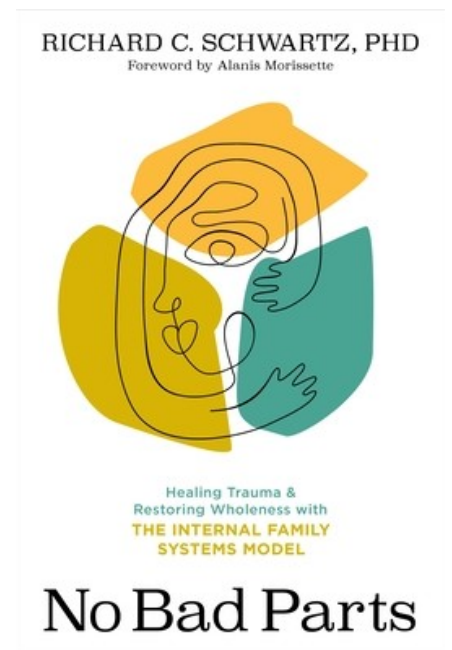


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# What's New

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## **Beautiful ugly / *Feeney, Alice***

Author Grady Green is having the worst best day of his life. Grady calls his wife as she's driving home to share some exciting news. He hears Abby slam on the brakes, get out of the car, then nothing. When he eventually finds her car by a cliff edge, the headlights are on, the driver door is open, her phone is still there... but his wife has disappeared. A year later, Grady is still overcome with grief and desperate to know what happened to Abby.

## **Betrayal at Blackthorn Park / *Kelly, Julia***

Freshly graduated from a rigorous training program in all things spy craft, former typist Evelyne Redfern is eager for her first assignment as a field agent helping Britain win the war. However, when she learns her first task is performing a simple security test at Blackthorn Park, a requisitioned manor house in the sleepy Sussex countryside, she can't help her initial disappointment.

## **Blood and gold / *Trant, Michael***

Terry Drage is not the first amateur gold prospector to rock up to the Murchison Hotel, brag about an exciting discovery and then vanish into thin air. But Gabe Ahern is determined he will be the last. No one knows the land around the remote Western Australian town of Cue better than Gabe, a wild dog trapper who's in his element in the bush.

## **Champagne Beach / *Francis, Matt***

In the serene setting of Vanuatu's Santo Island, tranquillity shatters when the lifeless body of a French farmer, Guy Simeon, is discovered on the pristine white sands of Champagne Beach. As they delve deeper, a labyrinth of secrets, coercion, and lies emerges. Simeon's missing wife and strained relationship with his son paint a complex picture of his troubled life.

## **The cicada house / *Ward, Ella***

When Caitlin inherits a significant sum of money on her fortieth birthday, she decides to break the habits of a lifetime and throw caution to the winds. She's about to tell her husband Paul that they're leaving London on a once-in-a-lifetime journey to Eat Pray Love their way around the world, only... she doesn't tell Paul that, because before the candles are lit, he tells her that he's very much in love with someone else.

## **Death comes in threes / *Jecks, Michael***

August, 1558. As London is bustling with growing trade from foreign lands, and Queen Mary's health is once again a hot topic, Jack Blackjack has much to keep him busy. And that's before his new tenant - a Dutch merchant - disappears under a cloud of suspicion, quickly presumed murdered, and Jack's latest female companion's body is found mere streets from her dwelling place.

## **Death in the arctic / *Hindle, Tom***

A frozen wilderness. A killer in the skies. When aspiring travel writer Chlo Campbell is invited aboard a luxury airship flying to the North Pole, she thinks she's bagged the opportunity of a lifetime. But she hasn't had long to admire the dazzling icy views before a fellow passenger is found dead in their cabin. Trapped at the top of the world, the group agrees a tragic accident has occurred.

## **The examiner / *Hallett, Janice***

The mature students of Royal Hastings University's new art course have been trouble from day one. From acclaimed artist Alyson who seems oddly overqualified, to hapless Patrick who can barely operate design software, and city boy Cameron who blusters his way through assignments. Not to mention Jem, who's a gifted young sculptor... but cross her at your peril.

## **The governor, his wife and his mistress / *Williams, Sue***

When future governor Philip Gidley King sailed with the First Fleet to the new colony, he had his pick of the convict women to look after him. Two years, and two sons later, he set out back to England to provide a report on Sydney and its newly tamed Norfolk Island, as his mistress Ann Innet begged him to return to her and their children. After a year and a half he did - but bringing with him a shocking secret that would cut her to the core, and change all their lives forevermore.

## **Gunnawah / *Salt, Ronni***

A captivating and compulsive crime thriller about guns, drugs and a young woman dead on the money. When nineteen-year-old farmgirl Adelaide Hoffman applies for a cadetship at the Gunnawah Gazette, she sees it as her ticket out of a life too small for her. The paper's owner, Valdene Bullark, seeing something of the girl she once was in young Adelaide, puts her straight to work.

## **The heirloom / *Brooks, Julie***

Brisbane, 2024 Barista and budding artist Mia Curtis is shocked to receive a package all the way from England informing her she's the heir to her late grandmother's cottage. Feeling lost in her own life, Mia travels across the world to claim her inheritance, where she begins to unravel the secrets passed down through the generations of women in her family.

## **The house of frost and feathers / *Wiesebron, Lauren***

Marisha's time is running out. She's already lost her family to the sleeping plague, and she fears she'll be next. Penniless and desperate for protection, Marisha is forced to accept a job as apprentice to the notorious koldunya, the sorceress Baba Zima. But Baba Zima is renowned for being both clever and cruel. And most difficult of all is her current apprentice, Olena, who wants nothing to do with Marisha.

## **Kid From Marlboro Road / *Burns, Edward***

The book opens at a wake, as our twelve-year-old narrator, an aspiring writer, takes in the death of his beloved grandfather, Pop, a larger-than-life figure to him. The overflowing crowd includes sandhogs in their muddy work boots, old Irish biddies in black dresses and cops in uniform, along with the family in mourning. There's an open casket, the first time he's seen a dead person.

## **The knitting club at Wagtail Ridge / *Gover, Janet***

These ladies know a perfect match when they see one... Bree Johnston has given up trying to be the perfect lawyer. It's time to focus on her own dreams, so she decides to leave the city and set up an alpaca farm and wool shop. Her grandmother Rose might be her only supporter, but that's fine. Bree's done trying to win her parents' approval.

## **Murder at Holly House : the memoirs of Inspector Frank Grasby / *Meyrick, Denzil***

It's December 1952, and a dead stranger has been found lodged up the chimney of Holly House in the remote town of Elderby. Is he a simple thief, or a would-be killer? Either way, he wasn't on anyone's Christmas wish list. Inspector Frank Grasby is ordered to investigate. The victim of some unfortunate misunderstandings, he hopes this case will help clear his name.

## **Present Tense / *Natalie Conyer***

What if justice isn't enough? Schalk Lourens got out his phone and started filming, something Pieterse taught him years ago. Keep a record. Do it yourself, boykie, every time. That way you can be sure. Cover your arse. Don't trust any of them. Schalk began with Pieterse himself, what was left of him. Cape Town, South Africa. Retired police chief Piet Pieterse has been murdered, necklaced in fact.

## **Presumed guilty / *Turow, Scott***

Rusty is a retired judge attempting a third act in life with a loving soon-to-be wife, Bea, with whom he shares both a restful home on an idyllic lake in the rural Midwest and a plaintive hope that this marriage will be his best, and his last. But the peace that's taken Rusty so long to find evaporates when Bea's young adult son, Aaron, living under their supervision while on probation for drug possession, disappears.

## **Rural dreams : stories from the bush / *Hickey, Margaret***

Funny, heartbreaking and true; the characters in Rural Dreams are the people we know and grew up with. Some of them might even be us. A girl finds strength in poetry, a football coach ponders obsession, a woman grapples with the fall out of an affair and a mother can't and won't stop swearing.

## **Shattering dawn / *Krentz, Jayne Ann***

Amelia Rivers, a member of the Lost Night Files podcast team, hires private investigator Gideon Sweetwater to catch the stalker who has been watching her. Amelia suspects the stalker may be connected to the shadowy organisation responsible for the night that she and her two friends lost to amnesia a night that upended their lives and left them with paranormal talents.

## **The specimen / *Fixsen, Jaima***

1826. Isobel Tait finds herself, by chance, staring at a tiny human heart floating in a jar. It should be of little consequence; Dr. Burnett is renowned for his collection of oddities and medical specimens, and this, a juvenile heart with a damaged mitral valve, is not the strangest thing on display. Except that the condition is rare, and that Isobel's young son, who has been missing for months, suffered from the ailment.

## **Sweat / Healey, Emma**

All Liam ever wanted was to help Cassie reach her full potential; to push her body to new extremes. Exercise, determination, being the optimum versions of themselves together forever. And Liam always knew what was best. Nothing could break their intense love for one another, not Liam's obsessive desire for physical perfection or his relentless control of every aspect of Cassie's life.

## **The teacher of Auschwitz / Holden, Wendy**

Fredy built a wall against suffering in their hearts... At the dark heart of the Holocaust, there was a wooden hut whose walls were painted with cartoons; a place where children sang, staged plays and wrote poetry. Safely inside, but still in the shadow of the chimneys, they were given better food, kept free of vermin, and were even taught meditation to imagine full stomachs and a day without fear.

## **There there / Orange, Tommy**

Here is a story of several people, each of whom has private reasons for travelling to the Big Oakland Powwow. Jacquie Red Feather is newly sober and trying to make it back to the family she left behind in shame. Dene Oxendene is pulling his life together after his uncle's death and has come to work at the powwow to honour his uncle's memory.

## **The three lives of Cate Kay / Fagan, Kate**

Cate Kay knows how to craft a story. As the creator of a bestselling book trilogy that struck box office gold as a film series, she's one of the most successful authors of her generation. The thing is, Cate Kay doesn't really exist. She's never attended author events or granted any interviews. Her real identity had been a closely guarded secret, until now.

## **A traitor in Whitehall / Kelly, Julia**

England, 1940. Evelyne Redfern, known as "The Parisian Orphan" as a child, is working on the line at a munitions factory in wartime London. When Mr. Fletcher, one of her father's old friends, spots Evelyne on a night out, Evelyne finds herself plunged into the world of Prime Minister Winston Churchill's cabinet war rooms.

# Fiction

## **The volcano daughters / *Balibrera, Gina Maria***

El Salvador, 1923. Graciela, a young girl growing up on a volcano in a community of Indigenous women, is summoned to the capital, where she is claimed as an oracle for a rising dictator. There she meets Consuelo, the sister she has never known, who was stolen from their home before Graciela was born.

## **The wedding party / *Heath, Rebecca***

Adele and Jason are childhood sweethearts. Their wedding day on the sunny Australian coast is a chance to reunite and celebrate with friends and family. But Adele isn't telling the truth about her relationship. And some of the wedding party - still reeling from a tragic death in the group a decade before - hold secrets of their own.

# Non-Fiction

## **Africa / *Kapambwe, Mazuba***

Lonely Planet's Africa is our most comprehensive guide that extensively covers all the continent has to offer, with recommendations for both popular and lesser-known experiences. Visit wineries on the cape, swim the turquoise waters of Mozambique and view the pyramids of Giza; all with your trusted travel companion.

## **Black convicts : how slavery shaped Australia / *Chingaipe, Santilla***

The story of Australia's Black convicts has been erased from our history. Recovering their lives, Santilla Chingaipe offers a fresh understanding of this fatal shore, and shows how empire, slavery, race and memory have shaped our nation. On the First Fleet of 1788, at least 15 convicts were of African descent. By 1840 that number had risen to almost 500.

# Non-Fiction

## **The business bible : how to build a successful business - and a life you love / *Devine, Victoria***

Learn how to start, grow and sustain your business with Victoria Devine's guiding principles. This is your invitation to the world of business ownership - a world where flexibility, independence and financial rewards await! Whether you're an aspiring side hustler or ready to be your own boss and build your own company, The Business Bible is the ultimate small business guide for ambitious people.

## **The cars of the 70s : a history of cars manufactured and assembled in Australia during the 1970s / *Farmer, Gavin***

"This beautiful book covers the cars of the period starting from 1970 and the history of our manufacturing industries in Australia during those times. The cars we made, the cars we drove and a look back at all the manufacturers in Australia selling and producing cars. The book covers the history of each company where GM- Holden, Ford, Chrysler, VW, Leyland where more local content had to be rolled off their respective assembly lines with rising costs.

## **Charles Todd's magnificent obsession : the epic race to connect Australia to the world / *Dufty, David F.***

The construction of the Overland Telegraph in 1870 is an extraordinary feat of engineering and a wild gamble that nearly went terribly wrong. It was the greatest feat of engineering in nineteenth century Australia, but it very nearly collapsed in the face of monumental obstacles. The year was 1870, and letters took six weeks to get to England by sea.

## **Seniors' stories. Volume 10 / *NSW Seniors Card***

This collection of 100 stories is the tenth volume of Seniors' stories written by seniors from throughout NSW. The theme of this year's edition was Resilience, and each story reflects this theme in its own unique and inspiring way.

## **No bad parts : healing trauma & restoring wholeness / *Schwartz, Richard C.***

Dr. Schwartz is the creator of Internal Family Systems (IFS), a paradigm-changing model of consciousness that has been transforming psychology for decades. Here, you'll learn why IFS has been so effective in areas such as trauma recovery, addiction therapy, depression, and more. IFS overturns the idea that we have one "true" identity and recognizes that having multiple parts is not a pathology, but a normal and healthy function of the human mind.



# Non-Fiction

## **Digital dharma : how AI can elevate spiritual intelligence and personal well-being / Chopra, Deepak**

In a world captivated yet bewildered by artificial intelligence, spiritual icon Deepak Chopra explores AI's untapped potential to unlock the mystery of consciousness, positioning AI not as a threat, but as a powerful catalyst for personal and spiritual growth.

## **Easy learning Spanish audio course : the easiest way to learn a language / McNab, Rosi**

This Spanish Audio Course takes you from complete beginner to complete confidence. It is the perfect companion for holidays and business trips in Spain. Easy to use - fast, flexible and portable ; Easy to follow - just listen, speak and learn ; Easy to learn - no complex grammar Whether you're a beginner or you want to refresh and build upon your existing knowledge, you can become confident in Spanish without even having to pick up a pen.

## **Kitchen conversations : sharing secrets to kitchen design success / Ballinger, Barbara**

The book allows for all kinds of budgets and provides guidance on what features, big or small, are worth the financial investment. Sections within are laid out in order of how you might embark upon the journey of designing your own kitchen (Nuts and bolts; Design considerations; Blueprint). Tick off the finer features first before reaching the bigger decisions -- every detail matters.

## **Living on earth : life, consciousness and the making of the natural world / Godfrey-Smith, Peter**

The eagerly anticipated conclusion to Peter Godfrey-Smith's three-part exploration of the origins of intelligence on Earth, which began with the bestselling *Other Minds* in 2018 and continued with *Metazoa* in 2020. Peter Godfrey-Smith, the scuba-diving philosopher, examined the evolution of sentience in *Other Minds*.

## **Madam : a memoir / Murphy, Antonia**

What would you do if your husband suddenly left you with two kids to support? Go back to school? Go into real estate? Or start a new career as a pimp? Upon discovering that sex work is decriminalised in New Zealand, Antonia Murphy decides to build her own business: an ethical escort agency. It seems like a good idea, but she isn't sure how it's done, so she connects with the online sex worker community.

# Non-Fiction

## **My country : stories, essays & speeches / Marr, David**

Stories, essays and speeches from one of Australia's foremost writers and thinkers David Marr is the rarest of breeds- one of Australia's most unflinching, forensic reporters of political controversy, and one of its most subtle and eloquent biographers. In Marr's hands, reportage and commentary are elevated to artful and illuminating chronicles of our time.

## **The new sustainable house : planet-friendly home design / Craswell, Penny**

Designing with the environment in mind is not 'new'. What is new is the increasing number of ways houses can be more sustainably built. With a fresh focus on design ingenuity, new technologies and materials, The New Sustainable House demonstrates that there is more to ecologically motivated construction than solar panels and water tanks.

# Large Print

## **Safe enough : and other stories / Child, Lee**

Throughout his career, Lee Child published tales about a range of characters on both sides of the law. Packed with action and suspense, the stories show the author's mastery of the short form, and they've never been collected before now. Together, these stories are riotous calamity of criminals and crime fighters; individually, they are piercing tales that hit hard enough to leave a mark.

## **The summer pact / Giffin, Emily**

Four freshmen arrive at college from completely different worlds: Lainey, a California party girl with a flair for drama; Tyson, a brilliant scholar and aspiring lawyer from Washington, DC; Summer, an ambitious, recruited athlete from the Midwest; and Hannah, a mild-mannered southerner who is content to quietly round out the circle of big personalities.

# Large Print

## **An eye for an eye / Archer, Jeffrey**

In one of the most luxurious cities on earth, a billion-dollar deal is about to go badly wrong. A lavish night out is about to end in murder. And the British government is about to be plunged into crisis. Thousands of miles away, in the leafy Berkshire countryside, Lord Hartley, the latest in a line of peers going back over two hundred years, lies dying. But his will triggers an inheritance with explosive consequences.

## **Iron star / Estleman, Loren D.**

From his youth as a revolutionist to his time as a Deputy U.S. Marshal, aging lawman Iron St John has become a larger-than-life figure - and in the process, the man has disappeared behind the myth. During his brief, unsuccessful political career, St John published his memoirs - a sanitised version of his adventures to appeal to the masses. A generation later, the clouded truth of this giant of the Old West has been all but lost.

## **Joy / Steel, Danielle**

When she is only six years old, Allegra Dixon's party-loving mother leaves without so much as a good-bye. Her father, an emotionally distant military officer, is also unable - or unwilling - to care for her. Sent to live like a ghost in her grandparents' joyless home, Allegra finds her only solace through an escape into books. Attending boarding school, life finally takes a turn when she meets a dashing young West Point cadet named Shep Williams.

## **The love remedy / Everett, Elizabeth**

When Lucinda Peterson's formula for a salve to treat croup goes missing, she's certain it's only the latest in a line of misfortunes at the hands of a rival apothecary. Outraged and fearing financial ruin, Lucy turns to private investigator Jonathan Thorne for help. As the two work side by side to unmask her scientific saboteur, Lucy slips ever so sweetly under Thorne's battered armour, tempting him to abandon old promises.

## **Never lie / McFadden, Freida**

Newlyweds Tricia and Ethan are searching for the house of their dreams. But when they visit the remote manor that once belonged to Dr Adrienne Hale, a renowned psychiatrist who vanished without a trace four years earlier, a violent winter storm traps them at the estate. In search of a book to keep her entertained until the snow abates, Tricia happens upon a secret room.

# Large Print

## **Triangle / Steel, Danielle**

As she approaches the milestone birthday of forty, delicate blonde beauty Amanda Delanoë finds joy in running a chic contemporary art gallery in the City of Light. She lives well and adores her dog, Lulu, but so far the love of her life has eluded her. Then she meets Olivier Saint Albin, a dashing publisher.

# DVD's

## **Halo. Season two [digital video disc]**

Master Chief, a cybernetically enhanced super-soldier, defends humanity from the alien Covenant in the 26th century.

## **Joker. Folie à deux [digital video disc]**

Struggling with his dual identity, failed comedian Arthur Fleck meets the love of his life, Harleen 'Lee' Quinzel, while incarcerated at Arkham State Hospital.

## **This time next year [digital video disc]**

Minnie and Quinn are born on the same day, one minute apart. Their lives may begin together, but their worlds couldn't be more different. Years later they find themselves together again. Maybe it's time to take a chance on love.

# 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 girlfriend.