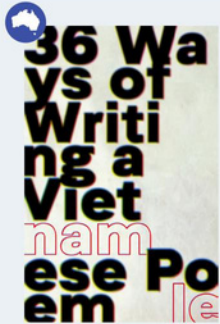


March highlights

The best books as chosen by Australia's leading booksellers

Adult Fiction and Poetry

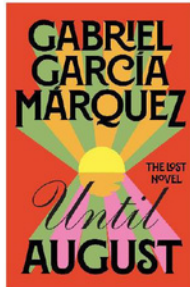


36 Ways of Writing a Vietnamese Poem

Nam Le

Scribner Australia
HB \$26.99

Fifteen years after his award-winning collection of stories *The Boat*, Nam Le returns. Described as the book Le felt he needed to write, this breakthrough book-length poem is an urgent, unsettling reckoning with identity and violence embedded with racism, oppression and historical trauma.



Until August Gabriel Garcia Marquez

Viking
HB \$35.00

Ana Magdalena Bach is happily married with no reason to escape the world she's made with her husband and children. Yet every August, she travels to the island where her mother was buried and takes a new lover for one night. Constantly surprising and wonderfully sensual, this is Marquez's posthumously published meditation on freedom, regret and the mysteries of love.



One Another Gail Jones

Text Publishing
TPB \$34.99

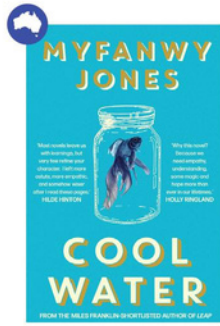
An examination of the intersections of art and life in Gail Jones's distinctively immersive and rich prose. At Cambridge, in 1992, Australian student Helen is completing her thesis on Joseph Conrad. But she is distracted by a charming and dangerous lover, and the loss of her thesis on a train. The drama of the lost manuscript sets in motion a series of events with possibly fatal consequences.



What Happened to Nina? Dervla McTiernan

HarperCollins
TPB \$34.99

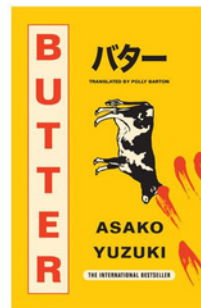
In this gripping suspense novel by the bestselling author of *The Ruin*, two families clash when Nina vanishes during a weekend trip with her partner, Simon. As Simon's story raises doubts, Nina's family battles against his influential relatives, resorting to unconventional tactics to uncover the truth amidst media frenzy and conspiracy theories.



Cool Water Myfanwy Jones

Hachette Australia
TPB \$32.99

A Queensland family gathers at the dam they built in the 1950s to celebrate a daughter's wedding. As the water begins to recede, strange objects begin to emerge, summoning disquieting memories along with them. A profound novel about angry fathers and secretive sons that asks what it means to be a good man.

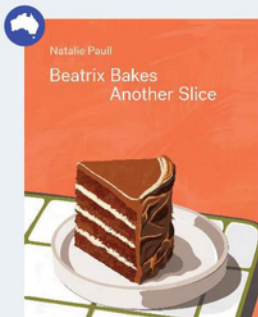


Butter Asako Yuzuki

4th Estate
TPB \$32.99

When journalist Rika is granted access to the imprisoned chef serial killer Manako Kajii, their conversations about home cooking soon awaken more than her journalistic curiosity. Inspired by a real Japanese criminal, this is a vivid, unsettling exploration of misogyny, obsession, romance and the transgressive pleasures of food in Japan.

Non-Fiction



Beatrix Bakes: Another Slice

Natalie Paull

Hardie Grant
HB \$50.00

Natalie Paull returns with *Beatrix Bakes: Another Slice*, a vibrant collection of beloved recipes, including previously unseen favourites. From cookies to cakes, tarts to pies, this book is a delightful addition to any dessert-lover's collection, complete with helpful tips and a warm tone. An essential companion for those who relish the sweet side of life.

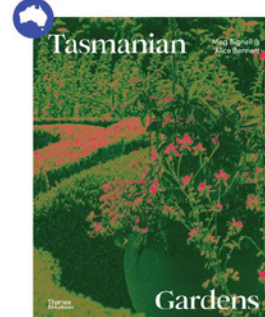


Who Owns the Moon?

A. C. Grayling

Oneworld
TPB \$34.99

As a new space race begins, the natural resources of the moon are being coveted by the world's most powerful companies and corporations. Grayling explores this dynamic through the history of places which no one 'owns,' and the concept of *terra nullius* which has been used to exploit communal resources for the benefit of few. An intelligent and compelling argument for a new global consensus that protects the rights of all.

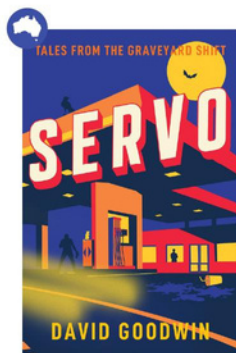


Tasmanian Gardens Meg Bignell & Alice Bennett

Thames & Hudson
Australia
HB \$79.99

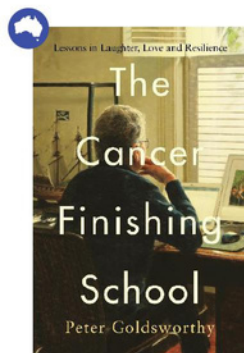
Author Meg Bignell and award-winning photographer Alice Bennett have joined together to explore 20 Tasmanian gardens, from coastal headlands to beautiful flower farms. Each of these gardens envisage the diverse and stunning artistry of lutruwita/Tasmanian gardens, where every garden is a story and every gardener is a storyteller.

Non-Fiction



Servo
David Goodwin
Hachette Australia
TPB \$34.99

David Goodwin’s weekend graveyard shift working at a service station was a whirlwind of drive-offs, spiked slushies, and madness. From dodging shoplifting bees to facing balaclava-clad goons hurling cordial-filled water bombs, his experiences were bizarre. Yet amidst the chaos, he found camaraderie. *Servo* offers a riveting glimpse into the absurdity and strangeness of the night shift world.



The Cancer Finishing School
Peter Goldsworthy
Viking
TPB \$36.99

Novelist, poet and Doctor ‘Pete’ Goldsworthy’s new memoir offers wisdom, humour and wonder in the face of incurable illness. Goldsworthy asks himself what lessons might accrue from such an acute situation, and the results are a fascinating mixture of his own experiences and stories of odd and interesting cases of coping with the inevitable.



What Can I Bring?
Sophie Hansen
Murdoch Books
HB \$49.99

You need never fear a potluck again with this stunning new cookbook from Sophie Hansen. With easy, community-focused recipes, and drawing inspiration from some of her favourite country cooks, family and friends, this cookbook will answer the age-old question you pose yourself before any gathering: What can I bring?

Children & Young Adults



Outlaw Girls
Emily Gale & Nova Weetman

Text Publishing
PB \$16.99

By the creative duo who brought us *Elsewhere Girls*, *Outlaw Girls* is a rollicking tale of Ruby and Kate who have found themselves on the wrong side of the law. When a time travel portal opens up, their lives intersect and Ruby joins Kate Kelly in her quest to help the Kelly Gang remain on the run. Packed full of history, horses and adventure.



The Big Book of Australian Nursery Rhymes
Frané Lessac

Walker Books
Australia
HB \$26.99

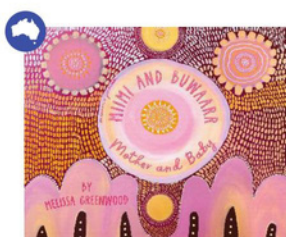
This book is such a treat! All the nursery rhymes you know and love, but with an Australian twist. Here, Old McDonald goes ‘out bush’ and Peter Piper becomes ‘Pygmy Possum’, the classic rhythms are retained but the rhymes wonderfully reinvented. With vibrant and playful illustrations this is sure to be a favourite with even the littlest readers.



Footprint
Phil Cummings & Sally Soweol Han (illus)

Allen & Unwin
Children’s Publishing
HB \$24.99

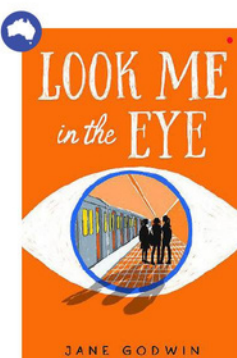
Vibrant illustrations and bounding rhymes take readers on a journey to explore nature and the legacy of our impact on it. Explore forests and mountains, cities and fields, and animals in their natural habitats as you ponder the footprint humans have left on the Earth. A calming book perfect for building discussions around mindfulness and the natural world.



Miimi and Buwaarr, Mother and Baby
Melissa Greenwood

ABC Books | HB \$24.99

Surrounded by the pinks and golds that evoke the warmth of a sunset, this is a mother’s words of love for her baby in beautiful, simple text that also explains the Gumbaynggirr words used to describe deep ties to family and land. Another delight from Gumbaynggirr and Bundjalung artist Melissa Greenwood.

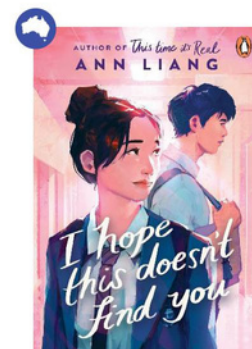


Look Me in the Eye
Jane Godwin

Lothian Children’s Publishing
PB \$16.99

Best friends Bella and Connie live on the outskirts of the city in an area which is changing as the suburbs creep closer.

With Connie’s unfriendly cousin Mish, the three are eager to explore their newfound independence after the pandemic lockdowns have lifted. With a rise in surveillance though, when does watching becoming ‘watching over’?



I Hope This Doesn't Find You
Ann Liang

Penguin Australia
PB \$19.99

On the surface, Sadie Wen is the perfect student. Her secret? Email drafts full of all her frustrations. When all the emails are accidentally sent out to their recipients, her conflict-free life is turned upside down, especially when it comes to the infuriating Julius Gong. An unforgettable, snarky and swoon-worthy YA romance.