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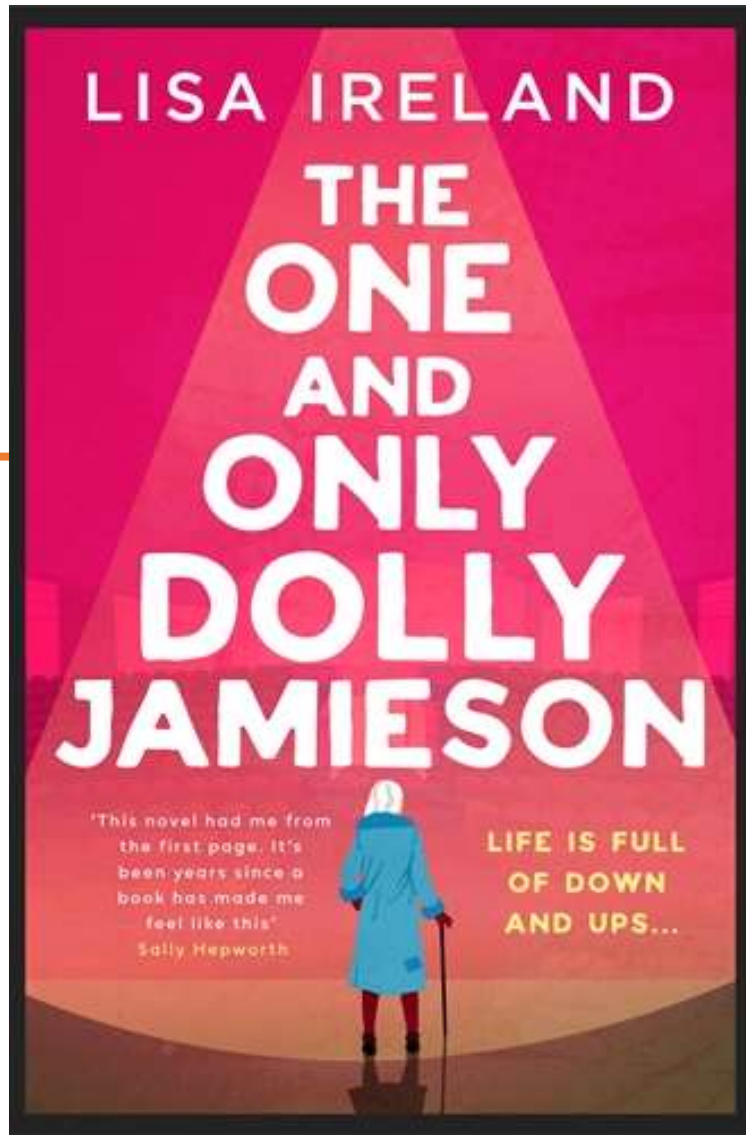
Release Date: 10 January, 2023

Genre: Fiction

The One and Only Dolly Jamieson

Lisa Ireland

A compelling feel-good novel featuring a proud and gutsy heroine with a truly unbreakable spirit.



'From the glamour of Broadway in the 1960s to the realities of life for the unhoused today, this is a riveting and heartbreaking story of friendship, second chances and hope.' Kelly Rimmer

'This novel had me from the first page. It's been years since a book has made me feel like this.' Sally Hepworth

Life is full of downs and ups...

Dolly Jamieson is *not* homeless, she's merely between permanent abodes. The 78-year-old spends her days keeping warm at the local library, where she enjoys sparring with the officious head librarian and helping herself to the free morning tea. It's not so bad, really.

But it's certainly a far cry from the 1960s, when this humble girl from Geelong became an international star of the stage. As the acclaimed lead in the Broadway production of *The Rose of France*, all Dolly's dreams had come true.

So how, in her old age, did she end up here?

When Jane Leveson, a well-to-do newcomer to the library, shows an interest in Dolly, the pair strike up an unlikely friendship – and soon Jane is offering to help Dolly write her memoirs.

Yet Dolly can detect a deep sadness in the younger woman's eyes. Perhaps by working together to recount the glittering highs, devastating lows and tragic secrets of Dolly's life, both women can finally face their pasts and start to heal...

DISCUSSION POINTS

- The shocking rise of homelessness in women over the age of 60
- The invisibility of older women and what we lose as a society when we choose to ignore this demographic
- Motherhood and the loss of identity for women with or without children
- Libraries as a safe space for vulnerable members of the community
- Online shaming and the impact it has on ordinary lives

LISA IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN VIC

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Release Date: 10 January, 2023

Genre: Fiction; Contemporary

Compulsion

Kate Scott

Set against the backdrop of the new millennium, a seductive summer read about obsession, sex, friendship and music from an exciting new talent.



'A smart, swaggering love letter to smart, swaggering youth, told in a voice that's racing hot, icy cool and always on the verge of losing its composure.' Ronnie Scott

- **Why does it feel like Y2K is back?** Enter Kate Scott's *Compulsion*, which paints a portrait of the electroclash scene in the 2000s - an era of recklessly debauched hedonism and philosophical questioning that's eerily familiar to our current post-plague era, and post-war hedonism of eras bygone.
- Inspired by the music, art and fashion of the early 2000s, *Compulsion* is a lyrical and sexy debut about identity, coercion, the pursuit of new highs, and the relentless pull of our obsessions. But it's not always a loving portrayal, examining the dark side of a subculture where young people seek transcendence via annihilation.
- Based on Scott's experience running a music magazine: "I *was* editing a borderline-bankrupt music magazine from an office infested with rats. I did spend long days on the telephone with my musicians (Interpol, The Presets, Tiga, The Stranglers, Bronski Beat.) I did spend years bundling up the weekly packages of gifts and letters from a stalker, walking them to the police station. And I did spend that period both loving the job and calculating an escape."

KATIE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN NSW

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Release Date: 17 January, 2023

Genre: Non-fiction; Psychology

Click or Clash?

Dr Ali Walker



An illuminating guide to happier relationships and greater belonging, from Australia's leading connection scientist.

Our lives are filled with relationships and daily interactions. They form a vital part of our wellbeing. But very few of us understand *how* we connect best, *who* we are really compatible with, and *why*.

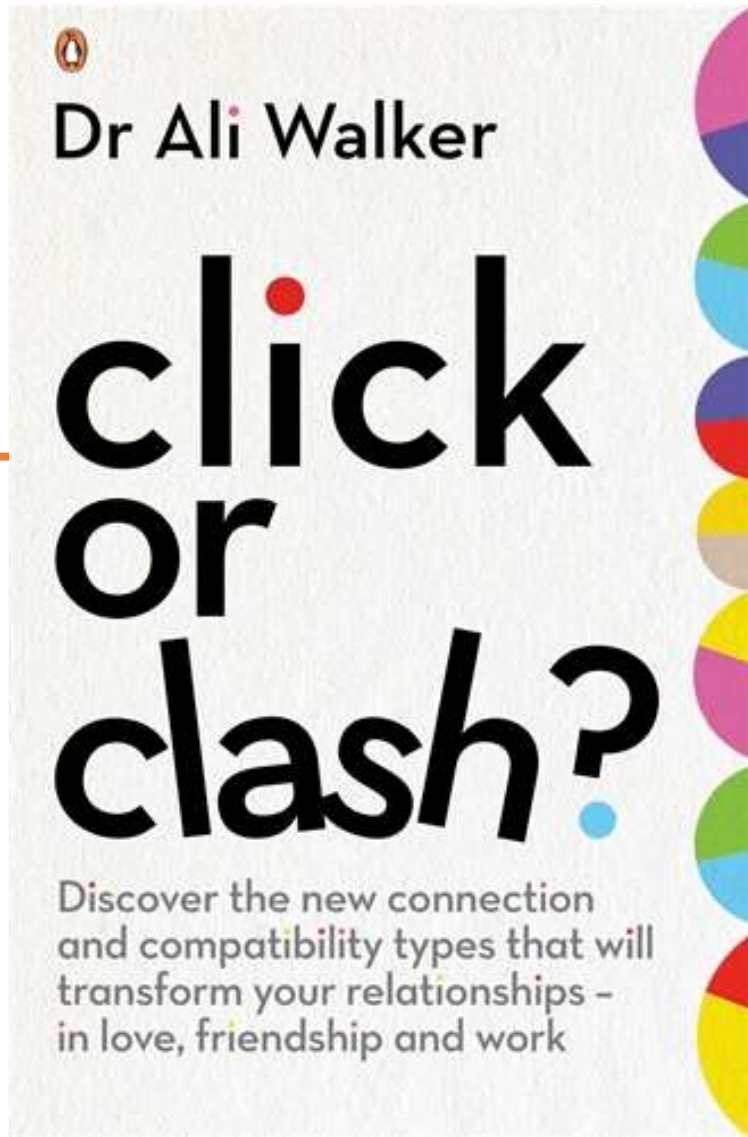
From the workplace, to friendships old and new, to family, to dating and long-term romantic partners, this groundbreaking book will explain and transform all of the connections in your life – the clicks and the clashes.

Using her unique Connection Type model, human connection scientist Dr Ali Walker reveals the tools for understanding your personal connection style and those of others, recognising who you are compatible with, and strengthening your sense of belonging.

Prepare to discover:

- the 17 connection types – including yours
- your individual frequency and intensity preferences
- why you bond easily with some people but have friction with others
- how we make friends and fall in love
- the four types of belonging (and how to achieve them)
- the three types of loneliness (and how to avoid them)
- how to communicate in true alignment with who you are.

Based on fascinating new research, and filled with real-life examples and practical advice, *Click or Clash?* is for anyone seeking healthy, happy, fulfilling relationships of any kind.



ALI IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN NSW AND QLD

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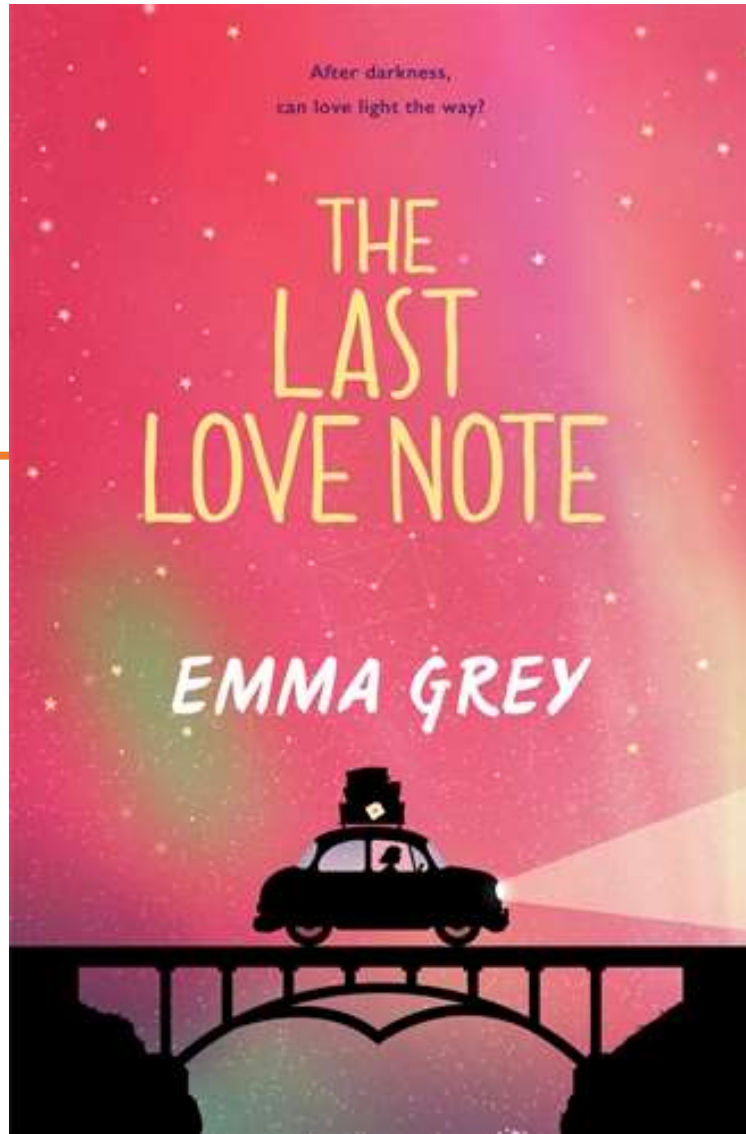
Release Date: 24 January, 2023

Genre: Fiction; Romance

The Last Love Note

Emma Grey

A sparkling Australian romantic comedy with a heart-breaking twist.



In 2016, Emma Grey's husband died unexpectedly from a heart attack, aged 57. Now a widow and single mother of 3 – including their 5 year-old son - she had to find a way to navigate her grief and new world. She sold their house and built a smaller one from the ground up; she travelled and discovered new passions, including photography.

Writing was a solace: Emma found it cathartic, and shared her experiences online; she published three books and co-wrote a musical. She conquered fears, including appearing on television. She became a spokesperson for the Victor Change Cardiac Research Institute and shared her family's story to help raise funds for heart research. She experienced milestones with her children; new schools, graduations, new jobs, first loves. In *The Last Love Note*, her first adult fiction title, Emma draws on her lived experience of becoming a widow at just 42, as well as her first-hand experience with familial dementia, in a sparkling romantic comedy that will break your heart into a thousand shards and piece it back together again. She wants this novel to help make the topics of death, loss and grief more commonly spoken about.

EMMA IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN ACT & SURROUNDS

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Release Date: 31 January, 2023

Genre: Fiction

A Man and His Pride

Luke Rutledge

A fun, exuberant and moving gay novel by an exciting new voice in commercial fiction, where these diverse stories can be hard to find. This is a contemporary love story – or uplifting ‘bromcom’ – ideal for millennials and fans of *Honeybee* and *Heartstopper*.

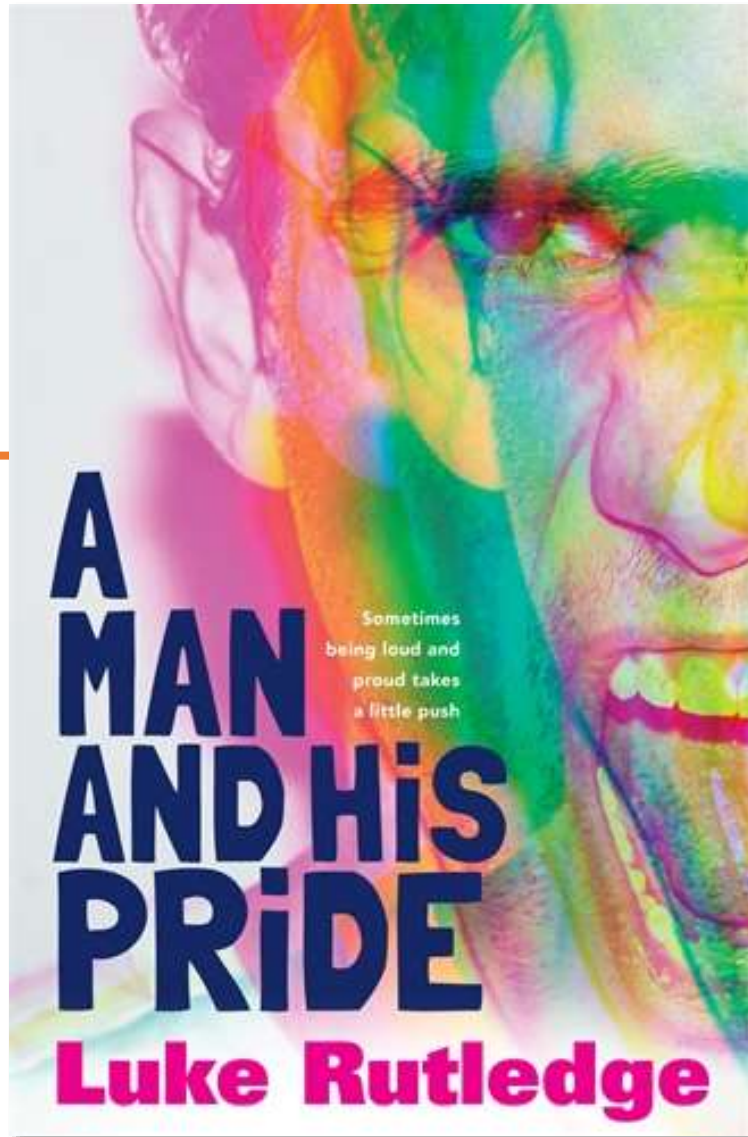
‘Funny, moving, and with energy to burn, Luke Rutledge’s debut is an absolute joy.’ – John Boyne



Despite coming out years ago, twenty-six-year-old Sean Preston has never been one to shout his sexuality from the rooftops. When his relationship of three months comes to a humiliating end, he vows never to become emotionally attached again, falling into a cycle of hook-ups, booze and an unrelenting gym routine. The rest of Sean’s life isn’t panning out how he hoped either. His job as an online troll moderator is testing his mental health, his best friend and former girlfriend still resents him for coming out, and even his own mother seems to blame him for a tragedy that tore their family apart. But it is his surprising connection with an eighty-seven-year-old nursing home resident that pushes his identity crisis to the brink. Then Sean meets naive but kind nurse William, and an unlikely friendship blossoms. William is shy and inexperienced when it comes to the gay dating scene, and Sean offers to show him the way – but it turns out William has a few unexpected life lessons to offer in return . . . and when it comes to forgiveness and self-love, Sean has a lot to learn. Set in Brisbane during Australia’s 2017 same-sex marriage plebiscite, *A Man and His Pride* is an exuberant and deeply moving story that celebrates some of the many ways to be gay, and shows that finding your pride is a journey – one you cannot take alone.

Discussion Points:

- A Brisbane based novel from a Brisbane based author, based on real experiences growing up gay in Brisbane.
- The novel is releasing just in time for Valentines Day and World Pride 2023, being hosted in Australia.
- The novel is set during the marriage equality postal survey and focuses on the accompanying trauma inflicted upon individuals and the community.
- Perfect for fans of *Honeybee* and *Heartstopper*.



LUKE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN QLD

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Release Date: 31 January, 2023

Genre: Fiction

I'll Leave You With This

Kylie Ladd

I'll Leave You With This is a heartbreaking, funny, thought-provoking and honest novel about a brother's legacy and the tangled bonds of sisterhood.

Following the murder of their beloved brother, four sisters find a way to mend their own broken relationship by tracing the strangers he saved in death.

The O'Shea sisters couldn't be more different.

Allison, an obstetrician, has always put others before herself and is torn between her job and young family.

Prizewinning film director **Bridle** hasn't had work in over a decade, though her actor husband is on the brink of stardom.

Clare, desperate for a baby, is bereft when her wife leaves her after their latest IVF failure.

And **Emma**, the youngest, has turned to God to fill the aching loneliness in her life.

When their only brother Daniel is killed the four women drift even further apart..

Then, on the third anniversary of Daniel's death, Clare proposes an idea: they should trace the many recipients saved by his donated organs. Perhaps their brother's gift of life can bring them back together again?

'An insightful, natural storyteller.' *Australian Women's Weekly*

'A gifted writer who knows how to weave the complexity of relationships into a beautifully crafted story.' Mia Freedman, *Mamamia*

'Ladd understands the complex relationships between women and family incredibly well.' *The Advertiser on Mothers and Daughters*



KYLIE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN VIC

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Release Date: 31 January, 2023

Genre: Non-fiction; Business

Head and Heart

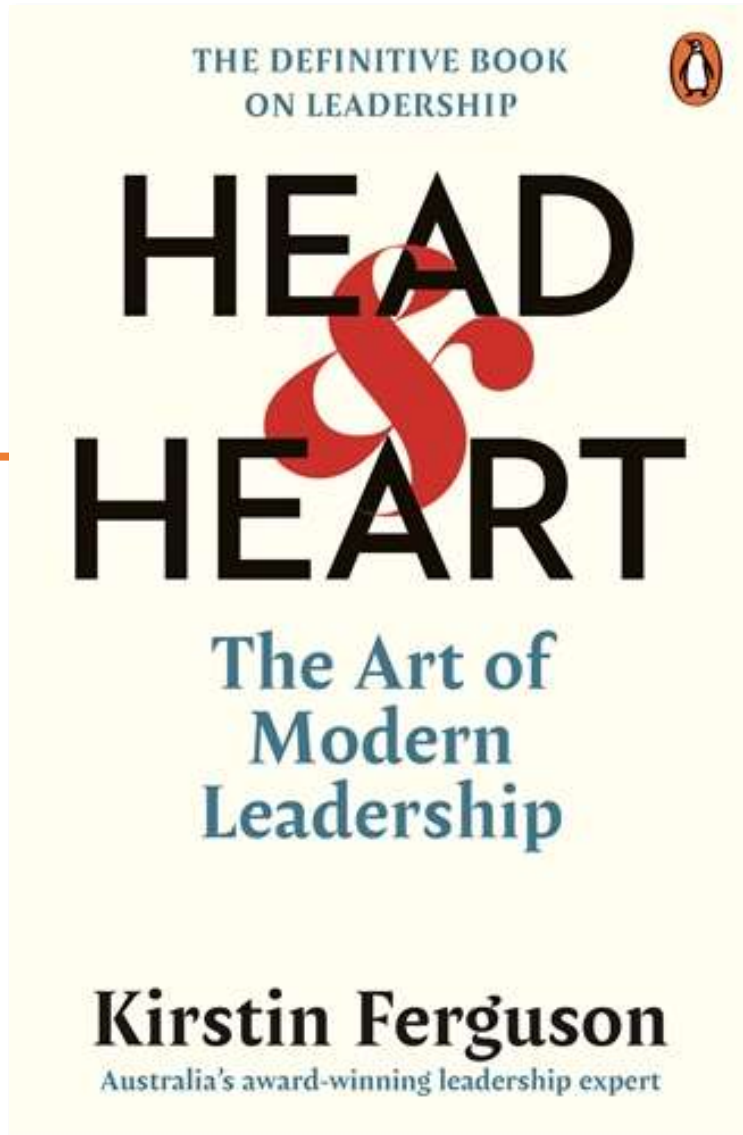
Kirstin Ferguson

If leadership is simply a series of moments, every moment gives you the opportunity to leave a positive legacy for those you lead.



In this ground-breaking book, award-winning leadership expert and business leader Kirstin Ferguson upends the traditional notion of a strong leader. Everyone, she argues, is a leader. YOU are a leader. Whether you are the head of one of the largest companies in the world, supervising a small team or working from home you impact people through the words you use, the choices you make and the behaviours you role model to others.

Kirstin invites you to rethink *how* you lead and to integrate your head and your heart. Combining studies from leading thinkers in the field with her own research and more than three decades of personal experience, she explains the eight key attributes of a head and heart leader, and provides you with the tools to measure your own approach. Along the way, she shares her conversations with modern leaders from a broad range of backgrounds whose stories will surprise you, challenge your thinking and inspire you to be the type of leader the world needs today.



KIRSTIN IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN QLD, NSW AND VIC

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Release Date: 31 January, 2023

Genre: Fiction; Romance

The Matchmaker

Saman Shad



Part Bridget Jones, part Bridgerton. Sparks will fly when a desi matchmaker and a self-confessed coconut meet in this glittering romantic comedy about love, marriage and mistaking your own identity.

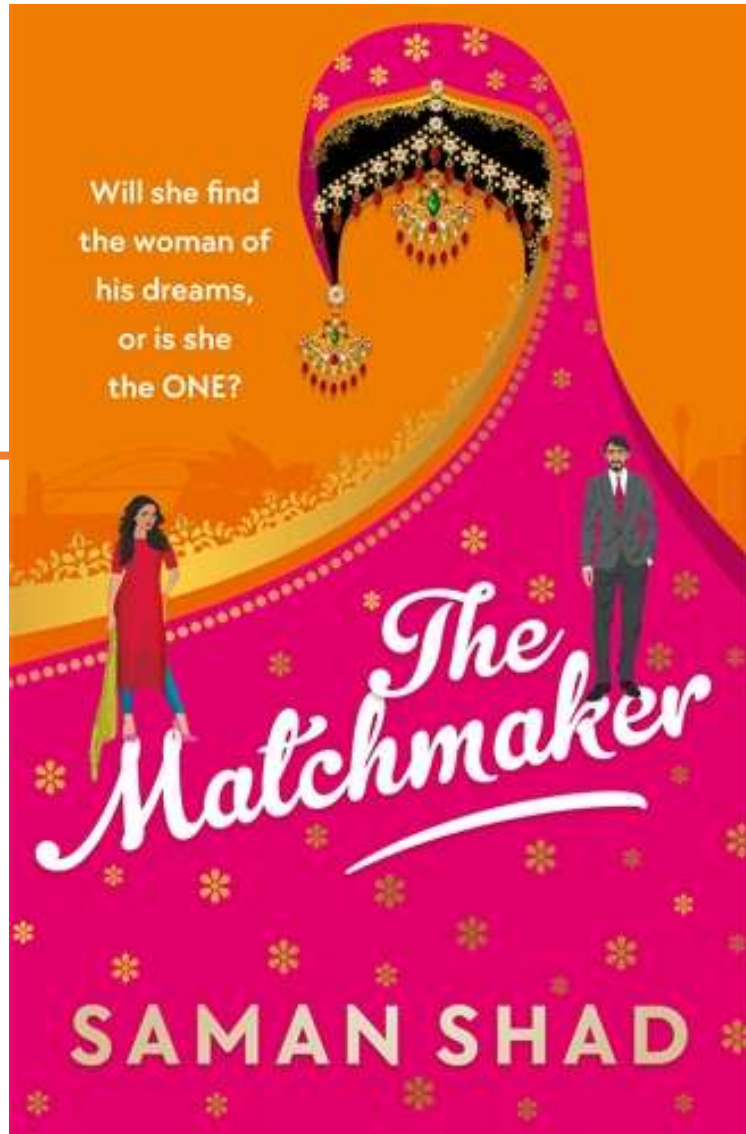
Debut author Saman Shad puts the desi in desire in this effervescent romantic comedy, spicier than garam masala and sweeter than gulab jamun.

Saima, a professional matchmaker whose own love life is in shambles, takes on a client, Kal, who's more likely to find a date on Tinder than through a matchmaker. The catch? His parents want to set him up without him knowing she is doing so. Cut to 'chance' encounters all across Sydney, designed to learn more about him in order to find his perfect match. But maybe the perfect woman for Kal has been staring him in the face all along?

In a novel where Parramatta meets Pakistan, we read from both Saima and Kal's perspectives as their relationship unfolds.

Discussion Points

- The novel focuses on the protagonist's role as a matchmaker, based on real, contemporary experiences of matchmaking in desi culture. Saman can speak to Pakistani matchmaking in Australia and has direct experience with matchmaking customs, having recently attended her brother's arranged wedding in Pakistan.
- Desi romantic comedy is an exciting first in Australian publishing, showcasing diverse love stories in an Australian context.
- Much of Saman's work is inspired by her experience as a third culture kid, growing up and living in Pakistan, The Middle East, the UK and Australia. The novel provides insight into the Sydney-based Pakistani diaspora and the accompanying customs and expectations of the culture.
- The novel is set in Sydney, with familiar locations including Parramatta, Broadway and Glebe.



SAMAN IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN NSW

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Release Date: 7 February, 2023

Genre: Fiction

Shirley

Ronnie Scott



A witty and observant contemporary novel about deciding what to want in life while the world burns, for fans of Anita Brookner and Ottessa Moshfegh

It's been twenty years since her mother was photographed, blood-soaked, outside the family home. Since that time, the girl has grown up. She's bought an apartment, learned her own cooking style, fallen in love. She lives a quiet life, working as a copywriter for a health insurance company. She's found happiness, finally.

But strange things are in the air. Her easy-going boyfriend has started sleeping with men. Her mother is selling the infamous family home. And a glamorous, pregnant neighbour has moved into the apartment downstairs, calling into question everything the girl believes about her own desires.

Equal parts funny and contemplative, Shirley charts a search for meaning in a world where the fracturing of ambitions – work and purpose, real estate and home, family and love – has left us uncertain how to recognise ourselves.

Ronnie Scott's first novel *The Adversary* was shortlisted for a Queensland Literary Award and the Australian Literature Society Gold Medal. He teaches Creative Writing at RMIT.

Praise for *The Adversary*: "Extraordinary" - *The Saturday Paper*, "Fresh and vivid" - *The Sunday Times* Perth, "Hilarious" - *Marie Claire*, "Cerebrally sexy" - *Sydney Morning Herald*, "Delightful" - *ArtsHub*, "Enigmatic" - *ABR*, "Literary fiction at its best" - *Kill Your Darlings*

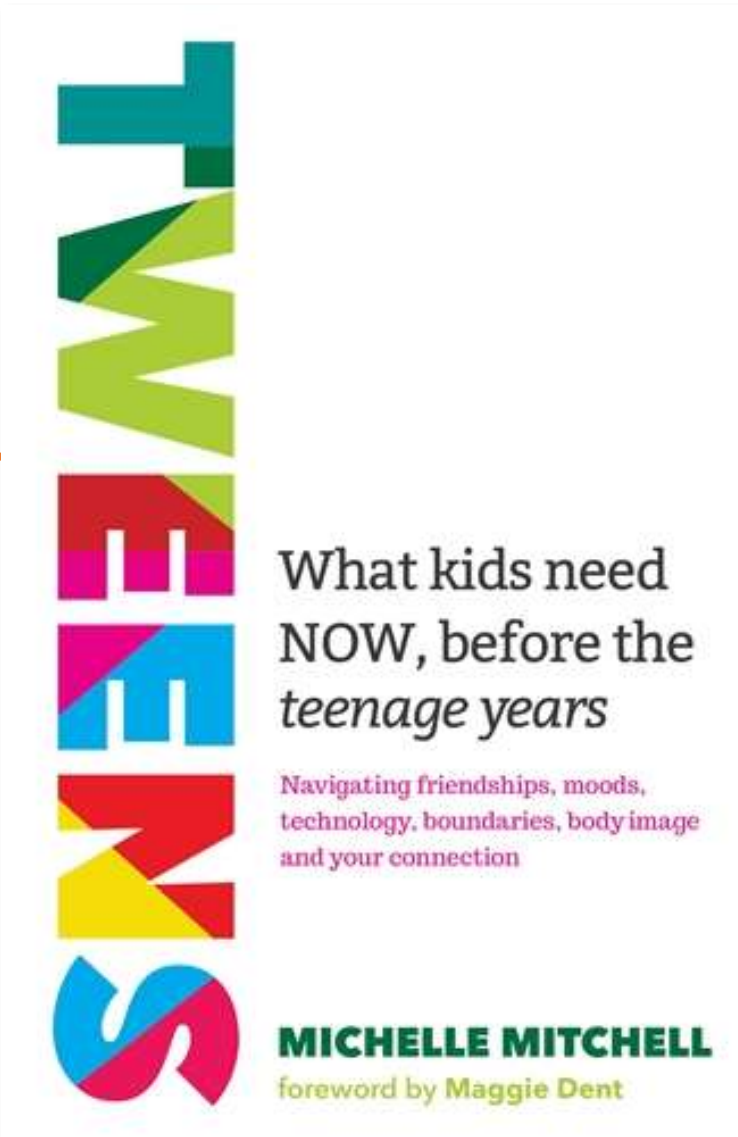


RONNIE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN VIC, SYDNEY AND BRISBANE

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Release Date: 14 February, 2023

Genre: Parenting



Tweens

Michelle Mitchell



'A book full of wisdom, compassion and guidance that I believe will help families, schools and communities everywhere take better care of our tweens.' Maggie Dent, bestselling parenting author and host of the ABC podcast *Parental as Anything*

If your child is between the ages of **nine** and **twelve**, you are in the throes of the 'between' years. Not quite a child and not yet a teenager, tweens embody a very specific stage of development that once understood will revolutionise the way you parent, educate and support those in your care.

In *Tweens*, award-winning parenting expert Michelle Mitchell explains that this is the most rapid period of development since toddlerhood. Right now, before the full pressures of high school hits, you have a window of opportunity that can change the trajectory of adolescence and beyond.

Using the results from her recent survey of more than 2000 parents and tweens, along with interviews with experts, Michelle compassionately guides parents through their children's **friendship** issues, **mood** swings, **confidence** crises, **technology** habits, **sibling** rivalry, **body image** concerns and seemingly inexplicable **behaviour**. She provides invaluable practical advice and groundbreaking research from leading organisations to reassure parents that tweens are ready to be switched on to their potential, and every trusted adult in their lives can be a part of that process.

MICHELLE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN QLD

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Genre: Self-Help

Unbounded

Maria Thattil

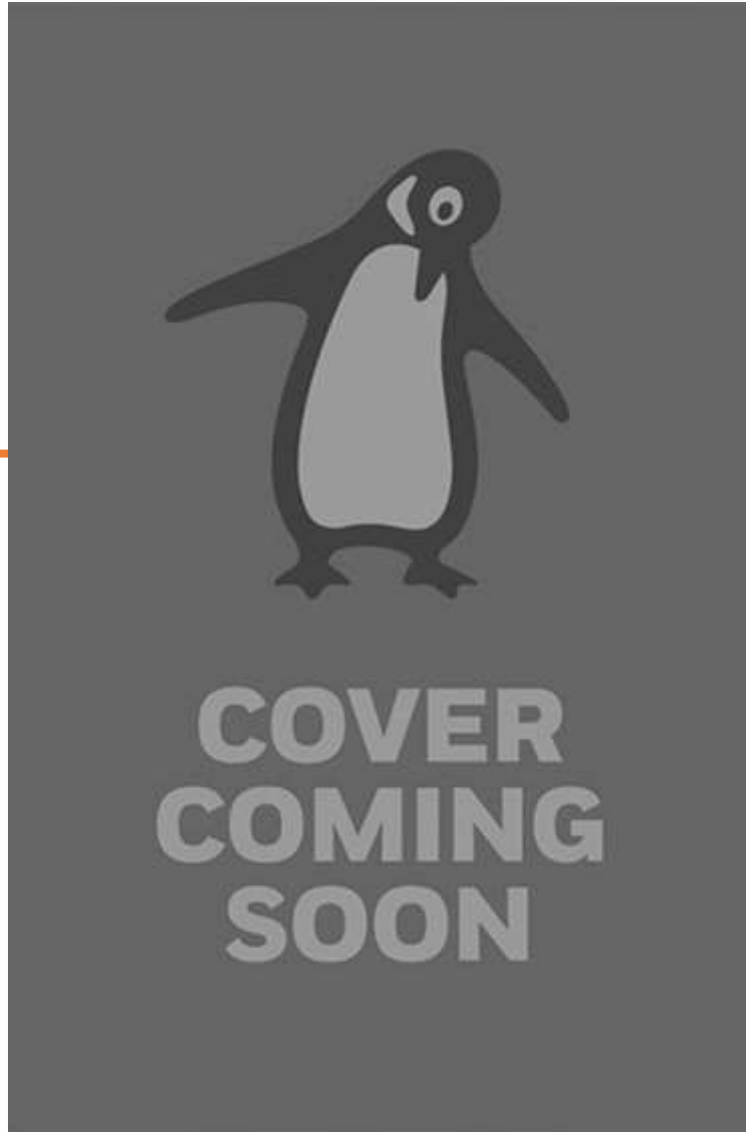
Transcend limiting beliefs and transform your life, so that you can manifest your limitless potential. Part inspiration, part memoir, *Unbounded* is a soulful exploration of identity and self-love when we are freed from society's expectations of us.

Maria Thattil is a diversity advocate, media personality, writer, speaker, model and content creator.

Crowned Miss Universe Australia in 2020, Maria placed in the top ten in the international pageant in Florida in 2021 and was only the third woman of colour to represent Australia in the pageant's 69-year history. Her 2022 appearance on *I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here* gained international attention when she came out as bisexual on-air.

Maria has written for outlets including 9 Honey, *Stellar* magazine, Body+Soul, Mamamia and Women's Agenda. She has headlined national campaigns as a face and ambassador for Olay, Clinique, L'Oréal, Piper Heidsieck and more.

Based in Melbourne, Maria also serves as a member of the United Nations Association of Australia and works with LGBTQIA+ youth charity Minus18.



MARIA IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN VIC

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Release Date: 28 February, 2023

Genre: Fiction

Lenny Marks Gets Away With Murder

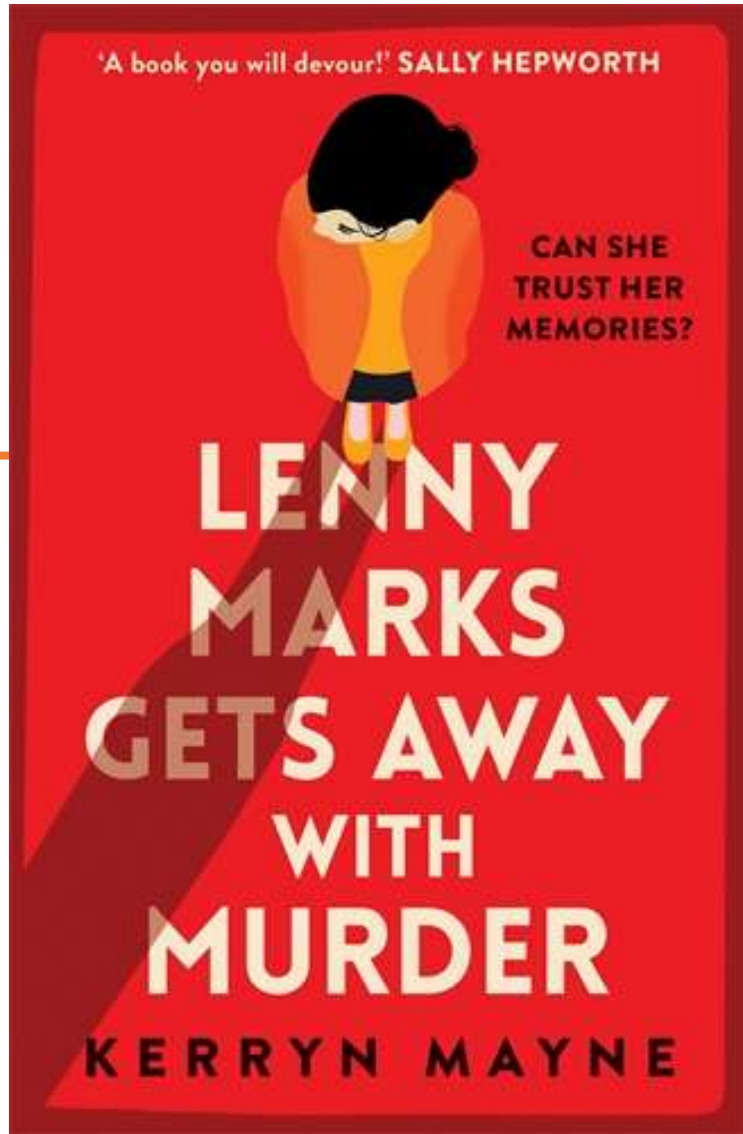
Kerryn Mayne

Eleanor Oliphant meets *The Girl on the Train* in a charming and chilling debut about a woman whose life was shaped by a trauma she can't remember, and what happens when it all comes back to her...

"With humour, heart and characters you come to love, this is a book you will devour now, and keep thinking about later!" SALLY HEPWORTH

Lenny Marks is good at not remembering. She has spent the last twenty years *not* thinking about the day her mother left her when she was still a child. Her stepfather's parting words, however, remain annoyingly unforgettable: 'You did this.' Now thirty-seven, Lenny prefers contentment and order over the unreliability of happiness and the messiness of relationships. She fills her days teaching at the local primary school, and her nights playing Scrabble with her pretend housemate, watching reruns of *Friends* and rearranging her thirty-six copies of *The Hobbit*. Recently though, if only to appease her beloved foster-mum, Lenny *has* set herself the goal of 'getting a life'. Then, out of the blue, a letter arrives from the Adult Parole Board. And when her desperate attempts to ignore it fail, Lenny starts to unravel. Worse, she starts to remember . .

Author Kerryn Mayne has worked as a police officer for almost 15 years so has more insight than most about getting away with murder. She has consulted for authors like Sally Hepworth on what police do in her time working on the force she has often wondered what becomes of the lives of victims of crime. In *Lenny Marks* she offers victims the power to forge their own story separate to acts committed against them.



KERRYN IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN VIC

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Release Date: 7 March, 2023

Genre: Fiction; Historical

The Investigators

Anthony Hill



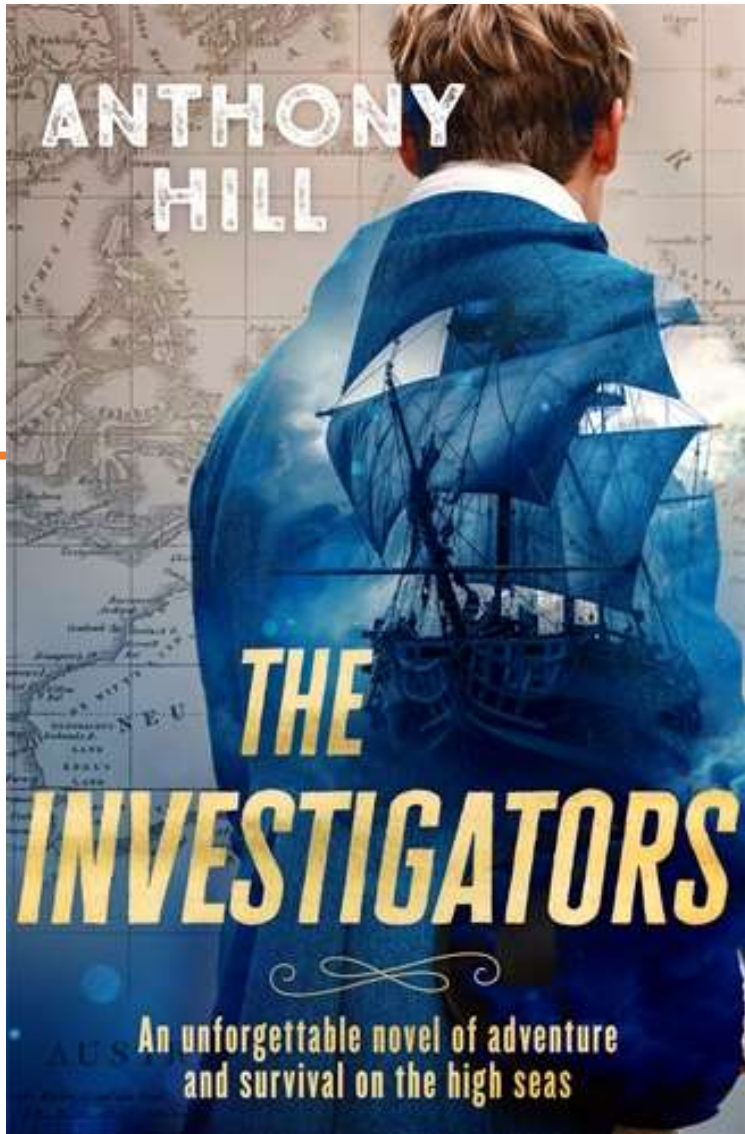
A novel of high adventure, exploration, shipwreck and survival, based on the life of Matthew Flinders' cousin, fifteen-year-old midshipman John Franklin, by the award-winning author of *Soldier Boy*.

John Franklin always wanted to be a sailor. As a volunteer in the Royal Navy at age fourteen, he found himself in the Battle of Copenhagen, but nothing could prepare him for the adventure of a lifetime, when he set off in 1801 with his cousin Matthew Flinders on HMS *Investigator* as it sought to chart the first circumnavigation of Australia.

Taking on responsibility for the chronometers, under the jealous eye of Flinders' younger brother, the young midshipman found all the action, adventure and excitement he'd hoped for in his new life at sea. It inspired him to become one of the great navigators and explorers of the 19th century.

However, he wasn't quite so prepared for the other challenges that life onboard had in store – the rivalries with fellow shipmates, the shortages of food, and the harsh realities of what they encountered in the colonies. Danger, disease and death seemed to follow in their wake, and even the *Investigator* was at serious risk of survival, and had to flee to Koepang in present-day Indonesia for repair.

The history books tell us that the first circumnavigation of Australia was completed on this voyage – but award-winning author Anthony Hill tells us how it was achieved. *The Investigators* is an unforgettable story of high adventure, exploration, shipwreck and survival as a young sailor comes of age.



ANTHONY IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN VIC

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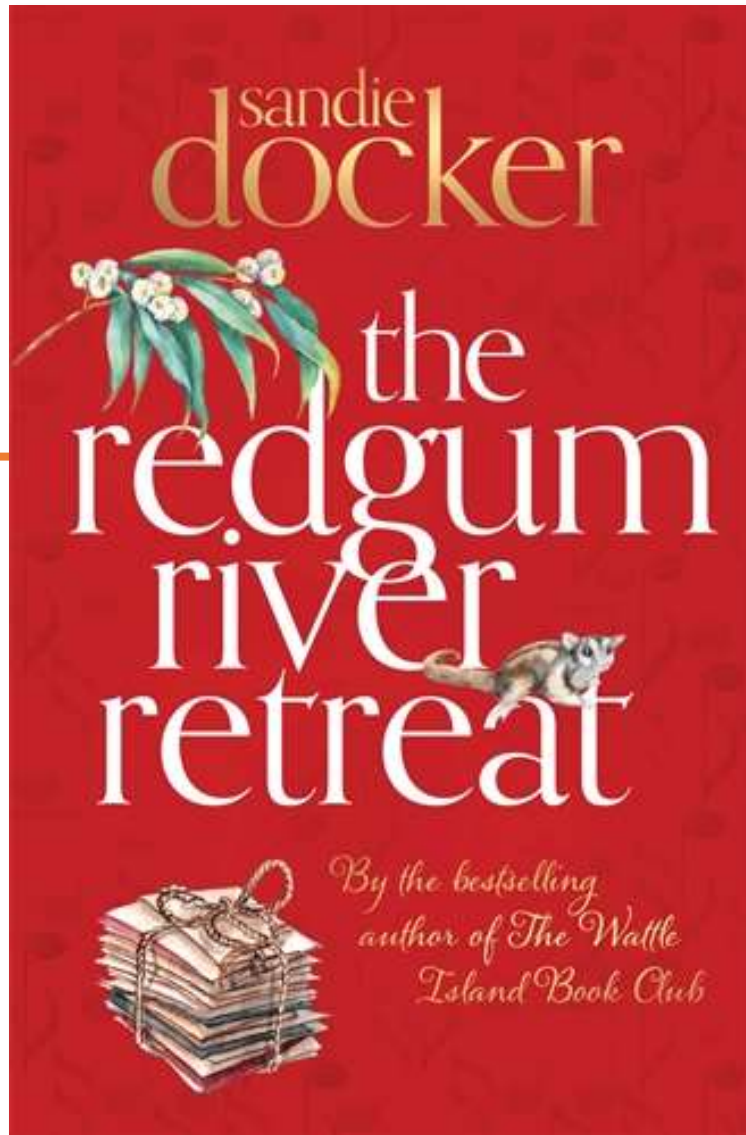
Release Date: 21 March, 2023

Genre: Fiction

The Redgum River Retreat

Sandie Docker

The heartwarming new novel by the author of
The Wattle Island Book Club.



Clearing out her great-aunt Rose's attic, museum curator Sarah finds a scrapbook of photos and correspondence from WWII. Working as a photographer for the *Snapshots From Home League* project, Rose kept copies of all the photos she sent to the front during the war and those she received back. Sarah has never seen such a complete collection before and when she shows her boss, they know they have to put on a special exhibition.

Throughout the scrapbook, there are photos of two men, Edward and Albert, and letters from them both. Then the scrapbook suddenly ends in 1950 with a photo of Edward and Albert sitting on a river bank, one playing the banjo the other the accordion, Rose on a picnic blanket beside them.

Sarah's search to uncover the story behind the trio leads her to the idyllic town of Redgum River, where she discovers brothers Edward and Albert spending their twilight busking together every month on the main street of the town they grew up in, though they haven't actually spoken to each other in decades.

As Sarah draws together the threads of what happened between Rose, Edward and Albert all those years ago, the story of betrayal they each tell is only part of the picture and she discovers none of them know the whole truth.

Before the exhibition can go ahead, and before Albert is lost to dementia, Rose is determined to uncover the truth and the help the brothers heal the rift that tore them apart.

SANDIE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN NSW

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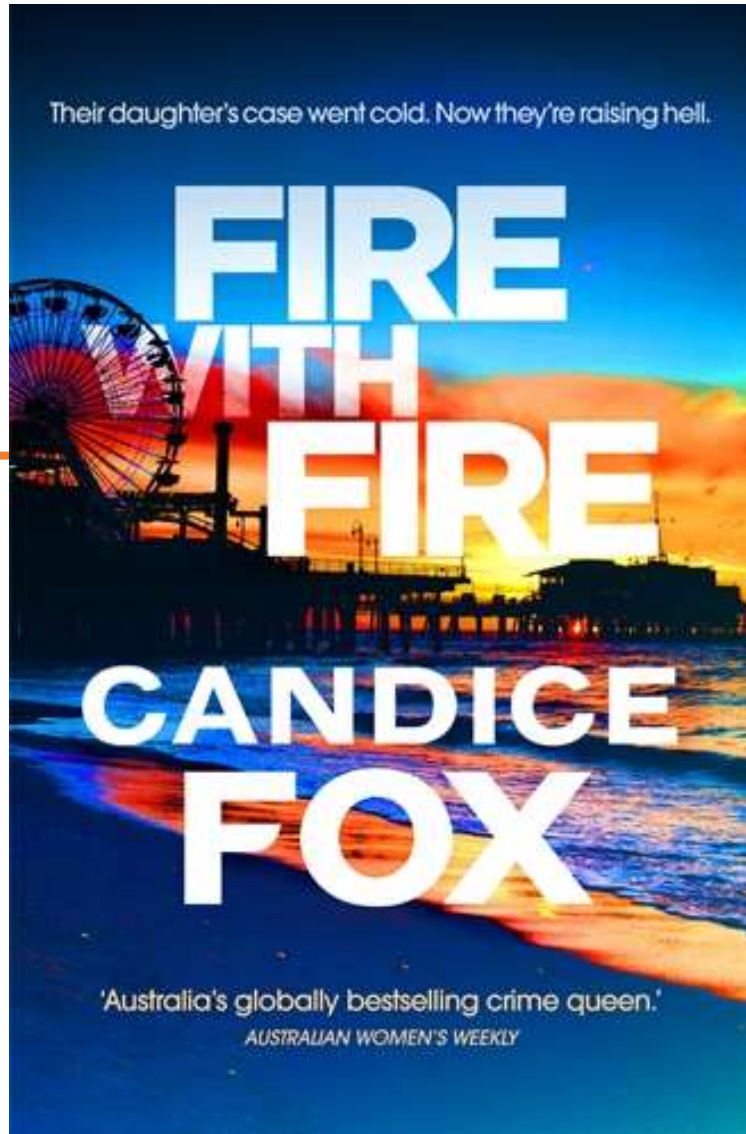
Release Date: 04 April, 2023

Genre: Fiction; Thriller

Fire With Fire

Candice Fox

Candice Fox's latest heart-pounding thriller, as a couple hold the LAPD to ransom in a desperate attempt to find their missing daughter.



'One of Australia's finest new gen crime writers.' Sue Turnbull, *Sydney Morning Herald*

*A married couple launch a deadly plan to find their missing child.
A half-dead man washes up on a Los Angeles beach.
A rookie cop is fired on her first day.*

Ryan and Elsie Delaney don't accept the official line that their young daughter drowned on Santa Monica beach. Her body has never been found and their pleas for a proper investigation are rejected.

So now the desperate pair are raining hellfire on the police.

Taking three hostages at the Hertzberg-Davis Forensic Center, they give law enforcement an ultimatum: if Tilly isn't located in the next 24 hours, they will destroy evidence in several major cases . . .

Detective Charlie Hoskins only just survived five years embedded with the ruthless Death Machines. All his work is in that lab. If the police won't look for Tilly, he will. Even if that means accepting help from Lynette Lamb, the rookie officer sacked for blowing his cover - and having him thrown to the sharks.

Finding Tilly is now a matter of life and death - for the Delaneys, for their hostages, for Charlie and Lamb, and for the little girl who one day simply vanished . . .

CANDICE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS

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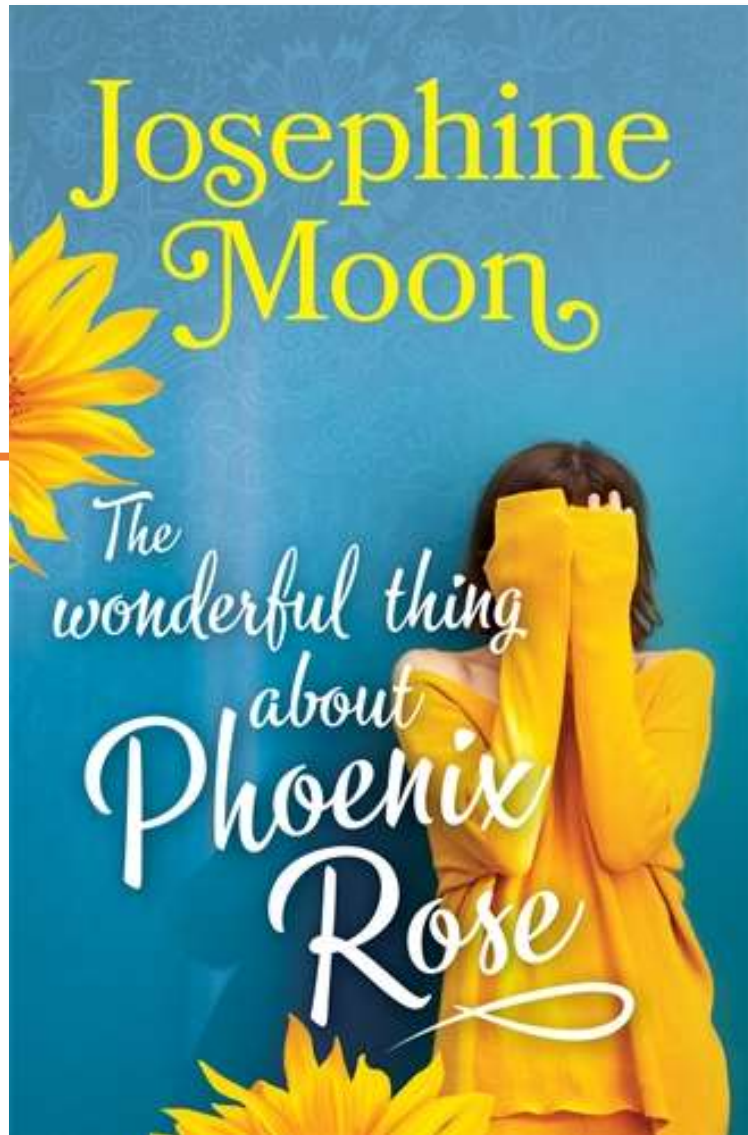
Release Date: 04 April, 2023

Genre: Fiction

The Wonderful Thing about Phoenix Rose

Josephine Moon

The heartwarming new uplift novel from Jo Moon that celebrates all that is wonderful about life on the autism spectrum disorder.



The Wonderful Thing About Phoenix Rose is a joyful and moving tale of a woman's commitment to fulfil her friend's dying wish while simultaneously mentoring a younger autistic woman on how to find her authentic self, and finding strength and healing in her own intense special interest—animals. This *uplit* novel can be likened to other books such as *The Funny Thing About Norman Foreman* and *The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry* and will appeal to fans of the television series *Love on the Spectrum*.

Josephine Moon is a passionate advocate for neurodiversity and the founder of Actually Autistic Care. In June 2022 she was guest at the Yellow Ladybugs ADHD and Autistic Minds Conference, and in August she will be presenting on 'Reimagining Autism: Myths, Autistic Truth, Cultivating Empathy' at the National Education Summit in Brisbane.

Discussion points:

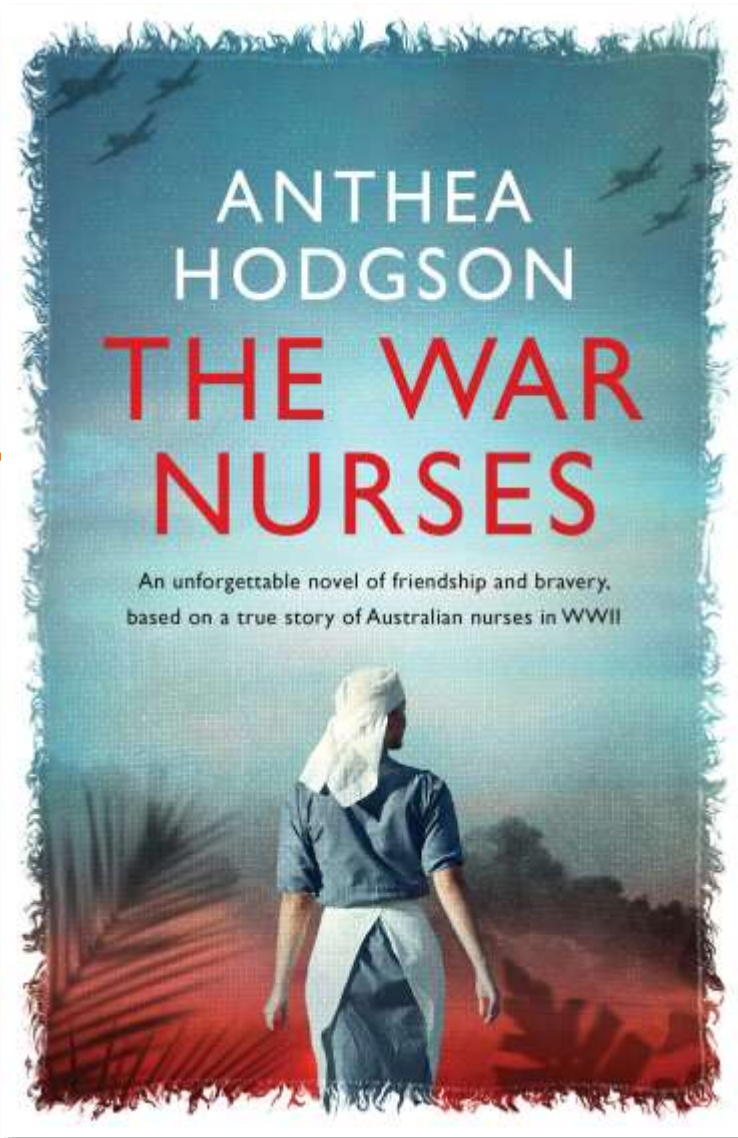
- The novel features an all neurodivergent cast. Josephine was recently diagnosed with Autism spectrum disorder and this is her first novel since her diagnosis.
- Set in Tasmania

JOSEPHINE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN QLD

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Release Date: 12 April, 2023

Genre: Fiction; Historical



The War Nurses

Anthea Hodgson



A moving and inspiring WWII novel of friendship and courage, based on the true events of the Bangka Island Massacre, by the bestselling author of *The Drifter*.

In 1942, country girls Minnie Hodgson and Margot McNee set sail from Perth, Australia for Singapore in search of adventure, full of excitement and keen to do their part working as nurses to the fallen soldiers in a time of war. What they encounter is an army of new friends and the terrors of a city under siege.

When the Japanese attack and Singapore falls, they are forced to flee aboard the *Vyner Brooke*. The ship is bombed, resulting in utter devastation. Separated in the mayhem, one group of nurses find themselves in prisoner-of-war camps for the duration of the war, surviving on their wits, with humour, dignity, loyalty and determination. But another group of young Australian nurses – the girls on the beach – are washed ashore on Banka Island, where they will meet a fate that must never be forgotten.

Inspired by the author's own family story, this is an unforgettable novel of enduring friendship and boundless courage, based on the shocking true events of the Bangka Island Massacre. It is both a riveting tale and an important tribute to our brave nurses who sacrificed so much during WWII.

ANTHEA IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN WA

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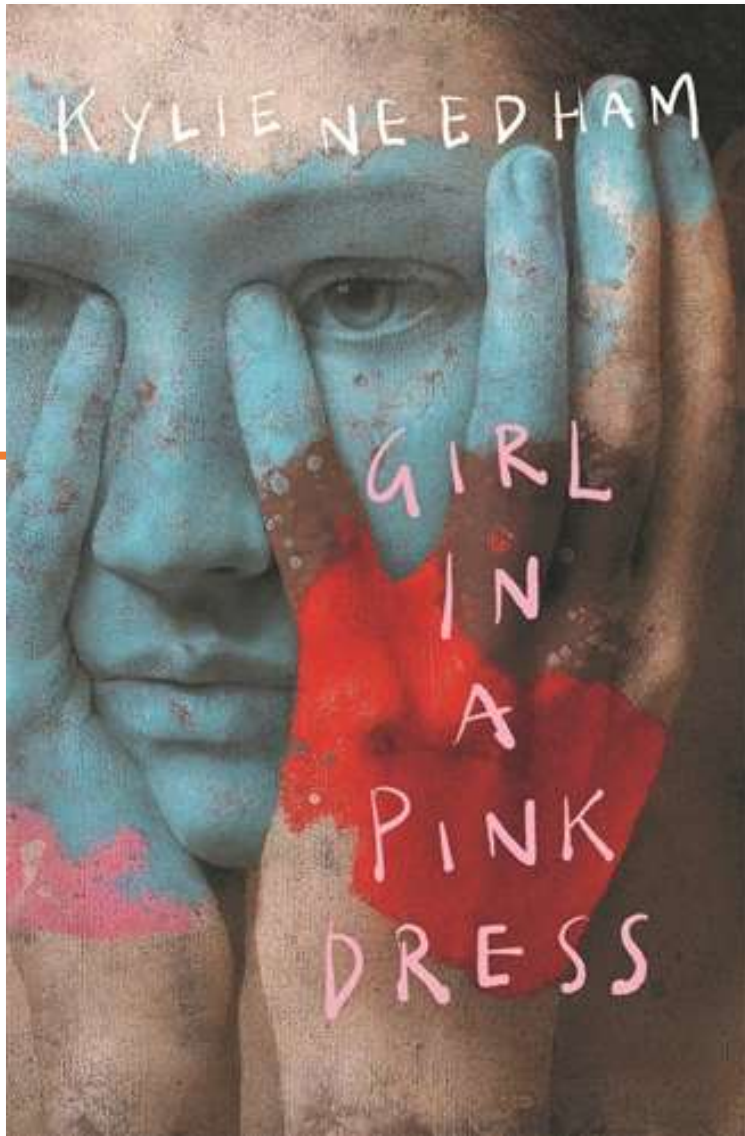
Release Date: 12 April, 2023

Genre: Fiction

Girl in a Pink Dress

Kylie Needham

Is it ever really possible for two ambitious artists to thrive in one relationship?



Frances is an artist in her forties living a quiet life in a remote mountain town in NSW, far away from the glittering lights and famous personalities of the Sydney art world she once knew. When an invitation arrives from a former lover to attend his exhibition at a state gallery, Frances is plunged back into the past, where a single irrevocable act changed the course of her story.

Told across two time periods, Frances's story wrestles with themes of power and privilege, womanhood and motherhood, artistic doubt, the male gaze upon the female body, and the commodification of art. It looks at the fraught relationships between artists and their muses, the sacrifices of a life devoted to art, and asks if it is ever really possible for two ambitious artists to thrive in one relationship.

KYLIE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN NSW

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Graft: Field Notes on Being

Maggie Mackellar

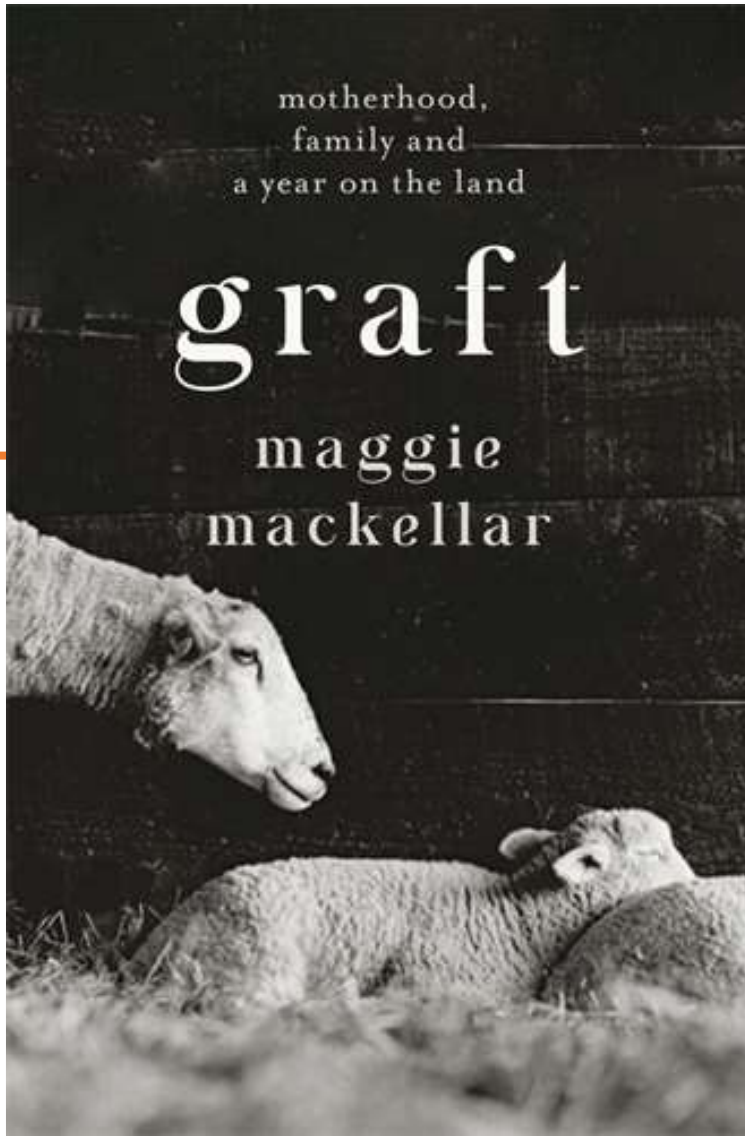


A gorgeously written reflection, set in Tasmania, on motherhood, farming, nature and home.

In my mind I walk over the land. I run my hands through the grass as if it were the hair on my head. I dig my fingers into the dirt as if the soil were the crust of my skin.

Combining pages of her diary, kept through lambing seasons on a wool Merino farm on the east coast of Tasmania, with observations on the world around her, MacKellar writes a stunning thanksgiving on place, mothers, and the ways we cannot escape the elemental laws of nature. Her love for and knowledge of the land on which she lives, the lambs she cares for, and the birds she adores - illustrated in stunning line drawings through the book - are writ large. You will want to leap into the pages and walk beside Maggie as she saves ewes, lambs, tends to her beloved horses and dogs, and considers the challenges and joys of motherhood and farming.

Susan Duncan on When It Rains: 'An unforgettable story of love and courage that inspires even as it breaks your heart.'



MAGGIE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS

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The Tea Lady

Amanda Hampson



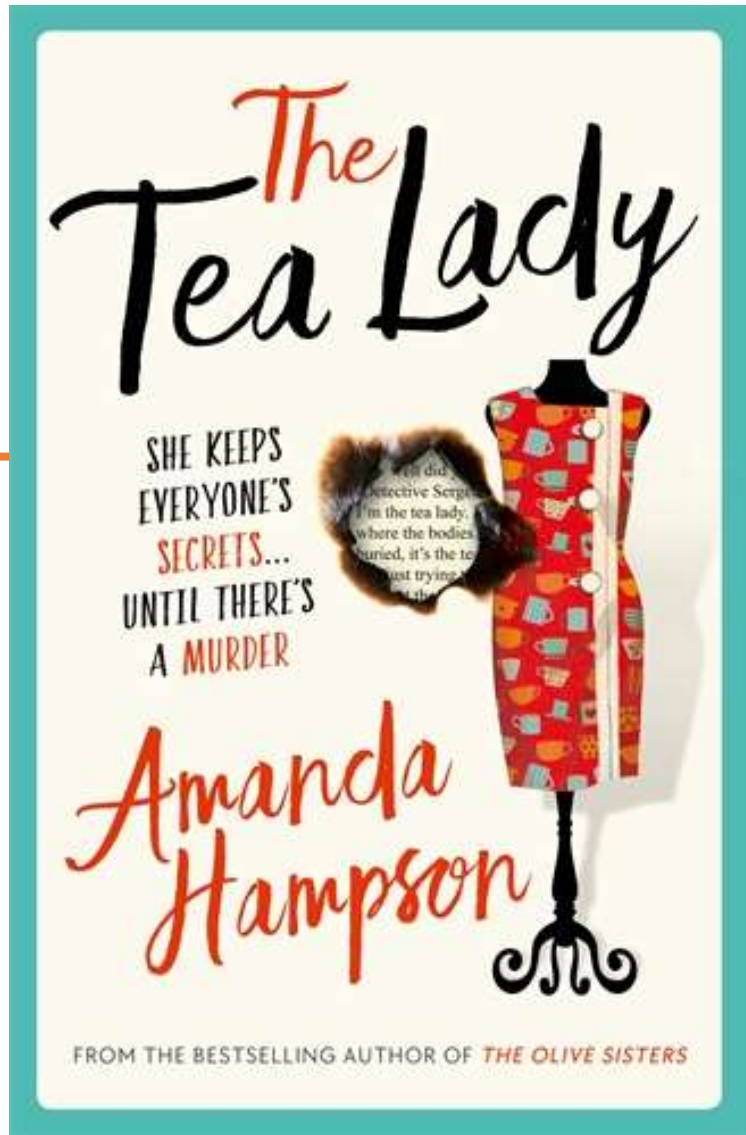
A wickedly witty cosy crime novel set in Sydney in the swinging sixties, ideal for fans of Richard Osman and Bonnie Garmus.

She keeps everyone's secrets, until there's a murder...

Sydney, 1965: After a chance encounter with a stranger, mild-mannered tea lady Hazel Bates becomes an accidental sleuth, stumbling into a world of ruthless crooks and racketeers in search of a young woman she believes to be in danger.

In the meantime, Hazel's job at Empire Fashionwear is in jeopardy. The firm has turned out the same frocks and blouses for the past twenty years and when the mini-skirt bursts onto the scene, it rocks the rag trade to its foundations. War breaks out between departments and it falls to Hazel, the quiet diplomat, to broker peace and save the firm.

When there is a murder in the building, Hazel and her network of tea ladies put themselves in danger as they piece together clues that connect the murder to a nearby arson and a kidnapping. But if there's one thing tea ladies can handle, it's hot water.



AMANDA IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN VIC AND NSW

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Genre: Non-fiction; Memoir

Still Standing

Chrissie Foster with Paul Kennedy

There are few more moving experiences than for the silenced to be heard.



Chrissie Foster is the mother who brought the rich and powerful Catholic Church to its knees over its global abuse of children, including two of her daughters, Emma and Katie. Like the Boston Globe's *Spotlight* team, she built an undeniable case in her first book *Hell on the Way to Heaven*, which helped inspire Australian governments to hold world-leading inquiries.

This is what happened next.

Grieving the death of Emma and the catastrophic accident that left Katie wheelchair-bound and unable to care for herself, and bullied by the Catholic Church, Chrissie Foster somehow found the strength to win and bring about changes in child safety that she hopes will last forever. From regional Australia all the way to Rome, her tenacity and bravery to see justice delivered is unequalled. In this confronting account she explains the incredible battle she fought together with her husband Anthony, and how she found the strength to continue even after his tragic and untimely death.

Her ongoing activism inspires others to challenge once powerful male-dominated institutions. In the face of horrifying adversity, Chrissie Foster has come through it to a place of peace.



CHRISSIE AND PAUL ARE AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN VIC

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Genre: Fiction

The Collected Regrets of Clover

Mikki Brammer

Who knew that a novel about death could be so inspirational – and so much fun! A hopeful, insightful and utterly *beautiful* story about living our best life with no regrets . . .



From Australian author Mikki Brammer, the stunning debut novel that's now sold in 23 countries and counting . . .

'Warm, profound, and expertly told . . . This is one of those special books that will leave a handprint on your heart.' Emma Brodle, author of *Songs In Ursa Major*

From the day she watched her kindergarten teacher drop dead during a dramatic telling of *Peter Rabbit*, Clover Brooks has felt a stronger connection with the dying than she has with the living. So, after the loss of her beloved grandfather, she becomes a death doula in New York City, ushering people peacefully through their final days.

Except she spends so much time with the dying that she's forgotten how to live . . .

After every passing, Clover diligently records her clients' last words. Their advice, their confessions – and of course their regrets.

Can these wise words – and the inspiring love story of a feisty old woman named Claudia – show Clover the way to a happy ending?

After all, what's the point of giving someone a beautiful death if you can't give yourself a beautiful life?



MIKKI IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS

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Genre: Fiction; Crime

The Fall Between

Darcy Tindale



From an exciting new voice in Australian crime fiction, a captivating and atmospheric rural thriller introducing Detective Rebecca Giles.

'Rural noir at its very best.' Candice Fox

On a hot November morning, the first body lies in a cattle trough . . . It will be another two hours before rigor mortis sets in. Until then, the slim fingers will float below the water's surface, gently bobbing, beckoning Detective Giles to come and find her.

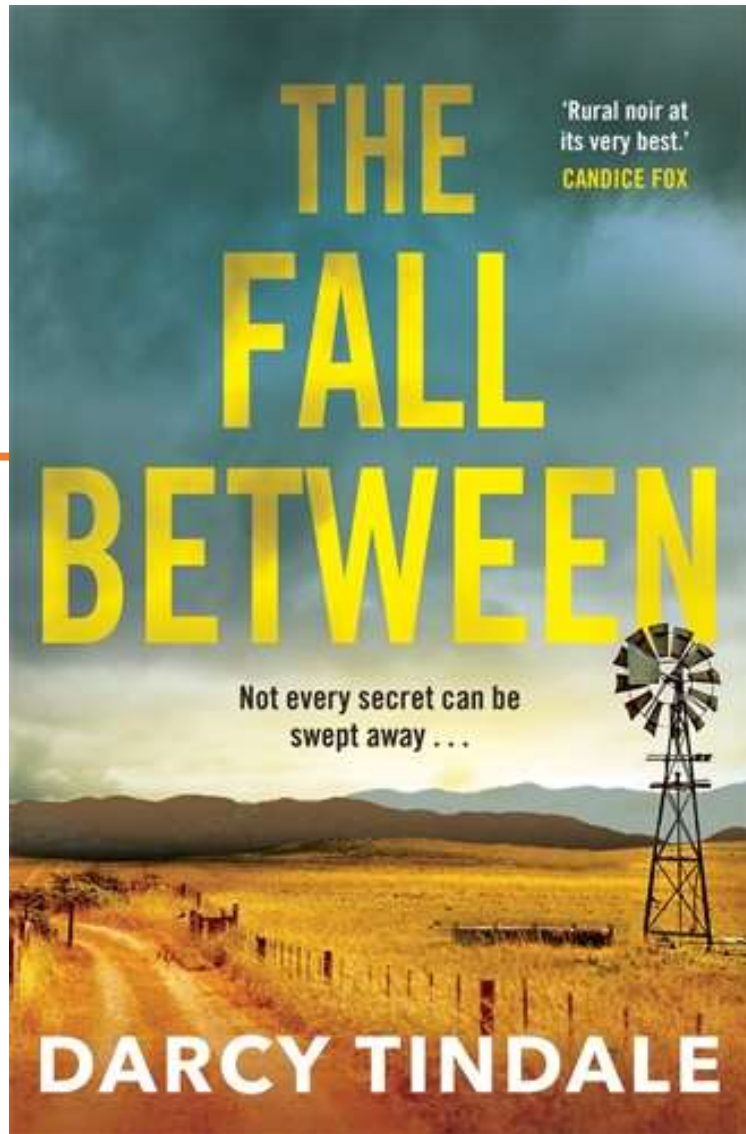
Detective Rebecca Giles has just finished interviewing aging petty crim Sticky Pete over a spate of break-and-enters when a disturbing new report comes in. Twelve-year-old Kayleen Ellis has vanished from her home in Muswellbrook in the Upper Hunter Valley.

Hours later, Giles is a local hero, having apparently solved Kayleen's case *and* the spate of jewellery thefts.

Yet the hangover from her celebrations has barely kicked in when the body of young jillaroo Ava Emmerson is discovered in gruesome circumstances on a nearby farm.

Giles is convinced the link between all three cases lies in the town's tragic history, perhaps even in her own mother's mysterious drowning thirty years ago.

In a place where nothing much changes, suddenly a great deal is happening - and Giles's life and career are now on the line.



DARCY IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN NSW

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Genre: Fiction

Anam

André Dao

ANAM is a novel about memory and inheritance, colonialism and belonging, home and exile.



A grandson tries to learn the family story. But what kind of story is it? Is it a prison memoir, about the grandfather imprisoned without charge or trial by a revolutionary government? Is it an oral history of the grandmother left behind to look after the children? Or is it a love story or a detective tale?

Moving from 1930s Hanoi through a series of never-ending wars and displacements to Saigon, Paris, Melbourne and Cambridge, *Anam* is a novel about memory and inheritance, colonialism and belonging, home and exile.

Andre Dao mines his family and personal stories to turnover ideas that resonate with all of us around place and home, family legacy and expectations, ambition and sacrifice.

Anam blends fiction and essay, theory and everyday life to imagine that which has been repressed, left out, and forgotten by archives and by families. As the grandson sifts through letters, photographs, government documents and memories, he has his own family to think about: a partner and an infant daughter. Is there a way to remember the past that creates a future for them as well? Or does coming home always involve a certain amount of forgetting?



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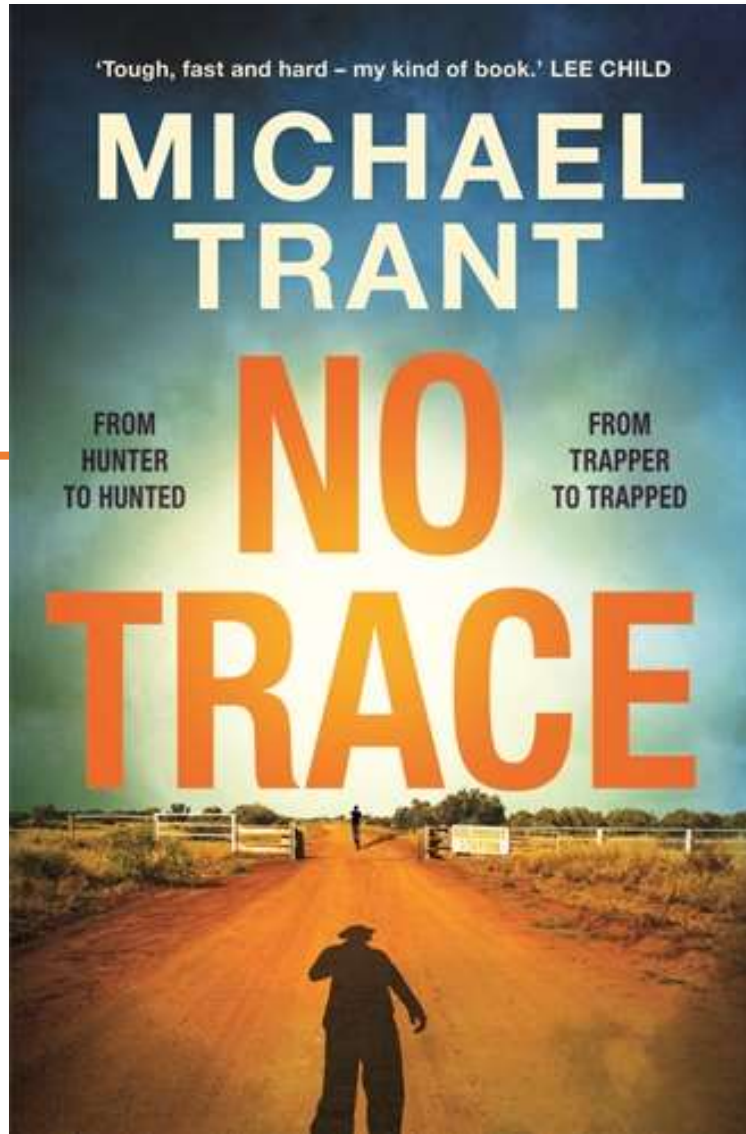
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Genre: Fiction; Thriller

No Trace

Michael Trant

The outback thriller meets the locked room mystery!



From the author of WILD DOGS comes an electrifying combination of outback action thriller and the classic locked room mystery.

'Did you have to kill them all?'

It's the question Gabe Ahern has been running from since he bust open a major criminal operation - and left a dozen men dead. He knows that one day the 'bad guys' will come for revenge.

A skilled dog-trapper, Gabe has one rule: leave no sign, leave no trace. And for the last year he's been successfully hiding out on a friend's remote cattle property in the Pilbara.

But when Goldmont Station opens its gates to a bunch of city folk eager for an authentic outback experience, Gabe can feel eyes on the back of his neck. Are all these visitors really tourists?

In the space of 24 hours, the station's helicopter falls from the sky . . . the phones and internet go down . . . and one of the guests turns up dead . . .

With major flooding suddenly cutting off all exit roads, Gabe fears he's as trapped as the dogs he hunts. And that his bloody past has finally caught up with him.

'Tough, fast and hard - my kind of book.' Lee Child

MICHAEL IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN WA

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Release Date: 06 June, 2023

Genre: Non-fiction; mental health

The Devil You Knew

Ian Hickie

Professor Ian Hickie is a psychiatrist and Co-Director of Health and Policy at The University of Sydney's Brain and Mind Centre. He is one of Australia's leading advocates for, and commentators on, mental health.

He was the first CEO of Beyond Blue, the national depression initiative, and an inaugural Commissioner on Australia's National Mental Health Commission.

Ian is also an internationally renowned researcher in psychiatry, and is currently writing a book on depression, *The Devil You Knew*, which will be published by Penguin Random House Australia in 2023.

IAN IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN NSW

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Release Date: 13 June, 2023

Genre: Fiction

I Look Forward to Hearing from You

Nick Bhasin

Don Quixote meets *La-La Land* meets *White Fragility* meets *Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas* in this crazy ride through an epic nervous breakdown.



Nick Bhasin's debut *I Look Forward to Hearing from You* is a riotous, heartfelt, darkly comic novel about Hector Singh, a grief-stricken, desperately ambitious American-Puerto Rican/Indian screenwriter who antagonizes every Los Angeles denizen he encounters as his Paxil-addled brain slowly unravels during his maniacal quest for a career in television. The book explores universal truths about grief, racism, mental health, body image and the flawed pursuit of success. It's a bone-deep dive into the mind of someone racing against themselves toward a brick wall that will inevitably arrive.



NICK IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN NSW

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Release Date: 13 June, 2023

Genre: Non-Fiction

Break the News

Sam Koslowski and Zara Seidler

The Daily Aus explains the stuff that matters

Discussion Points

- The Daily Aus is an online news outlets incredibly popular amongst Gen Z and Millennial audiences and aims to deliver news in an easy to digest way. They view themselves as an appetiser to the media.
- Founders Sam and Zara are young entrepreneurs who have managed to grow the Daily Aus. immeasurably.

SAM AND ZARA ARE AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS

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Release Date: 13 June, 2023

Genre: Fiction; Thriller

Broken Bay

Margaret Hickey

Margaret Hickey's captivating new rural crime novel set in a small town on the rugged Limestone coast of South Australia.



Detective Mark Ariti just happens to be on holiday in Broken Bay, on South Australia's Limestone coast, when the small fishing town is in the news for all the wrong reasons.

World champion cave-diver Mya Damijanac has failed to resurface while exploring the newly opened sinkhole on a dairy farm owned by the prominent Doyle family. Now a police diving retrieval team have been called in, and Mark is ordered to assist with their operation.

However townsfolk and divers alike are horrified when it is not Mya's body that is retrieved from the hole, but that of Eloise Sinclair, a local girl who went missing over 20 years before.

The Sinclairs were once a wealthy lobster-fishing family, but now they are living on a rundown farm just out of town. And this isn't the first tragedy to hit them: when Eloise was a little girl, her French mother Juliette jumped from the cliffs to her death. Eloise and her three brothers were raised by their traumatised and over-protective father Murray.

Then local woman and former actor Cherie is found dead in her yard, which was the former grand home of the Sinclairs. She has been hit hard with a rock to the side of her head. On her arm, she has written in her own blood the letters BLEU.

Could Cherie's death and Eloise's disappearance somehow be linked to a Frenchwoman's suicide all those year ago?



MARGARET AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN VIC

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Release Date: 20 June, 2023

Genre: Fiction

The Days Toppled Over

Vidya Madabushi

The most unexpected friendships really can transform your life.

Malli has not spoken out loud with another human being in thirteen years. Most people assume Malli is mute from birth, but she suffers from an unusual anxiety disorder that renders her unable to speak outside her own home. Only leaving her home in Bangalore – within a senior citizens complex – to assist the other residents, the highlight of Malli's life is a long-standing weekly phone call with her younger brother, Surya, who is studying in Australia, and whose chatty updates bring colour to Malli's days. When, for the first time, Surya misses their weekly call, Malli's quiet life is thrown into disarray.

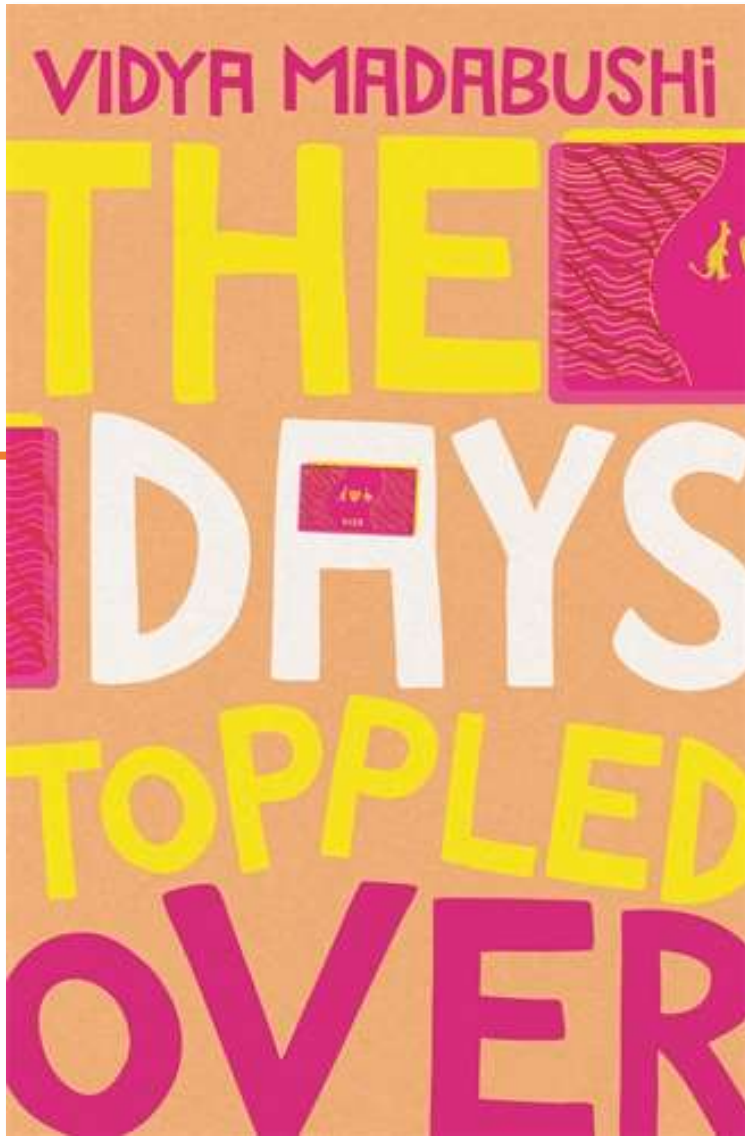
Her anxiety building, Malli seeks answers online, and is grateful when a user, named Nayan, on a missing persons forum, offers to help. As days pass without word from Surya, Malli decides she must travel to Australia to find out what has happened to him, and Nayan offers to accompany her. Malli, however, is unprepared for the wildly unconventional and embarrassingly outspoken man who turns up at her doorstep.

In Sydney, student life is less glamorous, and more precarious, than Surya had imagined, all in pursuit of the golden 457 visa, the only path to Permanent Residency in Australia. At the Newtown restaurant at which he lives and works, Surya feels he can endure the squalid living conditions and the abysmal pay if it will secure him the elusive work visa which will allow him to stay in the country. When a racist customer upends the knife-edge hierarchy at the restaurant, it sets off a chain of events that will see Surya committing a reckless act of love, risking everything for which he has worked so hard.

Set between Bangalore and Sydney, the narrative spans a period of several weeks, and alternately follows Surya in the days leading up to his disappearance, and Malli's journey to find him.

Gently and evocatively shared, with a rich sense of place, a memorable cast of characters, and a good dose of humour, *The Days Toppled Over* is a powerful exploration of mental health, family, listening, connecting and how international students in Australia live.

A hopeful story, it illuminates how we all need friends and contact with other humans and how these simple things can result in transformation



VIDYA IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN NSW

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Genre: Fiction; Historical

The Secrets of the Huon Wren

Claire van Ryn



Set among the picturesque Huon Valley apple orchards of Tasmania, this is a beautifully written dual-narrative novel with a tragic love story at its heart. Dealing with issues of dementia and forced adoption, it is ideal for book clubs.

Allira is the top journalist at *Folk* magazine when she meets Nora, the dementia-riddled woman with a plastic doll always cradled in her arms. Allira is drawn into Nora's story; of an undertaker and his family living beneath the Great Western Tiers in Tasmania's heartland; of a charming Polish-German migrant; of stitching the lining into coffins; and a wren hand-carved from Huon pine.

1953: Nora Grayson is fifteen, a spirited, carefree character with a tight bond to her father, Stan. However, she is the constant brunt of her mother Thelma's ire. A relationship develops between Nora and Polish-German Michal who delivers Tasmanian timber to her father's carpentry workshop. Nora falls pregnant to him, and Thelma (driven by the fear of family shame) delivers an ultimatum: quietly dispose of the pregnancy, or hide it. Nora chooses the latter, and is forced into more than six months' isolation in the family's coffin-building workshop. All Michal's letters are kept from her and she is led to believe he is disinterested.

2019: Nora, 81, and Allira Ambrose, 28, forge an unlikely friendship. Nora rarely recognises Allira, yet there is a sense of shared 'knowing' that sees her visiting her room at Mercy Place Aged Care more frequently. When Allira opens up to Nora about the recent loss of her baby, and continues to investigate Nora's past, a carved Huon pine wren in her room is key to a life-changing discovery from the past that has the power to set them both free.



CLAIRE IS AVAILABLE FOR EVENTS IN TASMANIA

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