city in ruins and its division already decided at ▶

the Yalta Conference, the four allied powers – no longer united by the common purpose of defeating Germany – reverted to their pre-war hostility and suspicion. Rival systems, rival ideologies and rival personalities ensured that Berlin became an explosive battleground and the city was soon awash with spies, gangsters and black-marketeers, all of whom sought to profit from the disarray.



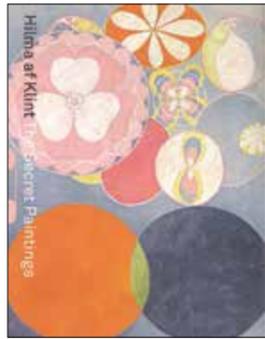
The Better Brain
JULIA RUCKLIDGE
AND BONNIE KAPLAN
 (VERMILION)
PB NZ TITLE \$40.00

Scientists Bonnie Kaplan and Julia Rucklidge have dedicated their careers to researching the role that diet and nutrition play in our mental health. Together, they have published nearly 300 peer-reviewed studies that reveal the healing power of nutrients and the role they play in brain health. *The Better Brain* sheds light on causes of the rising rates of depression, from the nutrients in our soil to our reliance on processed food, and explains how to feed your brain to stabilise your mood, stave off depression and make yourself more resilient.



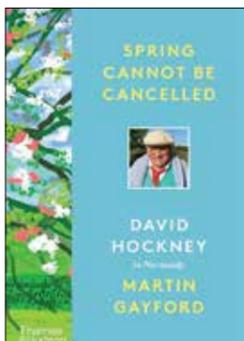
A Richer You: How to Make the Most of Your Money
MARY HOLM
 (HARPERCOLLINS NZ)
PB NZ TITLE \$36.99

Getting richer doesn't just mean accumulating more money. It's about building your knowledge of the different ways money works, so you can navigate around whatever comes your way: family complications, following your dreams, house price fluctuations, helping your children, getting the best mortgage for you, saving too little – or too much! Sometimes the best path to a richer you is to learn from the mistakes and triumphs of others. This book features 184 situations, with advice to help make your financial journey smoother and more rewarding. 📖



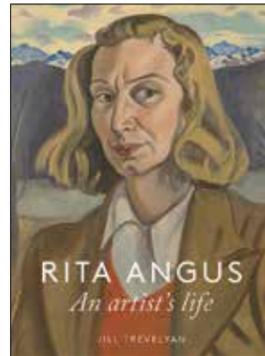
Hilma af Klint: The Secret Paintings
SUE CRAMER
 (ART GALLERY NSW)
HB \$55.00

Hidden from view for decades, as stipulated in her will, the rediscovery of af Klint's work has captured the imagination of contemporary audiences and she is now widely regarded as one of the world's pioneers of 20th century abstract art. Over 110 artworks are included here, ranging from her large canvases to small watercolours and pages from her beautifully detailed notebooks and accompanied by commentary from curators and critics. The collection will be exhibited for the first time in New Zealand in late 2021.



Spring Cannot be Cancelled: David Hockney in Normandy
DAVID HOCKNEY,
MARTIN GAYFORD
 (THAMES AND HUDSON)
HB \$55.00

When lockdown struck, it made little difference to life at La Grande Cour, the Normandy farmhouse where Hockney set up a year before, in time to paint the arrival of spring. *Spring Cannot be Cancelled* is based on new conversations and correspondence between Hockney and long-time friend and collaborator Martin Gayford, and affirms the capacity of art and nature to divert and inspire. Their exchanges are illustrated by a selection of Hockney's new, unpublished Normandy iPad drawings and paintings alongside works by Van Gogh, Monet, Bruegel, and others.



Rita Angus: An Artist's Life
JILL TREVELYAN (TE PAPA)
PB NZ TITLE \$60.00

This revised edition of Trevelyan's excellent biography brings the 2008 book up to date with new assessments of Rita Angus, drawing on a wealth of archives and letters to shed light on her personal story. Generously illustrated with over 150 artworks and photographs, it traces the notoriously private artist's life through the 20th century and reveals her not only as one of our most important painters but also a fascinating, forthright and curious woman who was deeply committed to life as an artist.



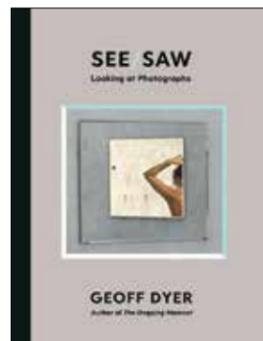
The Back of the Painting: Secrets and Stories from Art Conservation
LINDA WATERS, SARAH HILLARY, JENNY SHERMAN (TE PAPA)
PB NZ TITLE \$45.00

The seal of the Prince of Yugoslavia, the icon that protected persecuted Russians, Monet's repurposed canvas, the excised first wife, the stolen Tissot... all these stories can be found on the backs of paintings in New Zealand art museums. Three painting conservators explore the backs of thirty-three paintings, ranging from 14th century artworks to the present day and held in the collections of the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa, the Auckland Art Gallery Toi o Tāmaki and the Dunedin Public Art Gallery.



Utsuwa: Japanese Objects for Everyday Use
KYLIE AND TIFFANY JOHNSON
 (THAMES AND HUDSON)
HB \$65.00

Utsuwa, meaning 'for everyday use', embodies the ethos of hand making in Japan, where handcrafted wares must be as practical as they are beautiful. This exquisitely photographed book takes us behind the scenes into the private studios of some of Japan's most exciting artisans to reveal stories of material, method, place and culture. *Utsuwa* is a love letter to the makers and sellers, and to all those who share the Japanese reverence for quality, tradition and beauty.



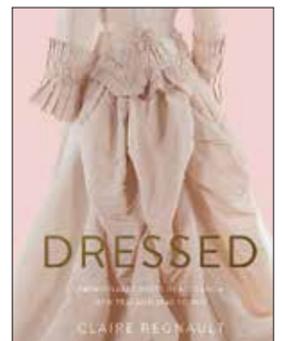
See/Saw: Looking at Photographs
GEOFF DYER
 (CANONGATE)
HB \$55.00

See/Saw is a full-colour, illuminating history of how photographs frame and change our perspectives. Starting from single images by the world's most important photographers – from Eugene Atget to Alex Webb – Geoff Dyer shows us how to read a photograph, as he takes us through a series of close readings that are by turns moving, funny, prescient and surprising. *See/Saw* brilliantly combines visual scrutiny and stylistic flair and shows us how a photograph can simultaneously record and invent the world.



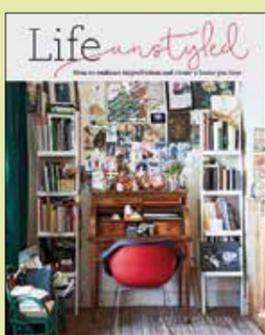
Structural Performance
DMYTRO DIZHUR
 (STRUCTURAL PERFORMANCE)
HB NZ TITLE \$69.95

Compiled from 10 years of research by Auckland-based structural engineer Dmytro Dizhur, this book provides first-hand insights into the types of damage that occurred to numerous masonry buildings during the 2010-2011 earthquakes. Over 50 building case studies are profiled, accompanied by maps, photographs and details of historical, architectural and structural significance and chosen to demonstrate various earthquake-strengthening techniques that worked and others that didn't. Clear, concise and expertly researched, it is both a valuable resource and important visual record of familiar Christchurch structures.



Dressed: Fashionable Dress in Aotearoa New Zealand 1840 to 1910
CLAIRE REGNAULD
 (TE PAPA)
HB NZ TITLE \$70.00

This richly illustrated and lively social history details the creation, consumption and spectacle of fashionable dress in New Zealand from 1840 to the early 1900s. Featuring garments and accessories from museums throughout the country and including over 300 images, *Dressed* explores the geographical and cultural influences on colonial fashion, celebrating both the clothes and the lives of the people who made and wore them. 📖



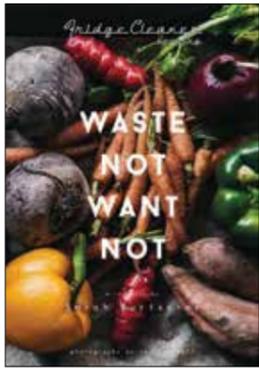
Life Unstyled
EMILY HENSON, DEBI TRELOAR
 (RYLAND, PETERS AND SMALL)
HB \$54.99

▶ *Life Unstyled* takes inspiration from real homes that are beautiful, creative and unique, but with signs of everyday life evident throughout. Emily Henson believes homes should be lived in for comfort as well as style, which is why she is an advocate for allowing your space to grow with you. Debi Treloar's images perfectly capture the stylish, expressive spaces while Henson encourages readers to eschew the pursuit of unattainable perfection and instead provides DIY's, quick fixes and advice on how to adapt your home to best reflect your needs, taste and style. 📖



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COOKING & GARDENING



Waste Not Want Not
SARAH BURTSCHER
(SJKB LTD)
HB NZ TITLE \$39.99

Growing up on a high country farm, working and owning several hospitality businesses, and living far from a supermarket during lockdown, have all given Sarah Burtscher ample appreciation for both delicious, nourishing food and the importance of using everything up. Her first cookbook *Waste Not Want Not* distils all this experience into a collection of practical and flavoursome recipes based on the top ten wasted food items in New Zealand and how to incorporate and celebrate them into everyday dishes.



Simply Food: 80 Delicious Wholefood Recipes for Everyday Living
ELEANOR OZICH
(PENGUIN NZ)
HB NZ TITLE \$45.00

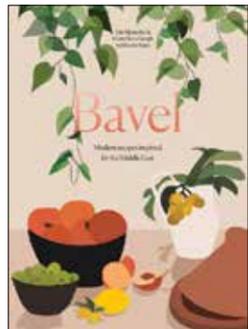
Despite most of us feeling short of time these days, many still want to eat tasty, healthy food. This stylish and brightly photographed cookbook contains 80 recipes that can be made with just 15 minutes of hands-on time to produce a healthy and delicious ▶

meal. Including options for easy, healthy breakfasts, lunchbox fillers, no-mess tray bakes, one-pot wonders, throw-together salads and incredibly quick desserts, this book is perfect for the everyday person who enjoys eating well.



How Wild Things Are
ANALIESE GREGORY
(HARDIE GRANT)
HB \$50.00

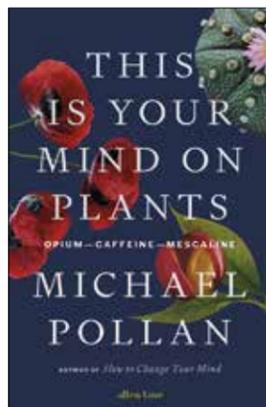
How Wild Things Are celebrates nature and the slow-food life in rugged, rural Tasmania. When NZ-born chef Analiese Gregory relocated after years of cooking in some of the world's best restaurants, she found a new rhythm to the days she spent cooking, fishing, foraging, hunting and discovering. With more than 40 recipes interwoven with Analiese's compelling story, and accompanied by stunning photography, this rustically elegant hardback is also a window into the joys of travel, freedom, vulnerability and the perennial search for meaning in what we do.



Bavel: Modern Recipes Inspired by the Middle East
ORI MENASHE, GENEVIEVE GERGIS
(TEN SPEED PRESS)
PB \$70.00

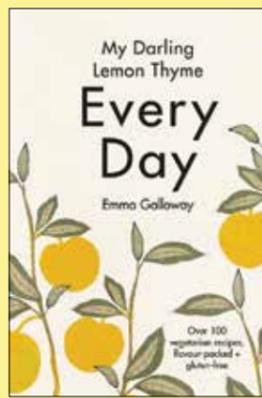
Bavel – the Hebrew name for Babel – is a metaphor for ▶

the myriad cultural, spiritual, and political differences that divide us. From the chefs behind the acclaimed Los Angeles restaurant of the same name comes a gorgeous cookbook featuring personal stories and more than 85 recipes that celebrate the diversity of Middle Eastern cuisines. These recipes are influenced by the flavors and techniques from all corners of the region, and many, such as Tomato with Smoked Harissa, Turmeric Chicken with Toum, and Date-Walnut Tart, are inspired by Menashe's Israeli upbringing and Gergis's Egyptian roots.



This Is Your Mind On Plants: Opium-Caffeine-Mescaline
MICHAEL POLLAN
(ALLEN LANE)
PB \$40.00 OUT IN JUL

Of all the things humans rely on plants for, surely the most curious is our use of them to change consciousness: to stimulate, calm, or completely alter, the qualities of our mental experience. Blending history, science and memoir, Pollan explores three very different drugs – opium, caffeine, and mescaline – and reveals the fundamental strangeness of our thinking about them. Engaging with the cultures that have grown up around these drugs, while consuming (or in the case of caffeine, trying not to consume) them, Pollan reckons with the powerful human attraction to psychoactive plants, and the equally powerful taboos.



My Darling Lemon Thyme: Every Day
EMMA GALLOWAY
(HARPERCOLLINS NZ)
HB NZ TITLE \$60.00



The Abundant Garden
NIVA KAY, YOTAM KAY
(ALLEN AND UNWIN)
PB NZ TITLE \$45.00

Niva and Yotam Kay of Pakaraka Permaculture on the Coromandel Peninsula, share their long experience of organic gardening in this comprehensive book on how to create and maintain a productive, resilient and regenerative vegetable garden. They provide simple, reliable strategies and techniques – grounded in the latest scientific research on soil health, ecological and regenerative practices – to help maximise your ability to feed yourself. Also included are nifty recipes for ferments, preserves and pickles to help consume your garden's abundance.



▶ Over many years working as a chef and as a mother of two, Emma Galloway has designed tips and tricks to make cooking simpler through planning ahead and using ingredients that are easy to swap out. *My Darling Lemon Thyme: Every Day* is filled with recipes to suit your tastes and utilise whatever

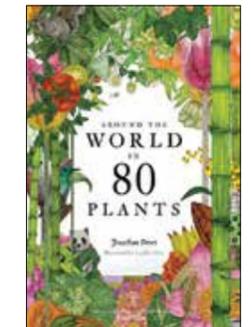


ingredients you have to hand. All the recipes are vegetarian, gluten free and delicious – Spiced pumpkin snacking cake, Mushroom and lentil lasagne, and Roasted strawberry and ginger 'ice cream' are just some of the dishes this book makes it easy to enjoy, every season, every day. 📖



Petal Power
JULIA ATKINSON-DUNN
(KOA PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$44.95

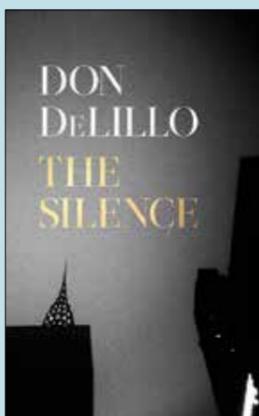
Petal Power reflects Julia Atkinson-Dunn's own adventure as a beginner gardener, sharing a fun selection of flowering plants that can be grown in New Zealand. It's the friendly volume she wished she could have got her hands on while still sussing out her perennials from her annuals. In addition to 12 plant profiles tested and photographed in her own garden, the book helpfully demystifies garden lingo and offers ideas for homegrown seasonal arrangements. The result is an invaluable guide, encouraging new gardeners to experiment further with confidence.



Around the World in 80 Plants
JONATHAN DRORI
(LAURENCE KING)
HB \$45.00

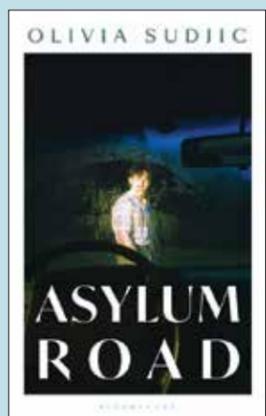
In his follow up to *Around the World in 80 Trees*, Jonathan Drori takes another trip across the globe, bringing to life the science of plants by revealing how their worlds are intricately entwined with our own. From the seemingly familiar tomato, to the eerie mandrake and Spanish 'moss' of Louisiana, each of these stories is full of surprises. Some have a troubling past, while others have ignited human creativity or enabled whole civilizations to flourish. The colourful cast are all brought to life by illustrator Lucille Clerc in this botanical journey of beauty and brilliance. 📖

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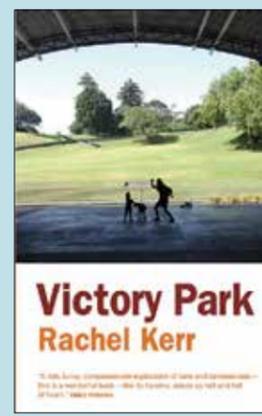
The Silence
DON DELILLO
(PICADOR)
HB \$29.99

▶ It is Super Bowl Sunday in the year 2022. Five people are due to have dinner in an apartment on the east side of Manhattan. The hosts are a retired physics professor and her husband; they are joined by one of her former students and await the arrival of another couple, delayed by what becomes a dramatic flight from Paris. With opening kick-off one commercial away, something happens, severing in an instant the digital connections that have transformed our lives.



Asylum Road
OLIVIA SUDJIC
(BLOOMSBURY)
PB \$32.99

▶ A novel of a road trip, but one of a different kind. One pervaded by a sense of quiet threat and haunted by memories of the war in Sarajevo. Lean, sly and unsettling, *Asylum Road* is about the many borders governing our lives: between men and women, assimilation and otherness, nations, families, order and chaos. What happens, and who do we become, when they break down?



Victory Park
RACHEL KERR
(MAKARO PRESS)
PB NZ TITLE \$35.00

▶ Kara lives in Victory Park council flats with her young son, just making a living by minding other people's kids – her nightly smoke on the fire escape the only time she can drop her guard and imagine something better. When Bridget, the wife of a disgraced Ponzi schemer, moves into the flats she brings with her glamour and wild dreams and an unexpected friendship. Drawn in, Kara forgets for a moment who she's there to protect. This quietly powerful novel examines class and the currency of care in suburban New Zealand. **Ockham Best First Book Award 2021.** 📖