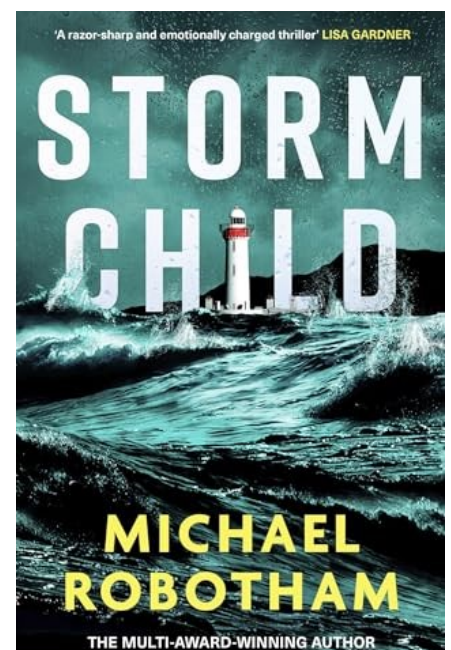
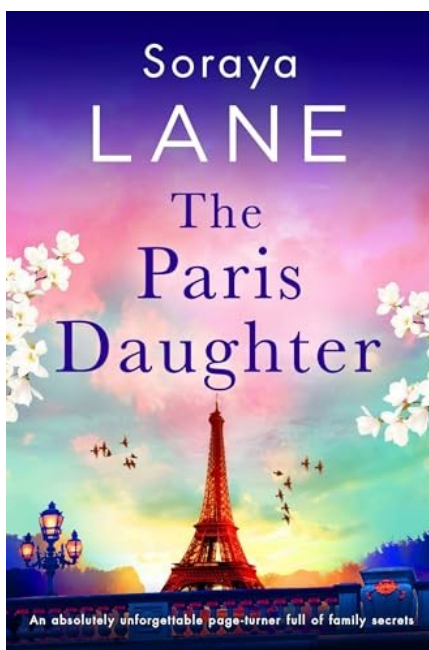


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What's New

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25 alive / *Patterson, James*

Sergeant Lindsay Boxer's friend and former partner is brutally murdered in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park. SFPD homicide detective Lindsay Boxer knows her way around a crime scene. But nothing can prepare her for the shock of recognition - the victim is Warren Jacobi, Lindsay's former partner who rose to chief of police. A top detective until the end, Jacobi managed to leave Lindsay a clue. Following a trail of evidence along the west coast, the Women's Murder Club pledges to avenge Jacobi's death before the killer can take another one of their own.

After the fall / *Alexander, Kirsten*

Fleeing Melbourne for a village in the Yorkshire Dales had felt right. Sanctuary, I'd thought. But nowhere is as straightforward as it first appears. When Giselle flees to the north Yorkshire village of Hollydale, she doesn't give much thought to what she might find there. She's more concerned with what she's leaving behind - a toxic marriage, the loss of her beloved sister, Lina, and the cloud of suspicion over the circumstances of Lina's death.

All the bees in the hollows / *Keegan, Lauren*

Bees choose their masters. Bees don't sting good people. Marytè is a devoted beekeeper. She lives by the old rules: work with fellow beekeepers, be a good Christian and a good harvest will follow. These rules help her cope with her grief when she inherits her husband's tree hollows. But as harsh conditions and tax increases threaten the harvest, Marytè begins to question her faith, her community and her own sanity.

An almost perfect summer / *Mansell, Jill*

Nick is the most intriguing man Nella has met in a while. He's a 9 in the looks department (no one gets a 10), he makes her laugh, and he keeps her company when she ends up in A&E. But they live hundreds of miles apart. Then Nella loses her job. There's a perfect role on offer at a Cotswolds holiday retreat. The catch is that her boss would be Nick. And that makes Nick the one man she can't risk falling in love with.

Beirut Station : two lives of a spy / *Vidich, Paul*

Lebanon, 2006. The Israel-Hezbollah war is tearing Beirut apart: bombs are raining down, residents are scrambling to evacuate, and the country is on the brink of chaos. In the midst of this turmoil, the CIA and Mossad are targeting a reclusive Hezbollah terrorist, Najib Qassem. Najib is believed to be planning the assassination of Secretary of State, who is coming to Beirut in ten days to broker a cease-fire.

Bonded in death / *Robb, J. D.*

Lt. Eve Dallas is back with a murder case with its roots in loyalty, treachery, espionage and the long shadow of war... His passport reads Giovanni Rossi, retired businessman. But decades ago, during the Urban Wars, he was part of a small, secret organisation called The Twelve. Responding to an urgent summons from an old compatriot, he returns to New York. To his death...

The burning / *Castillo, Linda*

Newlywed Chief of Police Kate Burkholder is awakened by an urgent midnight call summoning her to a suspicious fire in the woods. When she arrives at the scene, she discovers a charred body. According to the coroner, the deceased, an Amish man named Milan Swanz, was chained to a stake and burned alive. It is an appalling and eerily symbolic crime against an upstanding husband and father.

The burrow / *Cheng, Melanie*

Amy, Jin and Lucie are leading isolated lives in their partially renovated, inner city home. They are not happy, but they are also terrified of change. When they buy a pet rabbit for Lucie, and then Amy's mother, Pauline, comes to stay, the family is forced to confront long-buried secrets. Will opening their hearts to the rabbit help them to heal or only invite further tragedy? The Burrow tells an unforgettable story about grief and hope. With her characteristic compassion and eye for detail, Melanie Cheng reveals the lives of others - even of a small rabbit.

The campers / *Cuskelly, Maryrose*

Leah has a good life. She lives on the Drove, an inner-city cul-de-sac, with her husband, Moses, and their two children. She and her neighbours - the drovers - look out for each other. Theirs is a safe, community-oriented enclave and that's the way it's going to stay. When itinerants set up camp in 'their' park, some of the drovers are unsettled, some are outraged, and all of them want the campers to move on.

Can't run, can't hide / *Yrsa Sigurðardóttir*

On a cold winter evening in a secluded fjord in Iceland, a neighbour visits the house of a family that has not been seen in a week. No one comes to the door when he knocks. After breaking down the back door, his worst fears are realised. Their home is now an horrific crime scene. Policeman Týr and forensic pathologist Iðunn are called to the house to investigate. As the case advances, harrowing secrets about the family are revealed.

The cleaner / *Watson, Mary*

Esmie is meant to be invisible. Just a cleaner with a foreign accent that no one quite has time to place, and a uniform of leggings and a duster that allows her to explore the homes of the wealthy Woodlands gated community, unnoticed. Which is exactly what she wants. Because Esmie isn't really a cleaner. One of the residents of Woodlands has ruined her life. And when she finds out who, she's going to make them pay.

Cold truth / *Kalagian Blunt, Ashley*

Harlow Close has made a career as an influencer uncovering the secrets of Winnipeg, dubbed 'North America's strangest city'. The region is renowned for its sub-zero temperatures, dropping to minus 40 degrees - sometimes for months at a time. Yet, it's not just the frigid winters and geographic seclusion that render Winnipeg peculiar. When Harlow's father mysteriously disappears amid a brutal cold snap, suspicions of foul play arise. It's not like Scott to miss phone calls - and he's been even more cautious since that time he was catfished by a romance scammer.

The courting of Bristol Keats / *Pearson, Mary E.*

After losing both their parents, Bristol Keats and her sisters struggle to stay afloat in their small, quiet town of Bowskeep. When Bristol begins to receive letters from an 'aunt' she has never heard of, who promises to help, Bristol reluctantly agrees to meet her - and discovers that everything she thought she knew about her family is a lie. Her father might even still be alive. Not killed but kidnapped by terrifying creatures and taken to another realm - the one he is from. Desperate to save her father and find the truth, Bristol journeys to a land of gods, fae and monsters.

The day of the roaring / *Bhadreshwar, Nina*

When the dismembered body of a headmaster is found on the derelict site of a former school in Sheffield, DI Diana Walker finds herself chasing shadows. Faced with missing teachers, unreported crimes and silent witnesses, Diana is running out of leads. Her colleagues insist this is just another instance of gang violence, but Diana knows there's something more.

Deep end / *Hazelwood, Ali*

Scarlett Vandermeer is swimming upstream. A Junior at Stanford and a student-athlete who specialises in platform diving, Scarlett prefers to keep her head down, concentrating on getting into med school and on recovering from the injury that almost ended her career... Swim captain, world champion, all-around aquatics golden boy, Lukas Blomqvist thrives on discipline. It's how he wins gold medals and breaks records: complete focus, with every stroke.

Dirty money / *Philby, Charlotte*

An investigative journalist turned private detective, Ramona's final scoop left her with a target on her back. When her latest case looking into an upmarket escort agency takes a dark turn, she needs information only accessible to those in power... A high-flying operative at a government agency, it's the day of her fiftieth birthday when Madeleine finds out that she has been given the lead on an investigation into corruption on a global scale.

The friend zone experiment / *Cho, Zen*

From the outside, Renee Goh's life looks perfect. She's thirty and beautiful, runs a glamorous - and profitable - women's clothing company in London, and is dating a hot Taiwanese pop star. But Renee is lonely. Estranged from her family in Singapore, she practically lives at the office, and now she's just been dumped by her supposed boyfriend. Who she never saw anyway, so why is she ruining her Instagram-ready makeup by crying?

From London with love / *Fforde, Katie*

It's 1968 and it's cold when Felicity arrives in London to stay with her mother, improve her English, do a secretarial course and meet a suitable man. She is already missing her home in Provence and her father and his new wife and their extended family. But it's only for a year she tells herself and then she can go back to France and do what she really wants and become a painter. And then she bumps into Oliver who is quite the most interesting young man she has ever met.

The frozen people / *Griffiths, Elly*

Cold cases are a lot easier to solve when you can travel back in time to find new evidence. Unless, that is, you get stuck in the nineteenth century... Ali Dawson and her cold case team investigate crimes so old, they're frozen - or so their inside joke goes. Ali's work seems like a safe desk job, but what her friends - and even her beloved son - don't know is that her team has a secret: they can travel back in time to look for evidence.

Grace of the Empire State / *Tizzard, Gemma*

As the Great Depression bites, show dancer Grace's Irish immigrant family can't afford the rising rents, nor the medicine that her little sister urgently needs. When her twin brother is injured and can no longer work on the construction of the half-built Empire State Building, Grace steps up - literally. She trades her dancing shoes for worker boots, braving deadly metal work hundreds of feet in the sky. But survival isn't guaranteed.

The granddaughter / *Schlink, Bernhard*

May, 1964. At a youth festival in East Berlin, an unlikely young couple fall in love. In the bright spring days, anything seems possible for them - it is only many years later, after her death, that Kaspar discovers the price his wife paid to get to him in West Berlin. Shattered by grief, Kaspar sets off to uncover Birgit's secrets in the East. His search leads him to a rural community of neo-Nazis, and to a young girl who accepts him as her grandfather. Their worlds could not be more different - but he is determined to fight for her.

Grave intent / *Tarr, Fiona*

A high-profile murder case is just part of the job-until it re-opens deep wounds that never healed... Detective Dawn Grave is a career cop - a workaholic, hiding from a tumultuous past. A recent threat on her sister's life forced Dawn back to the place where her nightmares began. She's since managed to overcome most of her demons, but a local murder investigation threatens to unearth a secret she's worked hard to keep buried. When a woman's remains are found in croc infested waters, mauled and unrecognisable, Dawn finds herself working alongside a ghost from her past.

Head cases / *McMahon, John*

FBI Agent Gardner Camden is an analytical genius with an affinity for puzzles. He also has a blind spot on the human side of investigations, a blindness that sometimes even includes people in his own life, like his beloved seven-year-old daughter Camila. Gardner and his squad of brilliant yet quirky agents make up the Patterns and Recognition (PAR) unit, the FBI's hidden edge, brought in for cases that no one else can solve.

Hidden in shadows / *Sten, Viveca*

In the Swedish ski resort of Are, crime is rare. Certainly nothing so brutal as the murder of Johan Andersson, a former Olympic skier found bound and beaten to death in the forest. According to his distraught wife, he didn't have any enemies in the world. To Detective Inspectors Hanna Ahlander and Daniel Lindskog, the crime proves otherwise. But what could have provoked such rage? And in whom? As Hanna and Daniel search for answers, Rebecka Ekvall, a vulnerable pastor's wife, is trapped in an abusive marriage.

The island getaway / *Diamond, Lucy*

On the sun-drenched island of Kefalonia, the new arrivals at The Ionian Escape hotel are hoping for a break from everyday life. But some of them are bringing a lot of baggage... Disgraced TV star Miranda Vallance feels like the worst person in the world. Her sister won't speak to her and her job's on the line. She's desperate to put things right, but how?

The jam maker / *Stephens, Mary-Lou*

Jam is sweet but it can also burn. Tasmania, 1874. Growing up in the impoverished tenements along the Hobart Rivulet, Harriet Brown is used to doing whatever it takes to survive. Including, at just twelve years old, shearing off her hair and pretending to be a boy to secure a job as label-paster at the George Peacock and Sons jam factory. Four years later, the deceit becomes too much to bear and Harriet risks everything on the chance at a future with her ambitious friend and workmate Henry Jones.

The last days of Kira Mullan / *French, Nicci*

She thinks it was murder. But if she can't trust herself, can anyone else? Nancy North and her boyfriend Felix are making the move across London to Harlesden. A new flat, a new area, a new start. Because while Nancy is fine now, she wasn't fine before. But settling into the new flat and meeting the new neighbours isn't helped by Felix's hovering concern. She is all right. She is sticking to her breathing exercises and doctor-prescribed help.

Last twilight in Paris / *Jenoff, Pam*

London, 1953. Louise is still adjusting to her postwar role as a housewife when she discovers a necklace in a box at a secondhand shop. The box is marked with the name of a department store in Paris, and she is certain she has seen the necklace before she worked with the Red Cross in Nazi-occupied Europe - and that it holds the key to the mysterious death of her friend Franny during the war. Following the trail of clues to Paris, Louise seeks help from her former boss Ian, with whom she shares a romantic history.

Lost and lassoed / *Sage, Lyla*

Teddy Andersen doesn't have a plan. She's never needed one. She's more of a go-with-the-flow type of girl, but for some reason, the flow doesn't seem to be going her way this time. Gus Ryder has a lot on his plate. He's always been the dependable one, but when his workload starts to overwhelm him, he has to admit that he can't manage everything on his own. He needs help. His little sister's best friend, the woman he can't stand, is not who he had in mind.

The lotus shoes / *Yang, Jane*

As a child, Little Flower is sold to Linjing's wealthy family to become a muizai. In a fit of childish jealousy over her new handmaiden's ladylike bound feet and talent for embroidery, Linjing ensures Little Flower can never leave her to ascend in society. Despite their starkly different places in the Fong household, over the years the two girls must work together to secure both their futures through Linjing's marriage.

The Malacca incident / *Newman, Jack*

When a test of a cutting-edge hypersonic missile goes awry, it triggers an escalating series of violent events that threatens to bring the nations of China and the United States into open conflict. Daniel 'Danny' Blackburn is an American intelligence analyst posted to Australia and working as the lead analyst on the hypersonic missile project. When the new missile goes missing, Danny becomes caught between his loyalty to his country of birth and the land he now lives in, as he is thrust into an increasingly dangerous game played by self-interested individuals who seek to overrule the will of entire nations.

The midnight hour / *Chase, Eve*

In this thrilling, richly woven novel that spans from bustling London streets to the boulevards of Paris, a woman with a dark family secret tries to turn back the hands of time before it's too late. Notting Hill, London: One May evening, seventeen-year-old Maggie Parker's mother walks out of their front door and doesn't return. With her little brother in tow, desperate to find their mother, Maggie is drawn into a labyrinthine world of secondhand shops and shadowy figures, far from the grand townhouses in her comfortable neighbourhood.

Moving on / *Meaney, Roisin*

As a new decade begins, hopeless romantic and big dreamer Ellen is finally moving on from her hometown. In Galway she takes a job in a bookshop, and somewhere between the dusty bookshelves and the quiet afternoons, a bookseller called Ben finds a place in her heart. Fast forward, and the bright lights (and cosy flats) of London are calling Ellen's name. There she meets Leo, a charming, attentive City banker who's everything she's ever wanted.

Nemesis / *Hurwitz, Gregg*

Orphan X is back with a bang in his biggest adventure yet. Evan Smoak is the guy you want on your side. A former government black ops assassin, he'll be there for you in your darkest hour - and he'll rain hell and thunder on those who caused your pain. A lone wolf operator, Evan can't afford to lose any of the few people he likes and trusts. But when Tommy Stojack, Evan's loyal, long-time gunsmith and armourer, betrays him, it's war. Because a good assassin keeps his friends close, but his weapons closer...

Never say never / *Steel, Danielle*

Oona Kelly Webster has much to be grateful for. A striking woman with red hair and green eyes, she has a loving family and a job she adores, editing a prestigious line of books. To celebrate their twenty-fifth wedding anniversary, she and her husband, Charles, have planned a visit to France. But then Charles drops a bombshell. He has been living a lie - hiding an affair for a year - and he is leaving Oona for a younger male lover.

Notes on a drowning / *Sharpe, Anna*

Alex knows she risks getting fired from her law firm if she takes on another unpaid case, but when she hears Rosa's desperate voice at the other end of the phone, she knows she has to help: the body of Rosa's shy teenage sister, Natalia, has been dragged, lifeless, from the Thames. Alex can't help but think of her own missing little sister. She knows how a lack of answers can eat you alive. Kat has worked hard to become Special Adviser to the Home Secretary, and is eager to finally put the dark and tragic part of her past behind her.

Open season / *Kellerman, Jonathan*

People come to Los Angeles to chase their dreams. Sometimes they find themselves cast into a nightmare. And sometimes, the most ardent dreamers turn out to be the most vicious monsters. The body of an aspiring actress is found dumped near a hospital emergency room. She's been drugged and murdered and the motive for the callous crime remains maddeningly out of reach. Until, a prime suspect materialises.

Paranoia / *Patterson, James*

A serial killer is taking out cops in NYC. Could Detective Michael Bennett be next? Michael Bennett says a prayer every time he witnesses a death. In his line of work, it happens too often. But lately he's attended so many police funerals that his deepening sadness is crossing into the zone of suspicion. Bennett must find the person responsible for the deaths of his friends - before he becomes their next target. With a new baby on the way, Bennett's protective instincts - as a father, a colleague and a detective - have never faced a bigger test.

The Paris daughter / *Lane, Soraya*

Paris, 1939: Gazing out at the glittering skyline, Evelina clutches the letter from her love in shaking hands. "I know I do not deserve you, my darling, but I pray that you will change your mind. You have my heart, and I hope that nothing will keep us apart..." London, present day. Blake gazes down at a scrap of shimmering silver velvet attached to a faded dress design. They were left by her great-grandmother at Hope's House, a home for unmarried mothers, and now that her beloved grandmother has passed, the designer's signature is the only clue Blake has about her biological family.

The queen of fives / *Hay, Alex*

1898. Quinn le Blanc, London's most talented con woman, has five days to pull off her most ambitious plot yet: trap a highly eligible duke into marriage and lift a fortune from the richest family in England. Masquerading as the season's most enviable debutante, Quinn puts on a brilliant act that earns her entrance into the grand drawing rooms and lavish balls of high society - and propels her straight into the inner circle of her target: the charismatic Kendals.

The reunion / *Rivers, Bronwyn*

Ten years ago, six teenagers hiked into the Blue Mountains wilderness - and only five came out alive. The survivors have barely seen each other since the tragic bushwalk. Yet when an invitation arrives to attend a 10-year memorial of their friend's death, Hugh, Charlotte, Alex, Laura and Jack find themselves travelling back into the rugged landscape where it all began. The weekend at an isolated homestead in the bush - no phone signal, no distractions - should be a chance to reflect and reconnect. But each of the friends has been carrying secrets from the fateful hike. And someone will stop at nothing to get the truth.

Secrets of the watch house / *Ashcroft, Jenny*

Cornwall, 1934. Violet Ellis is living in the shadows of her father's ruined reputation. So, when wealthy widower James Atherton offers her employment, she immediately begins the treacherous journey to his home on the remote Cornish island of Aoife's Bay - despite the bone-chilling allegations surrounding his late wife Elizabeth's death. In James's company, Violet begins to feel the love that has been missing all her life. But when anonymous letters start to plague the bay's residents, threatening to expose what really happened to Elizabeth, Violet feels the hostility towards her grow.

Servant of earth / *Hawley, Sarah*

In the underground Fae realm, only the strongest and most ruthless have power - but a young human woman forced into a life of servitude is about to change everything. Kenna Heron is best known in her village for being a little wild - some say half feral - but she'll need every ounce of that ferocity to survive captivity in the cruel Fae court.

Swordcrossed / *Marske, Freya*

Mattinesh Jay, heir to his family's struggling business, needs his arranged marriage to go off without a hitch. But if he's to successfully restore his house's fortunes, Matti must first hire a swordsman to defend him against any sword-challenges at the altar. Unfortunately, the only duellist he can afford is part-time con artist and full-time charming menace Luca Piere. All Luca wants to do is make some easy money and forget the crime he committed in his home town.

Three days in June / *Tyler, Anne*

Gail Baines is having a bad day. To start, she loses her job - or quits, depending on whom you ask. Tomorrow her daughter, Debbie, is getting married, and she hasn't even been invited to the spa day organised by the mother of the groom. Then, Gail's ex-husband, Max, arrives unannounced on her doorstep, carrying a cat, without a place to stay, and without even a suit. But the true crisis lands when Debbie shares with her parents a secret she has just learned about her husband to be. It will not only throw the wedding into question but also stir up Gail and Max's past.

The violinist's secret / *Hollows, M. J. (Michael J.)*

Charlotte Weber is against the Nazi regime and what it stands for, but as she attends Hamburg University, she struggles to make sense of the war she finds herself a part of. Practising her violin for the university orchestra with her friend, Greta, gets her through the days, until Greta fails to meet her one day, and Charlotte goes to her friend's apartment to find her body inside. The police declare it a suicide, but Charlotte knows it is murder.

Virginia Lane is not a hero / *Stopps, Rosalind*

Ever since her beloved Jed died, all Virginia wants is to be left alone. But the little girl who lives down the street is so sweet, that even in her grief-fuelled state Virginia's heart softens whenever she sees her. And that's why Virginia knows there's something wrong in the little girl's house. So when the mother asks Virginia to take her child far away, somewhere safe, Virginia says yes. The last thing Virginia would call herself is a hero.

We all live here / *Moyes, Jojo*

Lila Kennedy has a lot on her plate. A recently broken marriage, two wayward daughters, a house that is falling apart, and an elderly stepfather who seems to have quietly moved in. Not to mention a once promising writing career that is now in freefall. So when her real dad - a man she has barely seen since he ran off to Hollywood thirty-five years ago - suddenly appears on her doorstep wanting to make amends, it feels like the final straw.

The woman in the wallpaper / *Jones, Lora*

Paris, 1789. The Oberst Factory, which crafts exquisite wallpaper for the most fashionable French homes, is a place shrouded in mystery. Most enigmatic is the woman pictured in each of its prints, rumoured to be the late Mrs Oberst, who died in peculiar circumstances. When sisters Lara and Sofi arrive there for work, they quickly form a friendship with Josef Oberst, the motherless heir to the factory.

You are fatally invited / *Pliego, Ande*

When renowned anonymous author J. R. Alastor hires former aspiring writer Mila del Ángel to host a writing retreat at his private manor off the coast of Maine, she jumps at the chance - particularly since she has an axe to grind with one of the invitees. The guest list? Six thriller authors, all masters of deceit, misdirection, and mayhem. Alastor and Mila have masterminded a week of games, trope-fueled riddles, and maybe a jump scare or two - the perfect cover for Mila to plot a murder of her own.

Non-Fiction

Bodyweight workouts for beginners / *Bartram, Sean*

Build strength and stability with exercises you can do anywhere! You don't need an expensive gym membership or fancy equipment to reach your fitness goals. In *Bodyweight Workouts for Beginners*, trainer Sean Bartram shows you how simple and effective it can be to focus your workouts on bodyweight and agility exercises. Increase your strength, improve mobility, burn fat, and define your muscles with exercises that target every part of your body.

Everyday eats / *Weston, Jasmin*

Jasmin Weston is here to help you transform your cooking game and show you how to make easy, mouth-watering dishes without breaking the bank. Even if you've never cooked before, Jasmin promises that if she can do it, you sure as sh*t can too! Jasmin has sifted through the masses of information out there on food and flavour and narrowed it down to what is most vital to know, whether you're just starting out on your cooking journey or looking to improve your skills.

Favourite Australian plants : 500 popular natives for your garden / *Stewart, Angus*

Australia's favourite gardening expert has selected the best native plants for every part of the country and soil type, from temperate coastal regions to areas with frost, and the tropical north. These are tried and tested plants easy to grow in home gardens. They include old favourites--such as grevilleas, orchids and bottle brushes--and popular cultivars, as well as less familiar species.

Great Australian homes. Volume 2 / [editor in chief, *Tanya Buchanan*]

Following the success of *House & Garden Great Australian Homes*, the team from the much-loved magazine is delighted to present its second volume. This stunning selection of houses has been designed by Australia's leading creative luminaries, from architects and interior designers to savvy homeowners, and beautifully captured by the country's best interiors photographers. The gorgeous volume invites readers to experience a carefully curated collection of homes that are wonderful examples of the contemporary Australian aesthetic.

Healthy happy ADHD : transform how you move, eat, and feel, and create your own path to well-being / *Dee, Lisa*

A health coach with ADHD offers the ultimate wellness guide for neurodivergent women, full of easy-to-implement and adaptable advice to help you thrive. ADHD makes it hard to maintain a healthy lifestyle, but an unhealthy lifestyle can make ADHD more difficult to live with. Health and fitness coach Lisa Dee experienced this firsthand when symptoms of her undiagnosed ADHD began wreaking havoc on her physical and mental health.

Non-Fiction

Self help : this is your chance to change your life / *Bernstein, Gabrielle*

"Gabby Bernstein has written the ultimate self-help guide, offering a revolutionary practice to radically shift your core beliefs and connect you to an infallible inner guidance system- the energy of Self within you. In this groundbreaking book, Gabby demystifies the power of Internal Family Systems (IFS) Therapy, taking its life-changing teachings out of the therapist's office and into your everyday life.

Will you help me? : Ralph's true story of abuse, secrets and lies / *Hartley, Maggie*

Six-year-old Ralph has only been in the care system for three days and has already been rejected by three different foster carers. After hitting a teacher at his school and causing mayhem since he arrived four months ago, staff are unable to get a hold of his mum and her partner. Social Services are called and when Ralph turns up at Maggie's house, she knows immediately it's going to be a challenge. Within a couple of hours, Ralph has trashed Maggie's house and spit on her face.

Biographies

From under the truck : a memoir / *Brolin, Josh*

Weaving a latticework of different strands, moving back and forth through time, Josh Brolin captures a life marked by curiosity, pain, devotion, kindness, humour. He recounts an unconventional childhood spent on a ranch in Paso Robles, California, far from the glamour Hollywood. As a child he was surrounded by the wolves, cougars and other wild animals gathered by his fearless and explosive mother, Jane Agee Brolin. Her tragic, early death haunts this book, and the force of her unforgettable personality is felt throughout.

Matters of the heart : a memoir / *Price, Jacinta Yangapi Nampijinpa*

Jacinta Nampijinpa Price was nine months pregnant and due to give birth the night she attended her high school formal. With her baby tucked in her arms, she completed year 12 from her hospital bed. Early in their relationship, she took her future husband, Colin, to the Alice Springs morgue to identify the body of a family member who'd been killed. Nothing about the life of this passionate and steely Warlpiri woman could ever be described as ordinary.

Biographies

The showman / *Maxwell, Glenn*

Discover the exhilarating story of Glenn Maxwell, the Australian cricket maestro whose audacious flair has redefined the nation's beloved game. Glenn Maxwell's brilliance on the cricket field is not without its risks. His bold approach can exasperate as well as exhilarate, yet when he hits his stride, he has the power to change the course of a match in a matter of moments. In a career marked by jaw-dropping performances and an exile from test cricket, Maxwell's record-breaking feats have left cricket enthusiasts in shock and awe.

Large Print

On the Royle range / *Johnstone, William W.*

Regis Royle's dream is to make the Royle Ranch the biggest cattle supplier in the country. Problem is, the country is splitting apart and everyone's gearing up for a War Between the States. The rail lines have been rerouted for the war effort. Which means Regis has to transport his cows the hard way: cattle drive. He and his men are attacked by a band of Apache, Comanche, Kiowa and half-breeds. When Regis gets separated from his men, he fears he's reached the end of the line.

Puzzle me a murder / *Noonan, Rosalind*

Alice had hoped to retire before turning sixty-five, not struggle to keep her home and job. But even after divorce leaves her a mess, the pieces always come together with help from her friends. So, when it's time to defend close confidant Ruby Milliner, she springs into action. Only, in this case, supporting Ruby means proving she didn't murder her cheating husband! Alice dives into a secret search to exonerate Ruby. But restoring peace to West Hazel is a real gamble. Because if successful, Alice will meet a vengeful killer whose game she doesn't yet know how to play.

From a far and lovely country / *McCall Smith, Alexander*

Botswana's premier detective agency is as busy as ever, with no shortage of sensitive situations requiring Mma Ramotswe's keen eye and discerning input. Through it all, Mma Ramotswe will demonstrate that there are solutions to all manner of difficulties, to be discovered as long as one is led by kindness, grace, and logic and can rely on the wise counsel of friends and loved ones.

Large Print

Board to death / *Connor, CJ*

Back in his hometown running his family's board game shop, Ben Rosencrantz just can't seem to get his life to pass go, much less collect two hundred dollars. He's a divorced caregiver, looking after his ill father. At least the town has become more LGBTQ+ friendly than when Ben was a teenager - and that flower shop owner, Ezra McCaslin, enjoys flirting with him. Ben is barely earning enough to keep the store running and stay on top of his father's medical bills.

The boyfriend / *McFadden, Freida*

She's looking for the perfect man. He's looking for the perfect victim. Sydney Shaw, like every single woman in New York, has terrible luck with dating. She's seen it all - men who lie in their dating profile, men who stick her with the dinner bill, and worst of all, men who can't shut up about their mothers. But finally, she hits the jackpot. Her new boyfriend is utterly perfect. He's charming, handsome and works as a doctor at a local hospital.

The burnout / *Kinsella, Sophie*

Sasha has had it. She cannot bring herself to respond to another inane email or participate in the corporate employee joyfulness program. She hasn't seen her friends in months. Sex seems like a lot of effort. Even cooking dinner takes far too much planning. Armed with good intentions, she heads to the seaside resort she loved as a child. But it's the off season, the hotel is in shambles and she has to share the beach with a grumpy guy named Finn.

Dirty thirty / *Evanovich, Janet*

Stephanie Plum, Trenton's most underappreciated bounty hunter, is offered a freelance assignment that seems simple enough. Local jeweller Martin Rabner wants her to locate his former security guard, Andy Manley, who he is convinced stole a fortune in diamonds out of his safe. Stephanie is also looking for Duncan Dugan, a fugitive from justice arrested for robbing the same jewellery store on the same day.

Fur love or money / *Ryan, Sofie*

Sarah Grayson is taking a break to spend time with a friend and her dog. But their visit comes to an end when they discover a dead body. The deceased turns out to be a financial adviser who swindled millions from investors and who has been presumed dead for three years. Unfortunately, suspicion falls on the owner of the property where the body was found - and that owner is a good friend of Charlotte's Angels, the senior citizen sleuths who work out of Sarah's shop.

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Hello stranger / *Center, Katherine*

Sadie Montgomery never saw what was coming literally! One minute she's celebrating the biggest achievement of her life - placing as a finalist in the North American Portrait Society competition - the next she's lying in a hospital bed diagnosed with a 'probably temporary' condition known as face blindness. She can see, but every face she looks at is now a jumbled puzzle of disconnected features.

In sunshine or in shadow / *Bowen, Rhys*

New York, 1908: Molly Murphy Sullivan doesn't want to leave her home in the city, but typhoid is back, and she's expecting. So she heads north to summer with her mother-in-law in Westchester County. Molly tells herself it won't be so bad, and she's determined to make the best of it. At least she's not the only one heading north. Her great friends, Sid and Gus, are headed to the Catskills to visit Sid's family. When Sid and Gus invite her to visit, Molly jumps at the chance to stay with them at an artists' community. But tensions are running high, and it's not long before a body delays Molly's return to Westchester.

Killing time / *Beaton, M. C.*

Life is never, ever dull in Agatha Raisin's sleepy Cotswolds village! Agatha Raisin's private detective agency has their work cut out for them when a series of shop burglaries disturbs their quiet Cotswolds village. When the break-ins take a violent turn and a murder occurs, it's all hands on deck to find the killer.

Letters of wisdom / *Brunstetter, Wanda E.*

Irma Miller thought having a family of her own would bring her joy and a sense of accomplishment, but she struggles with memories of the abuse she suffered as a child at the hand of her stepfather. When she becomes physically and emotionally abusive to her own children, she reaches out to her friend Doretta for prayer and wisdom. But Irma may find herself at an even darker emotional place before she will admit she needs professional help to heal the past traumas. Will Doretta's letters of wisdom help Irma and her family, or will too much be broken to ever be repaired?

The long game / *Armas, Elena*

Adalyn Reyes has spent years perfecting her daily routine: wake up at dawn, drive to the Miami Flames FC offices, try her hardest to leave a mark, go home, and repeat. But her routine is disrupted when a video of her in an altercation with the team's mascot goes viral. Rather than fire her, the team's owner - who happens to be her father - sends Adalyn to middle-of-nowhere North Carolina, where she's tasked with turning around the struggling local soccer team, the Green Warriors.

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The man from Waco / *Johnstone, William W.*

As a young man, John Bannack worked hard on his brother's farm - until times got tough and his brother grew desperate enough to rob a bank. When a posse showed up to make an arrest, John made a fateful decision: he confessed to his brother's crime and doomed himself to a hard, hellish life in a rat-hole state prison. When a gang ambushes the wagon and frees the prisoners, they bullet-blast the guards. Bannack finds the judge alive and takes him to safety. In return, the judge releases him from prison and employs him as his bodyguard and avenger.

Plain Jane / *Michaels, Fern*

Back in college, Jane Lewis would have given anything to be like homecoming queen Connie Bryan. Instead, she was just Plain Jane. Today, lovely and confident Dr Jane Lewis has a thriving therapy practice, her own radio talk show, a beautiful old Louisiana mansion and her affectionate, goofy dog, Olive, to keep her company. The only thing missing is someone to share her life. Jane has never forgotten Michael Sorenson, the boy she'd admired in college.

The protector / *Brunstetter, Wanda E.*

Rosa Petersheim has disappeared from the Big Valley without a trace. Norman always considered himself his sister's protector and can't believe she would have left home of her own accord - so he must have failed her. He throws all he has into helping the authorities search for Rosa, while trying to support his parents and siblings who are struggling both mentally and physically.

Storm child / *Robotham, Michael*

As a child, Evie Cormac was discovered hiding in a secret room where a man had been tortured to death. Now, on a hot summer's day, the past drags Evie back as she watches the bodies of seventeen migrants wash up on a Lincolnshire beach. There is only one survivor, a teenage boy, who tells police their boat was deliberately rammed and sunk. Psychologist Cyrus Hvane is recruited by the police to investigate the murders - but recognizes immediately that Evie has some link to the tragedy.

Swamp story / *Barry, Dave*

Jesse Braddock is trapped in a cabin in the Everglades with her daughter and her ex-boyfriend. Broke and desperate, Jesse stumbles across a long-lost treasure, which could solve all her problems. The problem is, some very bad men are also looking for the treasure. Meanwhile, Ken Bortle has hatched a scheme to lure tourists to his store by making viral videos of the 'Everglades Melon Monster', inspiring a horde of TikTokkers to swarm into the swamp.

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Trouble is brewing / *Delany, Vicki*

Members of the Reynolds and Hill families have gathered at Tea by the Sea to sip some delicious blends while they shower bride-to-be Hannah Hill with presents. But the mothers-in-law have been sniping at each other - and then Lily, overhears the groom's father, Ralph, offering his son a very sizable bribe to call off the wedding. The event suddenly has to be postponed when Ralph is found dead, a bottle of whiskey beside him.

Unforgotten / *Gray, Shelley Shepard*

Even though Bethanne Hostetler has found some peace eight years after an attempted assault and the accidental death of Peter Miller, she is still haunted by the memory. When her Englisher cousin, Candace - who has just been crowned Miss Crittenden County - reveals that she has a stalker, all of Bethanne's old fears come rushing back. Jay Raber had once been Peter's best friend, and the fact that he did not protect Bethanne that fateful night has haunted him ever since.

What does it feel like? / *Kinsella, Sophie*

Eve is a successful novelist who wakes up one day in a hospital bed with no memory of how she got there. Her husband explains that she has had an operation to remove the tumour in her brain. As Eve learns to walk, talk and write again, she begins to recall what's most important to her: long walks with her husband, family game nights, and always buying that dress when she sees it.

The whip hand / *Johnstone, William W.*

The Buchanans are no strangers to hard times - or making hard choices. After losing a hefty number of livestock to a killer grizzly, Hunter Buchanan is forced to sell a dozen broncs down in Denver for some badly needed cash. Everything goes smoothly - until he's ambushed on the way home. The culprits are a murderous bunch of prairie rat outlaws, as dangerous as any Buchanan has ever tangled with. But Hunter is hell-bent on getting his money back.

You like it darker : stories / *King, Stephen*

'You like it darker? Fine, so do I', writes Stephen King in the afterword to this magnificent new collection of 12 stories that delve into the darker part of life - both metaphorical and literal. King has, for half a century, been a master of the form, and these stories, about fate, mortality, luck and the folds in reality where anything can happen, are as rich and riveting as his novels, both weighty in theme and a huge pleasure to read. 'Two Talented Bastards' explores the long-hidden secret of how the eponymous gentlemen got their skills.

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From a far and lovely country / *McCall Smith, Alexander*

Botswana's premier detective agency is as busy as ever, with no shortage of sensitive situations requiring Mma Ramotswe's keen eye and discerning input. Through it all, Mma Ramotswe will demonstrate that there are solutions to all manner of difficulties, to be discovered as long as one is led by kindness, grace, and logic and can rely on the wise counsel of friends and loved ones.

The Great Hippopotamus Hotel / *McCall Smith, Alexander*

Mma Ramotswe never allows an act of injustice to pass unanswered. She is, after all, head of Botswana's premier detective agency, but that doesn't mean she can't use the help of Mma Makutsi and Mma Potokwane. Meanwhile, Mr J.L.B. Matekoni has found himself in complicated circumstances of his own, requiring not a little of Mma Ramotswe's time and expertise. In the end, as each of these predicaments comes untangled, Mma Ramotswe draws on her goodwill and generosity to bring important truths to light: of friendship, honesty and love.

The grey wolf / *Penny, Louise*

Relentless phone calls interrupt the peace of a warm August morning in the small village of Three Pines in Quebec. Someone has managed to track down Armand Gamache, head of homicide, as he sits with his wife in their back garden. When he finally answers the call, his rage shatters the calm of their quiet Sunday morning. That's only the first in a sequence of strange events that begin the grey wolf.

The knife before Christmas / *Carlisle, Kate*

Christmas has come to Lighthouse Cove, but business hasn't slowed down for Shannon Hammer. She's been contracted to renovate a local hotel owned by the Garrisons, a family that's so devoted to the holidays they serve a seven-course dinner every night from Thanksgiving through Christmas. Last year's festivities featured a train that transported guests around the breathtaking Cliffside property. This year, Shannon and her crew have been commissioned to build a Victorian-style carnival midway with games and prizes galore.

Now or never : thirty-one on the run / *Evanovich, Janet*

She said yes to Morelli. She said yes to Ranger. Now Stephanie Plum has two fiancés and no idea what to do about it. But the way things are going, she might not live long enough to marry anyone. While Stephanie stalls for time, she buries herself in her work as a bounty hunter, tracking down an unusually varied assortment of fugitives from justice. There's Eugene Fleck, a seemingly sweet online influencer who might also be YouTube star Robin Hoody, masked hero to the homeless, who hijacks delivery trucks and distributes their contents to the needy.

AudioBooks

By any other name : MP3 audiobook / *Picoult, Jodi*

What is the greatest writer of all time isn't who we think he is? In 1581, Emilia Bassano is allowed no voice of her own. But as the Lord Chamberlain's mistress she has access to the theatre and finds a way to bring her work to the stage secretly. But creating some of the world's greatest dramatic masterpieces costs at a cost: by paying man for the use of his name, she will write her own out of history. His name? William Shakespeare.

Identity unknown : MP3 audiobook / *Cornwell, Patricia*

Summoned to an unnerving, abandoned theme park to retrieve a body, Dr Kay Scarpetta is devastated to learn that the victim is a man she once loved. While teaching in Rome during the early days of her career, Scarpetta had a love affair with acclaimed astrophysicist Sal Giordano that led to a lifelong friendship. The murder scene is bizarre, with a crop circle of petals around the body, and Giordano's skin is strangely red.

Lies he told me : CD audiobook / *Patterson, James*

Everyone in the small town of Hemingway Grove knows David and Marcie Bowers. David owns the local pub. Marcie is a former big-city lawyer who practises family law. When David jumps into Cotton River to save a drowning stranger, he's celebrated as a hero and his daring actions are broadcast on every news outlet. For most people, newfound fame is a lifeline. For David, it's a death sentence.

Poppy's choice : MP3 audiobook / *Court, Dilly*

Desperate to protect her family, can Poppy put her trust in a stranger? When Poppy Robbins is targeted by a blackmailer threatening to reveal secrets from her family's past, she turns to the mysterious Edward Taverner for help. Taverner proposes an escape to his country manor, and to maintain a respectable appearance, he asks her to pose as his fiancée. She reluctantly agrees, but then finds herself trapped, unwelcome and alone in a threadbare mansion. Has her engagement secret put her in greater danger, or will it change her life forever?

Raised by wolves : CD audiobook / *Patterson, James*

Two children dressed in rags are discovered ransacking a grocery store on the edge of town. They bare their teeth. They growl. They claim to have been raised by wolves. Where did these children come from? Who are their parents? And can they learn to live when they have only ever been taught to survive?

Audiobooks

Three days in June : MP3 audiobook / *Tyler, Anne*

It's the day before her daughter's wedding and things are not going well for Gail Baines. First thing, she loses her job - or quits, depending who you ask. Then her ex-husband Max turns up at her door expecting to stay for the festivities. He doesn't even have a suit. Instead, he's brought memories, a shared sense of humour - and a cat looking for a new home. Just as Gail is wondering what's next, their daughter Debbie discovers her groom has been keeping a secret.

To die for : CD audiobook / *Baldacci, David*

Two suspicious deaths. When Dwayne and Alice Odom are killed, the police report states clearly that it was a drug overdose. So why is their daughter, who was there when they died, claiming that's not the truth? One young survivor. Betsy Odom doesn't trust the police but when she finds herself in the FBI's custody after her parents' deaths, she knows she has to be careful. Her uncle wants to adopt her and as he is a very rich and powerful man, she wants to let him. His criminal connections, however, mean the authorities aren't so sure.

Warrior king : MP3 audiobook / *Smith, Wilbur A.*

South Africa, 1820. When Ann Waite discovers a shipwreck in Algoa Bay she is stunned to find survivors - a scarred sailor and a little boy. As the man walks away into the distance alone, Ann is left to raise the young child, Harry, in place of the baby she tragically lost at sea. Disaster and hardship befall Ann and Harry, and desperation drives them into the path of the mysterious shipwrecked man once more.

We all live here : CD audiobook / *Moyes, Jojo*

Welcome to the Kennedy household. Lila wrote a bestseller about keeping your marriage alive, before discovering her ex was playing happy families with another woman. A woman she sees everyday at school pick-up. Bill, her stepdad, moved in after Lila's mum died. He's kind, old-fashioned and driving her absolutely nuts. Celie, Lila's eldest, hates school. Hates it so much she's stopped going. Her mother's fine with that - because she doesn't know yet.

What does it feel like? : CD audiobook / *Kinsella, Sophie*

Eve is a successful novelist who wakes up one day in a hospital bed with no memory of how she got there. Her husband, never far from her side, explains that she has had an operation to remove the large, malignant tumour growing in her brain. As Eve learns to walk, talk and write again - and as she wrestles with her diagnosis, and how and when to explain it to her beloved children

DVD's

American dreamer *[digital video disc]*

Phil's a dreamer. Most dreams don't come true. Phil hates that. But that's not going to stop Phil from dreaming.

Angels fallen. Warriors of peace *[digital video disc]*

When an Iraq War veteran receives a calling from a higher power, he embarks on a mission to stop a fallen angel from raising an army of the dead to take over the world.

Boundless *[digital video disc]*

Detective Mørck and team reopen a cold case on Bornholm Island involving a girl's death, a cult, and missing women. Mørck must solve the case and confront his past to move forward with his fiancée.

The critic *[digital video disc]*

A powerful London theater critic becomes entangled in a web of deceit and murder.

The fabulous four *[digital video disc]*

It tells the story of two friends who travel to be bridesmaids in a surprise wedding of their college girl-friend.

DVD's

Departure. The complete series *[digital video disc]*

Departure is a high-octane conspiracy series that follows the mystery of Flight 716 - a passenger plane that vanishes over the Atlantic Ocean. Following the mysterious crash, brilliant aviation investigator Kendra Malley is called in to investigate by her former boss and mentor Howard Lawson. With the whole world watching, Kendra and her team race to pinpoint the missing aircraft and locate possible survivors.

A different man *[digital video disc]*

An aspiring actor undergoes a radical medical procedure to drastically transform his appearance, but his new dream face quickly turns into a nightmare.

Freud's last session *[digital video disc]*

Psychoanalyst Sigmund Freud invites professor C.S. Lewis to debate the existence of God, Freud's unique relationship with his daughter, and Lewis' unconventional relationship with his best friend's mother.

The lady in the van *[digital video disc]*

The film tells the true story of the relationship between Alan Bennett and the singular Miss Shepherd, a woman of uncertain origins who "temporarily" parked her van in Bennett's London driveway and proceeded to live there for fifteen years.

True detective. Night country *[digital video disc]*

The fourth installment of HBO's award winning crime drama/mystery anthology series True Detective: Night country unfolds over six riveting episodes. When the long winter night falls in Ennis, Alaska, the eight men who operate the Tsalal Arctic Research Station vanish without a trace.