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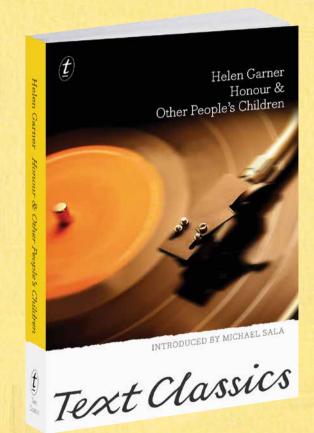


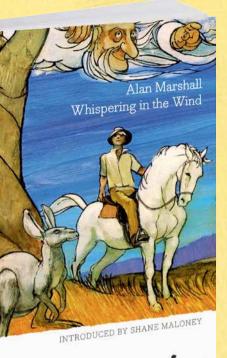
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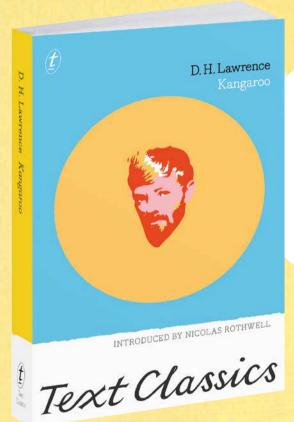
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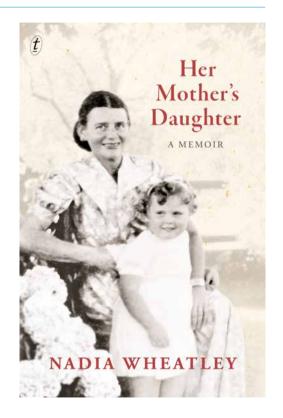
'Why didn't you and Daddy want people to give you any presents?' I used to ask. But my mother could never be drawn into talking about the wedding. I assumed it was because she did not wish to be reminded of the ghastly mistake she had made in marrying my father.

AS a child, Nadia Wheatley had a sense of the great divide between her parents, who had met and married while working in Germany on the front line of the Cold War. Growing up in 1950s Australia, the child became a player in their deadly contest. Was she her mother's daughter, or her father's creature?

At the age of ten, the author began writing down her mother's stories: her Cinderella-like childhood, and her escape into a career as army nurse and refugee aid worker. Fifty years later, the finished memoir is not only a loving tribute but also a social history of twentieth-century Australia, told through the lives of a mother and her daughter.

PRAISE for *The Life and Myth of Charmian Clift*:

'One of the greatest Australian biographies...A work which never confuses itself with fiction but which has the same readability and flair and command of tempo. It's a hell of a story.' Sydney Morning Herald



BEST WE FORGET

THE WAR FOR WHITE AUSTRALIA, 1914-18

PETER COCHRANE



Peter Cochrane's writing about war includes the award-winning Simpson and the Donkey: The Making of a Legend; Australians at War: The Western Front. 1916-18: and Tobruk 1941. Cochrane is also the author of Colonial Ambition. Foundations of Australian Democracy. which won the Age Book of the Year award and the Prime Minister's Prize for Australian History: and the novella Governor Bligh and the Short Man and the recently published novel *The Making* of Martin Sparrow.

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IN the half-century preceding the Great War there was a dramatic shift in the mindset of Australia's political leaders, from a profound sense of safety in the Empire's embrace to a deep anxiety about abandonment by Britain.

Collective memory now recalls a rallying to the cause in 1914, a total identification with British interests and the need to defeat Germany. But there is an underside to this story: the belief that the newly federated nation's security, and its race purity, must be bought with blood.

Before the war. Commonwealth governments were concerned not with enemies in Europe but with perils in the Pacific. Fearful of an 'awakening Asia' and worried by opposition to the White Australia policy, they prepared for defence against Japan—only to find themselves fighting for the Empire on the other side of the world. Prime Minister Billy Hughes spoke of this paradox in 1916, urging his countrymen: 'I bid you go and fight for white Australia in France'

In this vital and illuminating book, Peter Cochrane examines how the racial preoccupations that shaped Australia's preparation for and commitment to the war have been lost to popular memory.



THE PLOTTERS

UN-SU KIM

TRANSLATED FROM THE KOREAN BY SORA KIM-RUSSELL



Un-su Kim was born in 1972 in Busan. He has won the Munhakdongne Novel Prize, Korea's most prestigious literary prize, and was nominated for the 2016 Grand Prix de Littérature Policière. *The Plotters* is his first novel to be translated into English. He lives in South Korea.

Sora Kim-Russell's translations include The Hole by Hye-young Pyun and Familiar Things by Hwang Sok-yong.

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Should he pull the trigger now? If he pulled it, he could be back in the city before midnight. He'd take a hot bath, down a few beers until he was good and drunk, or put an old Beatles record on the turntable and think about the fun he'd soon have with the money on its way into his bank account

BEHIND the assassinations that change history, are the plotters, the masterminds working in the shadows.

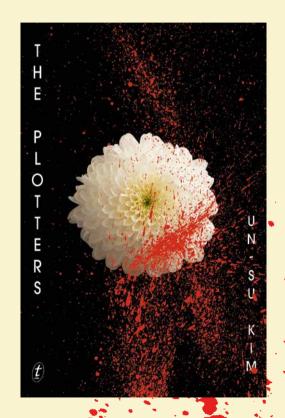
Raised by Old Raccoon in The Library of Dogs, Reseng has always been surrounded by plots to kill and by books that no one ever reads. In Seoul's corrupt underworld, he was destined to be an assassin.

Until he breaks the rules.

Is he now on the kill list? Who will look after his cats, Desk and Lampshade? Who planted the bomb in his toilet?

That's when he meets a trio of young women—a convenience-store worker, her wheelchair-bound sister, and a cross-eyed obsessive knitter—with an extraordinary plot of their own.

The Plotters is a revelation, a cracking noir thriller full of soul and wit, and bursting with compassion for its fallen world.



'More than a crime novel, more than violence and mystery, *The Plotters* promises both temptation and beauty.' Eka Kurniawan, author of *Beauty Is a Wound*

`Like a veteran killer...quickly,
coolly, and without hesitation, Un-su Kim
commands sentences and stories that
stab the reader between the ribs.'

Park Min-gyu,
author of Pavane for
a Dead Princess

'Awe is my reaction to *The Plotters*.

The novel thrills me like a wolf feels
when it has smelled blood.'

Kwon Yeo-seon,
author of *Niche of Green*

'A book of revelations for murder both violent yet graceful, dark yet poetic. With sharp humour and sparkling prose, Un-su Kim stylishly spins the tale of the extraordinary life of an ordinary assassin.'

J. M. Lee, author of *The Investigation*

'An incredible cast of characters...
a first-rate thriller.'

Le Monde

'Now this is a story with power and style. The one-two punches of humour are a nice bonus...You'll be laughing out loud every five minutes...You'll find yourself contemplating the meaning of life, death and desire for a long, long time. Make sure you leave your evening free, because you won't be able to put this book down once you start.'

You-jeong Jeong,
author of The Good Son

'A rich, funny, cynical Korean roman noir...

A delicious surprise.'

La Croix

ON THE JAVA RIDGE

JOCK SERONG



Jock Serong is the author of *Quota*, winner of the 2015 Ned Kelly Award for Best First Fiction; *The Rules of Backyard Cricket*, shortlisted for the 2017 Victorian Premier's Award for Fiction, finalist of the 2017 MWA Edgar Awards for Best Paperback Original, and finalist of the 2017 INDIES Adult Mystery Book of the Year; and *On the Java Ridge*, shortlisted for the 2018 Indie Awards

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Shortlisted for the 2018 Indie Awards

ON the *Java Ridge*, skipper Isi Natoli and a group of Australian surf tourists are anchored off the Indonesian island of Dana.

In the Canberra office of Cassius Calvert, Minister for Border Integrity, a hardline new policy on asylum seekers is being rolled out.

Not far from Dana, the *Takalar* is having engine trouble. Among the passengers fleeing from persecution are Roya and her mother, and Roya's unborn sister.

The storm now closing in on the *Takalar* and the *Java Ridge* will mean catastrophe for them all.

'Visceral power...Confronting but exhilarating.' *Australian* 'Taut and impressive.' *Sydney Morning Herald*

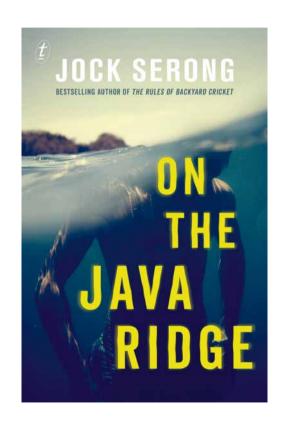
'Terrifying, compelling.' Australian Book Review

'Ratchets up the tension with a keen sense of pacing.' Books+Publishing

'Brilliantly executed, acutely topical and extremely relevant.' BookMooch

'You won't be able to put it down.' SA Weekend

'Cements Serong's place as one of Australia's most innovative and ambitious crime writers.' *NZ Listener*



SHAKESPEARE'S LIBRARY

UNLOCKING THE GREATEST MYSTERY IN LITERATURE

STUART KELLS



Stuart Kells is an author and historian. His 2015 book Penguin and the Lane **Brothers** won the Ashurst Business Literature Prize. An authority on rare books, he has written and published on many aspects of print culture and the book world. Stuart lives in Melbourne. with his family.

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'There's no doubt we can all learn a lot from the magnificently obsessive and eloquent Kells.' Australian

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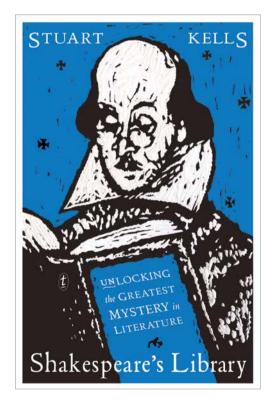
The search for Shakespeare's library is much more than a treasure hunt, or a case of Shakespeare fetishism. The library's fate has profound implications for literature, for national and cultural identity, and for the global, twentyfirst-century, multi-billion-dollar Shakespeare industry. It bears upon principles of art, history, meaning and truth.

MILLIONS of words of scholarship have been expended on the world's most famous author and his work. And yet a critical part of the puzzle, Shakespeare's library, is a mystery. For four centuries people have searched for it. but no trace of the Bard's manuscripts, books or letters has ever been found

Pursuing the search like the mystery story that it is, acclaimed author Stuart Kells follows the trail of the hunters, taking us through different conceptions of the library and of the man himself. Entertaining and enlightening, Shakespeare's Library is a captivating exploration of literature's most enduring enigma.

PRAISE for *The Library*:

'Kells has written a deft and involving book that manages to balance the erudite with the accessible.' Monthly



ALWAYS ANOTHER COUNTRY

A MEMOIR OF EXILE AND HOME

SISONKE MSIMANG

Sisonke Msimang has held fellowships at Yale University, the Aspen Institute and the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg, and is a regular contributor to the Guardian, Daily Mayerick and New York Times She now lives in Perth, Australia, where she is head of oral storytelling at the Centre for Stories

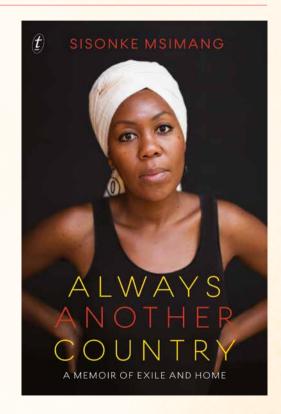
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SISONKE Msimang was born in exile to South African parents—a freedom fighter and an accountant and raised in Zambia, Kenya and Canada before studying in the US as an undergraduate. Her family returned to South Africa after apartheid was abolished in the early 1990s.

Always Another Country is the story of a young girl's path to womanhood—a journey that took her from Africa to America and back again, then on to a new home in Australia.

Frank, fierce and insightful, Sisonke reflects candidly on growing up stateless, the naive, heady euphoria of returning at last to her parents' homeland, and her disillusionment with present-day South Africa and its new elites. Hers is a bold new voice on feminism, race and politics: in her beloved South Africa, in Australia, and around the world.

'Few of us have felt the grinding force of history as consciously or as constantly as Sisonke Msimang. Her story is a timely insight into a life in which the gap between the great world and the private realm is vanishingly narrow, and it bears hard lessons about how fragile our hopes and dreams can be.' Tim Winton



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If I were given five minutes with my younger self—
that little girl who cried every time we had to leave
for another country—I would hold her tight and not
say a word. I would just be still and have her feel my
beating heart, a thud to echo her own—a silent message
that, no matter the outcome, she would survive and
be stronger and happier than she might think as she
stood at the threshold of each new home.

OUR LIFE IN THE FOREST

MARIE DARRIEUSSECQ

TRANSLATED FROM THE FRENCH BY PENNY HUESTON



Marie Darrieussecq was born in Bayonne in 1969. She has written more than twenty books. In 2013 she was awarded both the Prix Médicis and the Prix des Prix Littéraires. She lives in Paris.

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In addition to novels by Patrick Modiano and Raphaël Jerusalmy, Penny Hueston has translated three earlier books by Marie Darrieussecq.

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I have to tell this story. I have to try to understand it by laying things out in some sort of order. By rounding up the bits and pieces. Because it's not going well. It's not okay, right now, all that. Not okay at all.

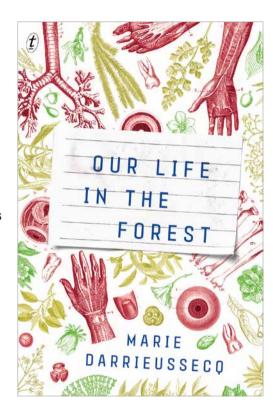
Selected for the Prix du Roman Fnac **Selected** for the Prix Littéraire *Le Monde*

IN the near future, a woman is writing in the depths of a forest. She's cold. She's lost the use of one eye; she's down to one kidney, one lung. Before, in the city, she treated patients who had suffered trauma. And she would travel out to the Rest Centre, to visit Marie, her 'half', her spitting image, who lay in an induced coma, her body parts available whenever the woman needed them.

The woman fled, along with other fugitives and their halves. But in the forest the reanimated halves start to behave like uninhibited adolescents. And then she sees a shocking image of herself on video...

Recalling *Pig Tales*, Darrieussecq's brilliant debut, *Our Life in the Forest* is a chilling tale laced with humour: it challenges our ideas about identity, organ-trafficking and the life of the individual in a surveillance state.

'This brief, feminist and political novel is perhaps her most inventive.' *Les Inrockuptibles*



RADIANT SHIMMERING LIGHT

SARAH SELECKY



Sarah Selecky's short-story collection, This Cake Is for the Party, was a finalist for the Scotiabank Giller Prize and shortlisted for the Commonwealth Writers' Prize for Best First Book Sarah lives in Ontario and is the creator of a popular writing school.

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'This book is a dazzler.' Karen Joy Fowler 'Fresh and original, Sarah Selecky's novel cleverly satirises our insta-world.' Kerry Clare

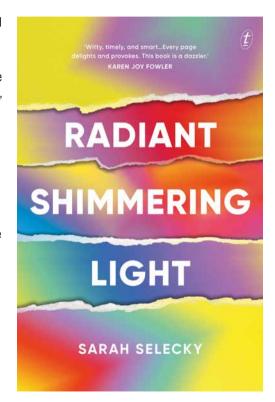
RRP A\$29.99 FICTION PB ISBN 9781925773057, 368pp EBOOK ISBN 9781925626353 RIGHTS HELD LIK & Comm excl Canada OTHER RIGHTS Transatlantic Literary Agency A funny and heartfelt novel about female friendship—and how, in the digital world, the line between empowerment and consumerism is increasingly blurred.

LILIAN Quick has looked up to her cousin Florence her whole life. Florence is everything Lilian is not: brave, adventurous, American. They've been out of touch for twenty years—but Lilian, a gifted yet socially anxious artist struggling to make ends meet, has been watching Florence, who is now Eleven Novak, the charismatic leader of a successful feminine-lifestyle empowerment brand.

When Eleven comes to town on a sales tour, she welcomes her long-lost cousin with open arms. Lilian enrols in Eleven's expensive program in spiritual awakening and digital marketing, and heads to The Temple in Manhattan. The Ascendency is going to help Lilian be her best self: confident, affluent, self-actualised.

Working with this spiritually high-powered community of women monetising their dreams, Lilian begins to manifest abundance—with unusual results. In just three months, she becomes everything she's ever dreamed of; but is it everything she wants? And can she trust her cousin?

'Warm, sharp and deceptively light, with smart things to say about the commodification of spirituality.' Lisa Gabriele



GRIFFITH REVIEW 61

WHO WE ARE

JULIANNE SCHULTZ & PETER MARES (EDS)





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PRIME Minister Malcolm Turnbull's grand claim that Australia is 'the most successful multicultural nation in the world' is important to the nation's sense of identity and belonging, but at times it seems that multiculturalism is more an article of faith than a work in progress. What it really means in the twenty-first century is the focus of Griffith Review 61: Who We Are, which examines both the opportunities offered and the complexities involved.

The nation's population has almost doubled since 1975, and in recent years the rules around migration have been altered significantly. Those who have chosen to make their home here have changed Australia, and waves of new arrivals continue to transform the country. Yet the apparent certainties of Australia as a permanent settler society are giving way to the churn of temporary migration.

Who We Are gives voice to Australia's changing reality. explores the big issues of belonging, citizenship and participation, and teases out how Australia might evolve.

'Griffith Review is the leading Australian literary forum for current affairs, culture and ideas.' New York Review of Books 'This is commentary of the highest order. The prose is unfailingly polished; the knowledge and expertise of the writers impressive.' Sydney Morning Herald

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THE DAY THE SUN DIED

YAN LIANKE

TRANSLATED FROM THE CHINESE BY CARLOS ROJAS



Yan Lianke was born in 1958 in Henan Province, China. Yan has been shortlisted twice for the Man Booker International Prize, and shortlisted for the Independent Foreign Fiction Prize and the Prix Femina. He won the Hua Zhong World Chinese Literature Prize, as well as two of China's most prestigious literary awards: the Lu Xan Prize and the Lao She Award. In 2014, he won the Franz Kafka Prize. He lives in Beijing.

Carlos Rojas is Associate Professor of Chinese Cultural Studies and Women's Studies at Duke University. He has translated Yan Lianke's four most recent novels.

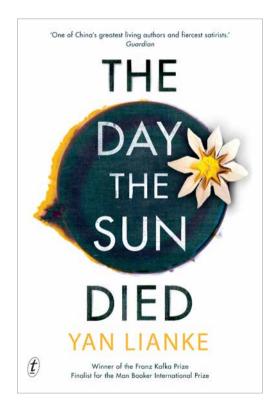
RRP A\$32.99 FICTION PB ISBN 9781925603859, 320pp EBOOK ISBN 9781925626827 RIGHTS HELD ANZ OTHER RIGHTS The Susijin Agency Hello...Spirits!...If you're not busy, then come and listen...I'm kneeling on the highest point of our Funiu Mountains, so you should definitely be able to hear me. Surely you won't be annoyed by the shouts of a child?

Winner of the Dream of the Red Chamber Award

ONE evening in early June, deep in the Balou mountains, fourteen-year-old Li Niannian notices something strange about his town. Instead of settling down for the night, the residents start appearing in the streets and fields. There are people everywhere, dreamwalking, carrying on with their daily business as if the sun hadn't gone down. And, before too long, all hell breaks loose.

Set over the course of one night, *The Day the Sun Died* pits chaos and darkness against the sunny optimism of the 'Chinese dream' promoted by President Xi Jinping. We are thrown into an increasingly strange and troubling waking nightmare as Li Niannian and his father struggle to save the town—and persuade the sun to rise again.

'I can think of few better novelists than Yan, with his superlative gifts for storytelling and penetrating eye for truth' New York Times Book Review



NO PLACE LIKE HOME

REPAIRING AUSTRALIA'S HOUSING CRISIS

PETER MARES



Peter Mares is an independent writer and researcher. He is a contributing editor with the online magazine Inside Story and a senior moderator with The Cranlana Programme. Peter was a broadcaster with the ABC for twenty-five years, serving as a foreign correspondent based in Hanoi and presenting national radio programs. He is the author of the award-winning Borderline. His 2016 book Not Quite Australian: How Temporary Migration Is Changing the Nation was shortlisted in the NSW Premier's Literary Awards.

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MORE than a million lower-income households in Australia pay above the affordability benchmark for their housing costs. More than 100,000 people are homeless. Seventy per cent of us are concerned we'll never own property. Yet owning a home is still seen by most Australians as an essential part of our way of life.

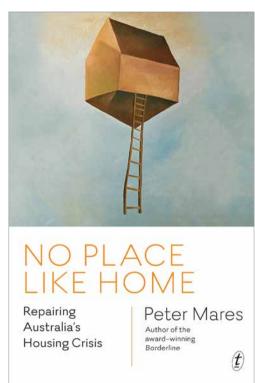
It is generally accepted that Australia is in the grip of a housing crisis. But we are divided—along class. generational and political lines—about what to do about it.

Award-winning journalist Peter Mares draws on academic research, statistical data and personal interviews to create a clear picture of Australia's housing problems and to offer practical solutions. Expertly informed and eminently readable. No Place Like Home cuts through the noise and asks the common-sense questions about why we do housing the way we do, and what the alternatives might be.

PRAISE for Not Quite Australian:

philosophically grounded—but digestible, and personally attested...This is on-the-ground, people-focused journalism of the highest kind.' Sydney Morning Herald

'Comprehensive, intellectually deft, ethically and 'Big-picture storytelling with a pulse.' Australian



THE LAST SUMMER OF ADA BLOOM

MARTINE MURRAY



Martine Murray was born in Melbourne and now lives in Castlemaine in Victoria She is an award-winning children's novelist and illustrator The Last Summer of Ada Bloom is her first novel for adults martinemurray.com

Then she saw that the old windmill straddled a hole It was square and lined with wood, and fixed to one side was a wooden ladder whose first steps had almost rotted away. And from its depths came a chill breath of endless darkness

IN a small country town during one long, hot summer, the Bloom family begins to unravel. Secrets, old and new, are revealed—with devastating effect.

Martha is straining against the confines of her life, lost in regret for what might have been. Her husband. Mike, is frustrated with his increasingly distant wife. And while teenagers Tilly and Ben are about to step out into the world, nine-year-old Ada is holding on to a childhood that will soon be lost to her.

When Ada discovers an abandoned mineshaft beneath a rusting windmill, she is drawn to its darkness and danger. And when she witnesses a shocking and confusing event, the mine looms large in her mind—as events lead inexorably towards tragedy.

The Last Summer of Ada Bloom is a beguiling story about the fragility of family relationships, about the secrets we keep and the power they hold to shape our lives.

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THE HELPLINE KATHERINE COLLETTE



Katherine Collette is a writer and environmental engineer. She lives in Melbourne with her husband and two children. The Helpline is her first novel

A sharp, witty, big-hearted comedy about people power and brain power—and the difficulty of getting them to work together.

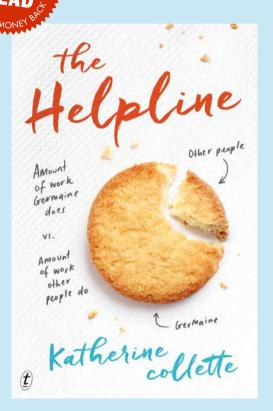
GERMAINE Johnson may not be all that good with people but she's *great* with numbers. Unfortunately, as she discovers after the incident at Wallace Insurance, there are very few openings these days for senior mathematicians.

Then her cousin gets her a job at the local council. On the Senior Citizens Helpline.

It's not the résumé entry Germaine wanted—but it turns out Mayor Verity Bainbridge has something more interesting in mind for her. A secret project involving the troublemakers at the senior citizens centre and their feud with the golf club next door. Which is run by the strangely attractive Don Thomas.

Don and the mayor want the seniors closed down. Germaine wants what Don and the mayor want. But when she's forced to get to know the 'troublemakers', things get more complicated.

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At the interview, Francine explained the position was on the Senior Citizens Helpline, which was a number old people could call if they needed help showering or cooking or whatever it was they couldn't do for themselves. This initial description made me shudder. I didn't want to clean toilets or towel anyone's crevices dry.

But Francine said that wasn't how it worked. I wouldn't have to do the things that needed doing, I just had to organise for them to be done.

'And a lot of people don't even need anything,' said Francine. 'They're lonely and they just want someone to talk to. In fact, that's probably the most important skill you can have in a position like this: the ability to listen. And empathy.'

'What would my key performance indicators be?' I said. 'Do you operate on a bonus system?'

THE COLD SUMMER

GIANRICO CAROFIGLIO

TRANSLATED FROM THE ITALIAN BY HOWARD CURTIS



Gianrico Carofiglio is one of Italy's bestselling authors. He was previously a member of the Italian senate and an anti-mafia prosecutor in Bari. His books have sold more than five million copies in Italy and have been translated into twenty-seven languages.

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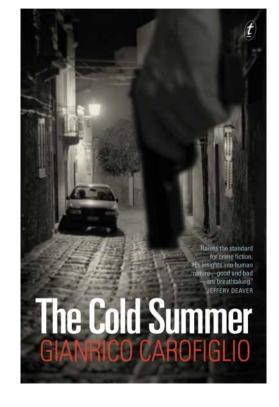
WAR is raging in southern Italy in the early 1990s: anti-mafia judges are being killed in roadside explosions; dead criminals, the victims of internecine warfare, are littering the streets; and the police have no idea who is fighting whom.

Maresciallo Pietro Fenoglio, an officer of the Carabinieri, must contend with the gang war while his marriage falls apart. When the young son of a mafia boss is found dead, and the suspected killer agrees to collaborate with the authorities to bring down the Apulian mafia, it seems like justice will prevail. But the mystery of the boy's murder must still be solved, leading Fenoglio into a world of deep moral ambiguity. where the prosecutors are hard to distinguish from the prosecuted.

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WINTERING

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Krissy Kneen is a Brisbane writer. She is the author of a memoir a volume of poetry and four previous works of fiction, including An Uncertain Grace, shortlisted for the 2018 Stella Prize

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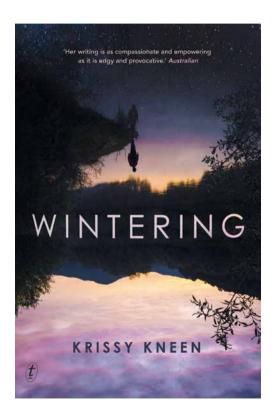
'Hello. Jessica Weir? I'm sorry, miss, but this was the last number—'

'Matthew's on his way home. He should be here soon.' And only the ocean breathing into the silence as if her own chest were rising and falling without fail. As if his heart were still beating. As if nothing in the world had changed.

'We've found a car. miss. No sign of a driver.'

WHEN Jessica's partner disappears into the dark Tasmanian forest, there is of course the mystery of what happened—the deserted car, the enigmatic final image on his phone. There is the strange circle of local women, widows of disappeared men, with their edgy fellowship and unhinged theories. And the forest itself: looming over this tiny settlement on the remote tip of the island.

But for Jessica there is also the tight community in which she is still a stranger and Matthew was not. What secrets do they know about her own life that she doesn't? And why do they believe things that should not—cannot—be true? For her own sanity, Jessica needs to know two things. Who was Matthew? And who—or what—has he become?



MADELEINE A LIFE OF MADELEINE ST JOHN

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Helen Trinca is a journalist and the author of two previous works of non-fiction. She has held senior reporting and editing roles in Australian journalism, and is currently managing editor of the Australian

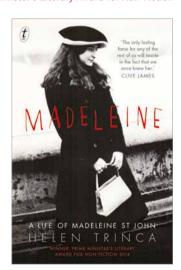
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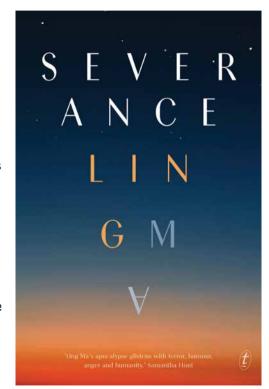
We Googled is there a god, clicked I'm Feeling Lucky, and were directed to a suicide hotline site. In the twelve rings it took for us to hang up, we held our breaths for someone else, for some stranger's voice confirming, from whatever distance, that we weren't the only ones living. There was no answer.

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THE GIRL WITHOUT SKIN

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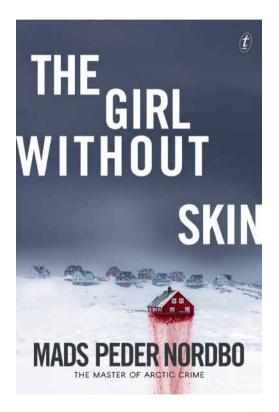
Mads Peder Nordbo is Danish but has lived in Greenland for several years and works at the town hall in Nuuk. He is the author of five novels, and his two latest books will be published in eighteen languages. *The Girl without Skin* is the first to be published in English. madspedernordbo.com facebook.com/madspedernordbo

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TWO STEPS FORWARD

GRAEME SIMSION & ANNE BUIST



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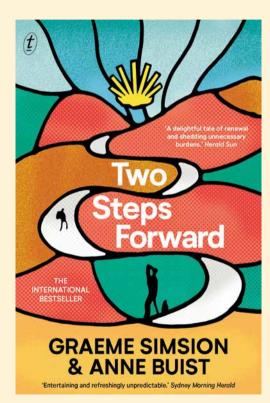
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SONGWOMAN

ILKA TAMPKE



Ilka Tampke lives in Woodend, Australia. *Songwoman* can be read as a standalone novel, or as the sequel to Ilka's first novel, *Skin*. International rights to *Skin* have been sold in Germany, the Netherlands, Sweden, the US, the UK and Vietnam. *Skin* was shortlisted for the Aurealis Award for Best Fantasy Novel in 2015 and longlisted for the Voss Literary Prize in 2016.

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I knew this country as a woman knows her own body, her own skin.

I needed to know it thus, because I was its protector.

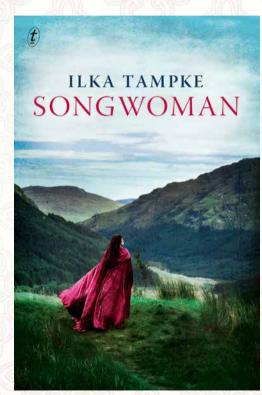
SET in Iron-Age Wales during the turmoil of Roman invasion, *Songwoman* explores one woman's quest to defend her culture.

AD 47. Rome has colonised southeast Britain. Tortured by her part in the Roman attack that destroyed her township, Ailia has been living alone in a remote Welsh forest. She returns to a world that has been turned upside down. The tribespeople cling to what little land remains to them and invest their hope in the charismatic war-king, Caradog, who has been leading a guerrilla campaign against the encroaching army.

As the fighting escalates, Ailia proves herself an indispensable advisor to the war-king. But she must overcome a fellow tribesman who has resolved to sabotage her, and subdue her passionate attraction to Caradog. The soul of her country will only survive if Ailia succeeds in becoming a Songwoman.

PRAISE for Skin:

'Tampke has created a visceral tale of ritual, magic and violence.' Sunday Times



YOU DAUGHTERS OF FREEDOM

THE AUSTRALIANS WHO WON THE VOTE AND INSPIRED THE WORLD CLARE WRIGHT



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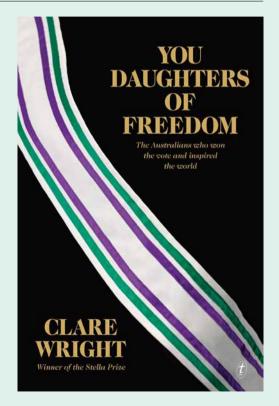
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HERE IN WASHINGTON, summoned to the White House as something of a curiosity, Vida waited until she was bidden to enter. When the door opened she saw Teddy Roosevelt sitting with his feet up on the desk. He rushed to greet her, grabbing her hand and pumping it up and down in a hearty grip. I am de-lighted to meet you, he shouted. You're from Australia; I'm de-lighted to hear that.

The President told Vida Goldstein what fine people he thought the Australians were and talked warmly of the Australian soldiers he'd served with in the Spanish American War. But he was just as excited about the fighting spirit of Australian women. Roosevelt supported the principle of votes for women (though amending the Constitution to enfranchise them was going to be a hell of a struggle) and this was why he'd been keen to meet Vida. With Australia poised to legislate for the federal franchise, she had more political rights than any woman he'd ever met. It was a great object lesson, this antipodean experiment in equality. I've got my eye on you down there in Australia, the President of the free world told the watchful woman from Portland (Vic.).

DRIVE YOUR PLOW OVER THE BONES OF THE DEAD

OLGA TOKARCZUK

TRANSLATED FROM THE POLISH BY ANTONIA LLOYD-JONES



Olga Tokarczuk is one of Poland's best and most beloved authors. In 2015 she received the German—Polish International Bridge Prize, as well as Poland's highest literary honour, the Nike and the Nike Readers' Prize. She also received a Nike in 2009 for her novel *Flights*. In 2018 *Flights* was shortlisted for the Man Booker International

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Antonia Lloyd-Jones is an award-winning translator of Polish literature.

'A magnificent writer.' Svetlana Alexievich, 2015 Nobel Prize in Literature laureate

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I am already at an age and additionally in a state where I must always wash my feet thoroughly before bed, in the event of an ambulance having to take me away in the Night.

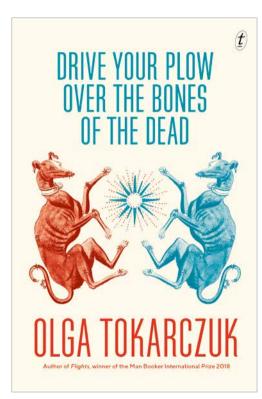
DRIVE Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead takes place in a remote Polish village, where Janina, an eccentric woman in her sixties, recounts the events surrounding the disappearance of her two dogs. When members of a local hunting club are found murdered, she becomes involved in the investigation.

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PRAISE for Flights:

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THE LABYRINTH OF THE SPIRITS

CARLOS RUIZ ZAFÓN

TRANSLATED FROM THE SPANISH BY LUCIA GRAVES



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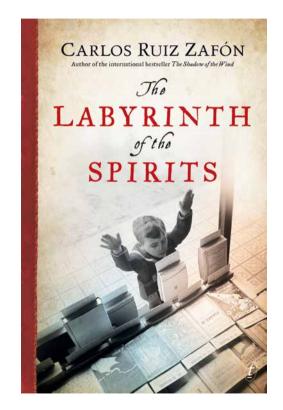
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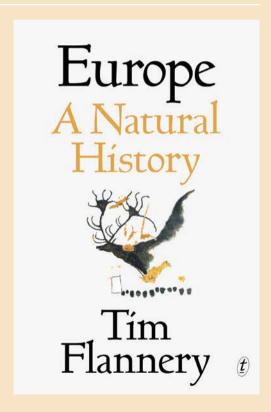
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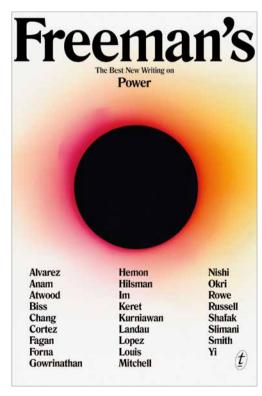
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FROM the voices of protestors to the encroachment of a new fascism, everywhere we look power is revealed. This thought-provoking issue of the acclaimed literary anthology *Freeman's* explores who gets to say what matters in a time of social upheaval.

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ISLAND STORY

TASMANIA IN OBJECT AND TEXT

RALPH CRANE & DANIELLE WOOD (EDS)





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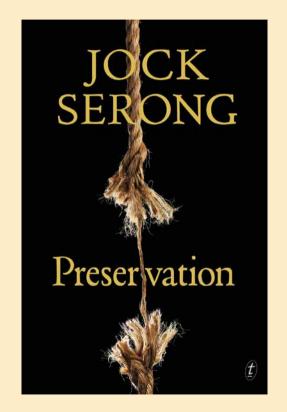
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THE SIGHT OF William Clark's face was a shock.

He was severely sunburnt, and in addition to the overripe swelling there were bruises. His skin was split over one eyebrow and scored in places as though with a blade. His hair had been brushed and oiled. Freshly shaved whiskers revealed a deep gouge under one side of his chin. His hands rested on the bedclothes by his sides, bandaged like those of a pugilist. There was a softness about his dark eyes, an almost childish vulnerability. Grayling concluded it was his lashes: the upper row was long and dark, but the lower ones were thin, almost absent. He wore victimhood with an indignant pride.

'May we talk, Mr Clark?' Grayling's smile spoke of bland officialdom, though his heart was roiling.

William Clark watched the young lieutenant. Whether through injury or apathy, his head remained squarely in the middle of the pillow: he chose to engage his inquisitor by turning his eyes that way, the sidelong gaze conveying his mistrust. The wrapped hands remained by his sides.

Slowly and reluctantly, his cracked mouth opened and the words walked themselves into the light.

GRIFFITH REVIEW 62

ALL BEING EQUAL - THE NOVELLA PROJECT VI

ASHLEY HAY (ED.)



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RRP A\$27.99 QUARTERLY PB ISBN 9781925603330, 264pp EBOOK ISBN 9781922212436 LATE last year, after a decade of what was at times a bitter and divisive debate, Australians made it clear that their understanding of equality included formal recognition of the most intimate relationships. The parliament responded to the voice of the people and passed legislation to allow same-sex marriage. A year on, *Griffith Review 62: All Being Equal — The Novella Project VI* investigates what this means: is it a sign of a new-found appetite for equality? The primacy of love and family? A measure of a flawed political process? Or the mark of a new approach to political decision-making?

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SOUL OF THE BORDER

MATTEO RIGHETTO

TRANSLATED FROM THE ITALIAN BY HOWARD CURTIS



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Matteo Righetto was born in in 1972 in Padua, where he teaches literature. He is the author of five novels, which have been translated into many languages. Soul of the Border is the first of his works to be published in English.

Howard Curtis has more than thirty years' experience as a literary translator from Italian, French and Spanish, and has translated the work of authors such as Georges Simenon and Luigi Pirandello, as well as a great deal of contemporary fiction.

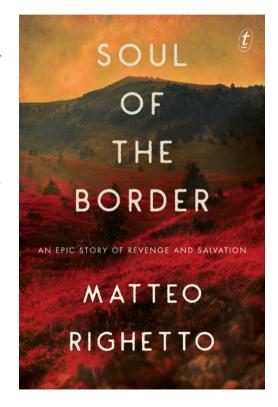
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She could not imagine a future for herself and her family without him, just as it is impossible to imagine the world without the sun. As she panted with the effort of the climb. her father's strong smell reached her: his skin, his sweat. For a moment, she was overcome with emotion. She no longer recognised her father, but glimpsed in him a kind of ancestral spirit. At that instant, he seemed to her a kind of mazariòl, a spirit of the woods, a shaman, a being more wild than civilised, a wolf.

JOLE is fifteen the first time she accompanies her father. Augusto, as he smuggles tobacco across the Italian border into Austria. She knows the dangers of the treacherous high mountain passes—border guards, brigands, wild animals, ferocious weather—but she is proud that her father asks her. Life is hard, and without the extra money Augusto's smuggling brings in, the family would starve.

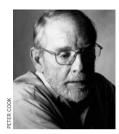
When Augusto disappears during one of his trips, Jole must retrace the route he took, seeking a buyer for her family's tobacco—and the truth behind her father's disappearance.

Soul of the Border is an epic story of revenge and salvation, a ferocious tale of violence and corruption, and a journey into the wild.



THE PATCH

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John McPhee is a staff writer at the New Yorker and the author of thirty-two books. He lives in Princeton, New Jersey.

'The most versatile journalist in America.' New York Times Book Review 'McPhee's sentences are born of patience and attention: he seems to possess a pair of eyes with the swivel, zoom and reach of a peregrine falcon's. and a pair of ears with the recording ability of a dictaphone. He notices almost everything.' Guardian

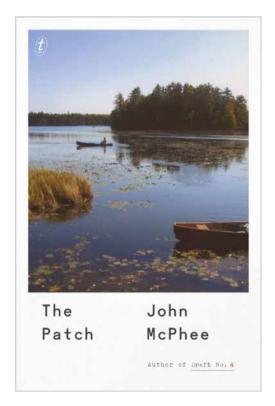
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MONKEY GRIP & THE CHILDREN'S BACH

HELEN GARNER

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'OK. I'll come.'

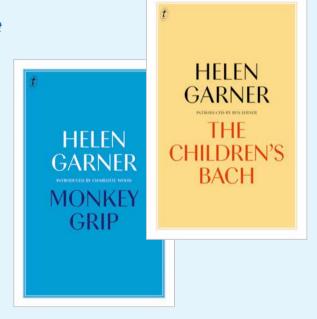
Javo was looking at me.

So, afterwards, it is possible to see the beginning of things, the point at which you had already plunged in, while at the time you thought you were only testing the water with your toe.

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THE FRAGMENTS

TONI JORDAN



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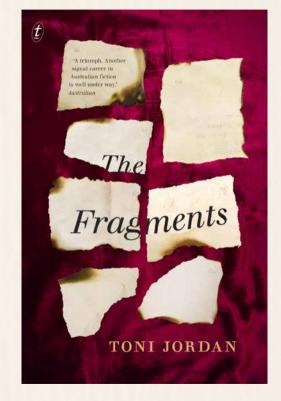
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INGA Karlson died in a fire in New York in the 1930s. leaving behind three things: a phenomenally successful first novel, the scorched fragments of a second book and a mystery that has captivated generations of readers.

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There are some half-dozen letters from Inga to her publisher, tombstones in a long case. hole in the top right corner.

1 including the famous posthumous one. Karlson's Pulitzer is there, and selected reviews—some early ones amusingly condescending ('undeniably pleasant'), the later ones obsequious. There are the threats and the complaints, the letters that call her 'a traitor to her own race', 'an accomplice to the Jews or perhaps a Jew yourself', 'a spreader of poison, of lies, of propaganda'.

And then Caddie is before the fragments, laid out like shabby

She can see the page numbers printed on six of them, these random sheets saved from the fire. In order, they are 46, 53, 108, 117, 187, 200 and 238. They are all damaged, although 108 has suffered only charring down the right-hand side and a small oblong

Caddie can see the fragments, and seeing them makes her long for her father in a way she hasn't for years, and that longing becomes an ache that spreads up her side and finishes behind her sternum, which is a bone she knows to be smooth in other people's chests but imagines laced with steely holes like a box grater in her own.

I THINK, THEREFORE I DRAW

UNDERSTANDING PHILOSOPHY THROUGH CARTOONS

DANIEL KLEIN & THOMAS CATHCART



Daniel Klein and Thomas Cathcart have known each other since they were philosophy students at Harvard. They have written several bestsellers together, including Heidegger and a Hippo Walk Through Those Pearly Gates and Plato and a Platypus Walk into a Bar. Tom is the author of The Trolley Problem, or Would You Throw the Fat Guy Off the Bridge? Danny's other books include Travels with Epicurus and Every Time I Find the Meaning of Life They Change It.

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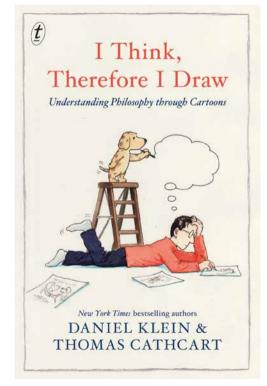
What is a 'self'? What is beauty? What is humankind's place in the cosmos?

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BOOKS THAT SAVED MY LIFE

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MICHAEL MCGIRR



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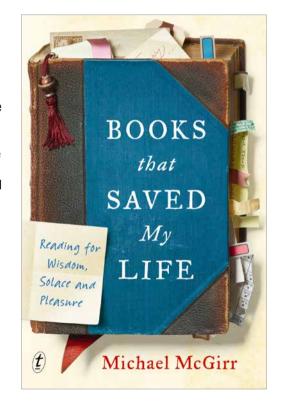
Great literature is thrilling. It will feed your hungry mind and take your heart on a journey. It will help you on the path of one of life's most elusive and hard-won freedoms, freedom from the ego.

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UNDER THE COLD BRIGHT LIGHTS

GARRY DISHER



Garry Disher has published fifty titles—fiction, children's books, anthologies, textbooks, the Wyatt thrillers and the Peninsula Crimes series. His last standalone novel, *Bitter Wash Road*, won the 2016 German Crime Prize, a prize he has previously won twice. He is also a two-time winner of a Ned Kelly Award.

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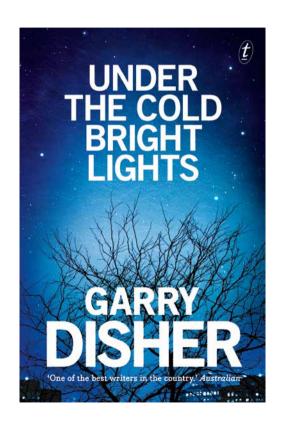
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Wyatt regarded Robb with cold interest. It was often like this, the layers of self-regard and caution peeling away from a holdup victim, the true man or woman peeking out. He slipped back into the slumbering streets, which began to stir as the guy's alarm reached their ears. He'd barely thought about Robb while he'd been robbing him. Now his detachment was complete.

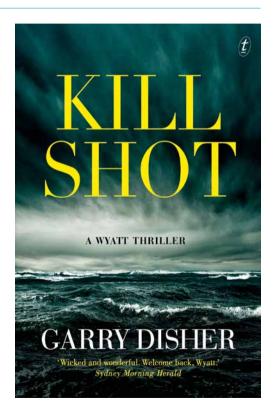
SOME people just work better alone. Wyatt's one of them. He's been getting by on nice quiet little burglaries one-man jobs—when he gets wind of something bigger.

A corporate crook, notorious Ponzi schemer, set to face court and certain jail time. He's about to skip bail the old-fashioned way, on a luxury vacht with a million dollars in cash.

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Good to be with you, Bryan.

Now, the parliament's back.

It is, Bryan, and we've got a great opportunity here. As a nation. We can achieve great things here.

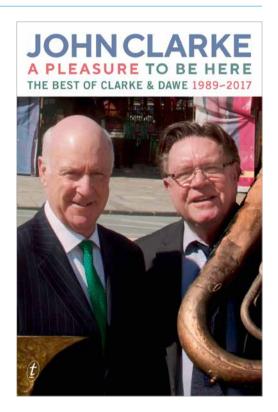
You've got a majority of one.

Try not to interrupt, Bryan.

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AMAL UNBOUND

A NOVEL

AISHA SAEED



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TWELVE-YEAR-OLD Amal loves learning and dreams of becoming a teacher.

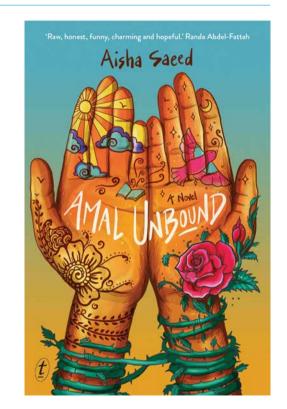
Then something unimaginable happens—after an accidental run-in with the son of her village's dishonourable landlord, she is forced to work as his family's servant to pay off her own family's debt.

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THE ART OF TAXIDERMY

SHARON KERNOT

ILLUSTRATED BY EDITH REWA



Sharon Kernot writes poetry and fiction. Her first novel, *Underground Road*, was published by Wakefield Press in 2013. Her short fiction and poetry have appeared in a variety of journals, magazines and anthologies, including *Island*, *Mascara Literary Journal*, *Best Australian Poems* and *Australian Love Stories*

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And then I surprised myself and said:
I keep them because
they remind me of Mother.

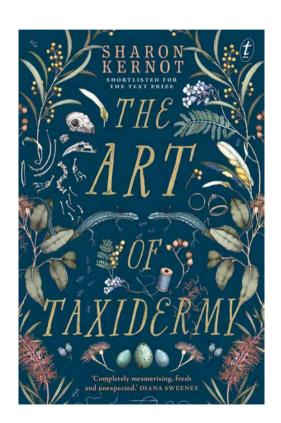
Shortlisted for the 2017 Text Prize

LOTTIE is fascinated with death. She collects birds, lizards and other small dead animals she finds, trying preserve them, to hold onto the life they once had. Her aunt tries to put a stop to this worrying obsession, but her father can see a scientist's mind at work, and he introduces her to the art of taxidermy.

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'An intense exploration of grief.' Steven Herrick



THE FINDER

KATE HENDRICK



Kate Hendrick lives in Sydney with her husband and their two children. Her first novel, *The Accident*, was shortlisted for the 2014 Queensland Literary Awards.

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'For me, it brought back the raw sting of familiarity of reading John Marsden for the first time.'

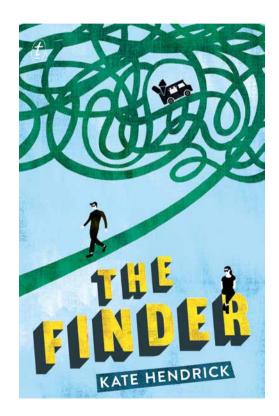
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WHEN Lindsay meets Elias, the signs aren't promising. She's a grungy introvert who doesn't want to talk to anyone. He's a teen fashionista who can't shut the hell up. But since Lindsay tracked down a young runaway, word has got around that she knows how to find people. Elias is looking for his birth mother and he thinks Lindsay can help.

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In Elias, despite their differences, she might have found someone to look with.



THE UNBELIEVABLY SCARY THING THAT HAPPENED IN HUGGABIE FALLS

BOOK TWO IN THE HUGGABIE FALLS TRILOGY

ADAM CECE

ILLUSTRATED BY ANDREW WELDON



Adam Cece won the 2017 Text Prize for Young Adult and Children's Writing for the first book in the Huggabie Falls Trilogy: The Extremely Weird Thing that Happened in Huggabie Falls. Adam lives in Adelaide

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KIPP Kindle, Tobias Treachery and Cymphany Chan live in Huggabie Falls, the weirdest town on Earth, so weirdness is pretty normal for them. But when unbelievably scary things start to happen, even Kipp, Tobias and Cymphany have trouble believing what's going on. Why is everyone running away from their worst fears and where did those fears suddenly appear from? How can a dinosaur that doesn't even exist be about to chomp Cymphany in two? And is the evil Felonious Dark reformed like he says he is, or is he the one behind the unbelievably scary happenings?

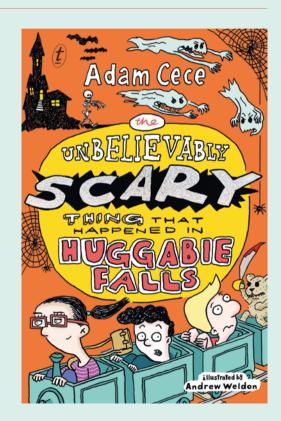
With all the madcap humour and breakneck adventure of The Extremely Weird Thing that Happened in Huggabie Falls, this hilarious sequel will have young readers laughing out loud and asking for more.

PRAISE for Book One-

'Wonderfully weird and lots of fun.' Andy Griffiths

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'Young readers looking for a good belly laugh won't be disappointed.' Readings

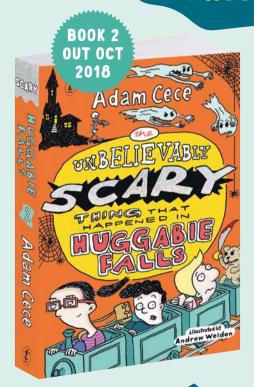


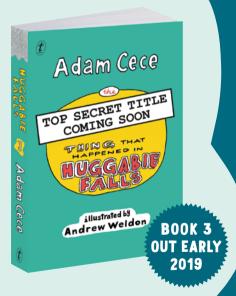
BOOK 1 OUT NOW Adam Cece Wonderfully WEIRD and lots of fun! THING THAT Adam Cece Andrew Weldon

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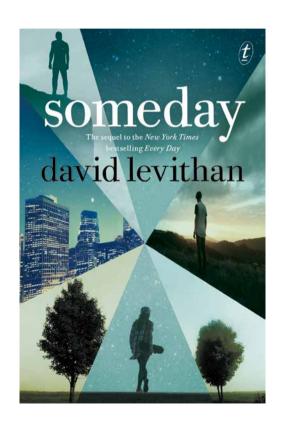
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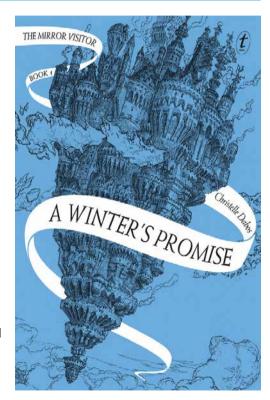
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