

## Hornsby Shire Library and Information Service

Kit	Author	Title	Synopsis	Availability as at 1/2/2013
K1	<b>Markus Zusak</b>	<b>The book thief</b>	It is 1939. Nazi Germany. By her brother's graveside, Liesel's life is changed when she picks up a single object, partially hidden in the snow. It is The Gravedigger's Handbook, left there by accident, and it is her first act of book thievery. So begins a love affair with books and words, as Liesel learns to read. When Liesel's foster family hides a Jewish fist-fighter in their basement, Liesel's world is both opened up, and closed down.	Not available
K2	<b>Kate Grenville</b>	<b>The lieutenant</b>	The Lieutenant is a story about a man discovering his true self in extraordinary circumstances. This powerful novel will enthral readers of Kate Grenville's bestselling The Secret River, winner of the Commonwealth Writers' Prize.	Available most months
K3	<b>Steve Toltz</b>	<b>A fraction of the whole</b>	'A Fraction of the Whole' follows the Deans on their freewheeling, scathingly funny and finally deeply moving quest to leave their mark on the world	Available after March
K4	<b>Elizabeth Gilbert</b>	<b>Eat, pray, love</b>	It's 3 a.m. and Elizabeth Gilbert is sobbing on the bathroom floor. She's in her thirties, she has a husband, a house, they're trying for a baby - and she doesn't want any of it. A bitter divorce and a turbulent love affair later, she emerges battered and bewildered and realises it is time to pursue her own journey in search of three things she has been missing: pleasure, devotion and balance.	Available
K5	<b>Richard Flanagan</b>	<b>The unknown terrorist</b>	Gina Davies is a 26-year-old pole dancer in Sydney. When she has a one-night stand with a man suspected of plotting to plant bombs, Gina finds that she, too, is a wanted person who must endure trial by an increasingly hysterical media, as every truth of her life is turned into a lie.	Available
K6	<b>Cunxin Li</b>	<b>Mao's last dancer</b>	One day, not so very many years ago, a small peasant boy was chosen to study ballet at the Beijing Dance Academy. His mother urged him to take this chance of a lifetime. But Li was only eleven years old and he was scared and lonely. All he wanted to do was go home. But soon Li realised that his mother was right. He had the chance to do something special with his life - and he never turned back.	Available
K7	<b>Barbara Kingsolver</b>	<b>The poisonwood bible</b>	A fiery evangelist takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959, carrying all they need from home, but find it is calamitously transformed on African soil. The tale recounts the family's tragic undoing and reconstruction.	Available
K8	<b>Gregory David Roberts</b>	<b>Shantaram</b>	Shantaram is narrated by Lin, an escaped convict with a false passport who flees maximum security prison in Australia for the teeming streets of a city where he can disappear. Accompanied by his guide and faithful friend, Prabaker, the two enter Bombay's hidden society of beggars and gangsters, prostitutes and holy men, soldiers and actors, and Indians and exiles from other countries, who seek in this remarkable place what they cannot find elsewhere.	Available most months
K9	<b>Lloyd Jones</b>	<b>Mister Pip</b>	A small village on a lush tropical island in the South Pacific. War is encroaching from the other end of the island. When the villagers' safe, predictable lives come to a halt, Bougainville's children are surprised to find the island's only white man, a recluse, re-opening the school. Pop Eye, aka Mr Watts, explains he will introduce the children to Mr Dickens	Available most months
K10	<b>Aravind Adiga</b>	<b>The white tiger</b>	This rambunctious story of contemporary India shows how religion doesn't create morality and money doesn't solve every problem--but a person can get what he wants out of life by eavesdropping on the right conversations.	Available most months

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K11	<b>Margaret Atwood</b>	<b>Alias grace</b>	A decade and a half has passed since Grace was locked up, at the age of 16, for the cold-blooded murders of her employer Thomas Kinnear and his housekeeper/lover Nancy Montgomery. Her alleged accomplice, James McDermot, was hanged in 1843. Dr Simon Jordan attempts to uncover the truth.	Available until July
K12	<b>Helen Garner</b>	<b>The first stone</b>	Bestselling title in which the author examines the issue of sexual harassment through the true story of two women who accused the master of Ormond College, University of Melbourne, of indecent assault. The book focuses on Garner's personal response to the event and greater issues of sex and power.	Available after mid October
K13	<b>Helene Hanff</b>	<b>84 Charing Cross Road</b>	'This book is the very simple story of the love affair between Miss Helene Hanff of New York and Messrs Marks and Co, sellers of rare and second hand books, at 84 Charing Cross Road, London'. Told in a series of letters this true story has touched the hearts of thousands.	Available
K14	<b>Ernest Hemingway</b>	<b>A farewell to arms</b>	In 1918 Ernest Hemingway went to war, to the 'war to end all wars'. He volunteered for ambulance service in Italy, was wounded and twice decorated. Out of his experiences came A FAREWELL TO ARMS. Hemingway's description of war is unforgettable. Hemingway has also created a love story of immense drama and uncompromising passion	Available
K15	<b>Elizabeth Jolley</b>	<b>Miss Peabody's inheritance</b>	In this powerful tale of love and loneliness, Elizabeth Jolley has woven two parallel stories into a dazzlingly original novel.	Available after mid September
<del>K16</del>	<b>Hilarie Lindsay</b>	<b>The washerwoman's dream</b>	Born in London, Winifred emigrated to Australia in 1891 and had an adventurous and interesting life. Hilarie Lindsay has reconstructed Winifred's life through her memoirs, newspaper articles, short stories, letters and 14 unpublished novels. Winifred Steger was a battler, a survivor, a true pioneer and, above all, a woman of indomitable spirit.	Not available
<del>K17</del>	<b>Carol Off</b>	<b>Bitter chocolate</b>	Begins by tracing the fascinating origins and lore of the cocoa craze while showing that exploitation and inequity have always been closely tied to chocolate production throughout its history. The modern heart of Bitter Chocolate is Off's inside look at the situation on the Ivory Coast, which produces nearly half of the world's cocoa beans	Not available
K18	<b>James Joyce</b>	<b>Dubliners</b>	Joyce's first major work, written when he was only twenty - five, brought his city to the world for the first time. His stories are rooted in the rich detail of Dublin life, portraying ordinary, often defeated lives with unflinching realism. He writes of social decline, sexual desire and exploitation, corruption and personal failure, yet creates a brilliantly compelling, unique vision of the world and of human experience.	Available
K19	<b>Joan London</b>	<b>The good parents</b>	Maya de Jong, an eighteen-year-old country girl from the West, comes to live in Melbourne and starts an affair with her boss, the enigmatic Maynard Flynn, whose wife is dying of cancer. When Maya's parents, Toni and Jacob, arrive to stay with her, they are told by her housemate that Maya has gone away and no one knows where she is. As Toni and Jacob wait and search for Maya in Melbourne, everything in their lives is brought into question.	Available

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K20	<b>Salman Rushdie</b>	<b>Midnight's children</b>	Saleem Sinai was born at midnight, the midnight of India's independence, and found himself mysteriously 'handcuffed to history' by the coincidence. He is one of 1,001 children born at the midnight hour, each of them endowed with an extraordinary talent. Through Saleem's gifts we are drawn into a fascinating family saga set against the vast, colourful background of the India of the 20th century.	Available except Aug - Oct
K21	<b>Jane Austen</b>	<b>Persuasion</b>	Eight years earlier, Anne Elliot and Frederick Wentworth fell in love, but Anne allowed herself to be persuaded that the young man wasn't an adequate match. Anne soon realized this to be a terrible mistake. Then Captain Wentworth walks back into her life. By turns achingly sad and intensely romantic, this is a timeless tale of love lost and regained.	Available most months
K22	<b>Bill Bryson</b>	<b>Down under</b>	After tales from the USA and Britain, Bill Bryson turns his roving eye to Australia, the only island that is also a continent and the only continent that is also a country. He tries to find out why Aussies are so cool, digging up a past that reveals convicts, explorers, gold diggers and outlaws.	Available most months
K23	<b>George Eliot</b>	<b>Adam Bede</b>	In Adam Bede (1859) George Eliot took the well-worn tale of a lovely dairy-maid seduced by a careless squire, and out of it created a wonderfully innovative and sympathetic portrait of the lives of ordinary Midlands working people--their labours and loves, their beliefs, their talk.	Available most months
K24	<b>Steig Larsson</b>	<b>The girl with the dragon tattoo</b>	Forty years ago, Harriet Vanger disappeared off the secluded island owned and inhabited by her family. Harriet's uncle, Henrik, is convinced that she was murdered by someone in her own deeply dysfunctional family. This is a violent and bloody thriller, a sinister family saga, a mystery of massive financial fraud and an ambiguous and haunting love story.	Available
K25	<b>Nam Le</b>	<b>The boat</b>	Takes us from a tourist in Tehran to a teenage hit man in Columbia; from an aging New York artist to a boy coming of age in a small Victorian fishing town; from the city of Hiroshima just before the bomb is dropped to the haunting waste of the South China Sea in the wake of another war.	Available most months
K26	<b>David Malouf</b>	<b>Ransom</b>	Retells Homer's Iliad. Focusing on the unbreakable bonds between men, Priam and Hector, Patroclus and Achilles, Priam and the cart-driver hired to retrieve Hector's body. Pride, grief, brutality, love and neighbourliness are explored. And, this retelling has a few surprises.	Available
K27	<b>Barack Obama</b>	<b>Dreams from my father</b>	In this lyrical, unsentimental, and compelling memoir, the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American. He retraces the migration of his mother's family to Hawaii, and then to Kenya, where he meets the African side of his family, confronts the bitter truth of his father's life, and at last reconciles his divided inheritance.	Available most months
K28	<b>Audrey Niffenegger</b>	<b>Time traveller's wife</b>	This is the story of Henry and Clare, who have known each other since Clare was six and Henry was 36, and were married when Clare was 22 and Henry was 30. This is possible only because Henry is one of the first people diagnosed with chrono-displacement-disorder.	Available

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K29	Mary Ann Shaffer	<b>The Guernsey literary and potato peel pie society</b>	It's 1946, and as Juliet Ashton sits at her desk in her Chelsea flat, she is stumped. A writer of witty newspaper columns during the war, she can't think of what to write next. Out of the blue, she receives a letter from Dawsey Adams of Guernsey and they begin a correspondence. Dawsey is a member of the Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society, and it's not long before the rest of the members write to Juliet. She comes to know the extraordinary personalities of the Society and their lives under the German occupation of the island. Juliet decides to visit the island - and unwittingly turns her life upside down.	Available
K30	Lionel Shriver	<b>We need to talk about Kevin</b>	Focusing on a boy who kills seven of his fellow students, Shriver tells a resonant story while framing the horrifying tableaux of teenage carnage as metaphors for the larger tragedy--the tragedy of a country where everything works, nobody starves, and anything can be bought but a sense of purpose.	Available May – Aug and Nov - Dec
K31	Colm Toibin	<b>Brooklyn</b>	It is Enniscorthy in the southeast of Ireland in the early 1950s. Eilis Lacey is one among many of her generation who cannot find work at home. When a job is offered in America, Eilis leaves her family and country, and heads for unfamiliar Brooklyn. Slowly the pain of parting is buried beneath the rhythms of her new life until she begins to realize that she has found a sort of happiness. As she falls in love, news comes from home that forces her back to Enniscorthy, not to the constrictions of her old life, but to new possibilities which conflict deeply with the life she has left behind in Brooklyn.	Available most months
K32	William Trevor	<b>Love and Summer</b>	It is summer and a stranger has come to quiet Rathmoye. He is noticed by Ellie, the young convent girl, who is married to Dillahan, a farmer still mourning his first wife. Over the long and warm days, Ellie and the stranger form an illicit attachment. And those in the town can only watch, holding their tongues, as passion, love and fate take their inevitable course.	Available (9 copies only)
K33	Christos Tsiolkas	<b>The slap</b>	A powerful, haunting novel about love, sex and marriage, parenting and children, and the fury and intensity that family can arouse. At a suburban barbecue, a man slaps a child who is not his own. This event has a shocking ricochet effect on a group of people, mostly friends, who are directly or indirectly influenced by the event.	Available
K34	Tim Winton	<b>Breath</b>	Breath is a story about the wildness of youth - the lust for excitement and terror, the determination to be extraordinary, the wounds that heal and those that don't - and about learning to live with its passing. Breath confirms Winton as one of the world's finest storytellers, a writer of novels that are at the same time simple and profound, relentlessly gripping and deeply moving.	Available
K35	Liz Byrski	<b>Bad behaviour</b>	One mistake can change a life forever. Zoe is living a conventional suburban life in Fremantle. She works, she gardens and she loves her supportive husband Archie and their three children. In Sussex, Julia is feeling nostalgic as she nurses her best friend through the last painful stages of cancer. These two women's lives have been shaped by the decisions they made back in 1968 - a time of politics and protest, consciousness raising and sexual liberation, Zoe and Julia were looking for love, truth and happy endings. They soon discover that life is rarely that simple	Available most months

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K36	<b>Graham Greene</b>	<b>Human factor</b>	Written late in his life, The Human Factor displays Greene's gift for suspense at its most refined level, and his understanding of the physical and spiritual vulnerability of the individual at its deepest.	Available
K37	<b>Caroline Jones</b>	<b>An authentic life</b>	An Authentic Life is a deeply thoughtful, uplifting guide to life which suggests how to feel happier and more at home in yourself; how to identify your unique gifts; and how to live life to the full with generosity, compassion, peace of mind, a sense of belonging and an increased awareness of your natural spirituality.	Available
K38	<b>Ian Rankin</b>	<b>Knots and crosses</b>	With the brutal abduction and murder of two young girls, Detective Sergeant John Rebus, smoking and drinking too much, his own young daughter spirited away south by his disenchanted wife, is one of many policemen hunting the killer. And then the messages begin to arrive: knotted string and matchstick crosses - taunting Rebus with pieces of a puzzle only he can solve.	Available until Mar, Sept, Nov & Dec
K39	<b>Carlos Ruiz Zafon</b>	<b>Shadow of the wind</b>	Barcelona 1945: young Daniel Sempere is taken to a fabulous secret library called the Cemetery of Forgotten Books where he is told he must 'adopt' a single book, promising to care for it and keep it alive always. Entranced by his chosen book, The Shadow of the Wind by Julian Carax, Daniel begins a quest to find the truth about the life and death of its mysterious author	Available Feb – Mar, June and Oct - Dec
K40	<b>Sally Sara</b>	<b>Gogo mama</b>	Gogo Mama intimately profiles the lives of 12 African women. These include a genocide survivor from Rwanda, a pygmy from the Congo, a former child soldier from Liberia and a grandmother fighting AIDS. This book is a journey across Africa from the townships of Johannesburg to the back alleys of Zanzibar.	Available after early April
K 41	<b>Ali, Ayaan Hirsi</b>	<b>Nomad: A Personal Journey Through the Clash of Civilizations</b>	Weaving together memoir and reportage, Ayaan confronts the complacency and ignorance that often colour intellectual debate on Islam. With disarming honesty, she shares her experiences, doubts and insights.	Available after March
K42	<b>Armstrong, Diane</b>	<b>Mosaic: a chronicle of five generations</b>	This true story begins in Krakow in 1890 and spans 100 years and four continents. God blessed Lieba and Jewish patriarch Daniel Baldinger with 11 children and this portrait follows their lives down the decades, through the terrifying years of the Holocaust, to the present time.	Available Feb-Mar, mid May – June, Mid Aug – Sept & Dec
K43	<b>Brooks, Geraldine</b>	<b>People Of The Book</b>	When Hannah Heath gets a call in the middle of the night in her Sydney home about a Jewish manuscript which has been discovered in war-torn Sarajevo, she knows she is about to embark on the experience of a life time.	Available
K44	<b>Carey, Peter</b>	<b>Parrot and Olivier in America</b>	Olivier is a young aristocrat, one of an endangered species born in France just after the Revolution. Parrot, the son of an itinerant English printer, wanted to be an artist but has ended up in middle age as a servant.	Available most months



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K45	<b>Collins, Wilkie</b>	<b>The Moonstone</b>	A priceless diamond has been stolen from an Indian temple and bequeathed to Rachel Verinder. On her birthday, her beau Franklin brings her the gift, only to have it stolen again. No one is above suspicion, as Franklin and Sergeant Cuff piece together the riveting puzzle.	Available
K46	<b>Doidge, Norman</b>	<b>The Brain that Changes Itself:</b>	An astonishing new scientific discovery called neuroplasticity is overthrowing the centuries-old notion that the adult human brain is fixed and unchanging. It is, instead, able to change its own structure and function, even into old age.	Available most months
K47	<b>Du Maurier, Daphne</b>	<b>The Breaking Point and Other Stories</b>	The apathy of Sunday lay upon the streets. Houses were closed, withdrawn. 'They don't know,' he thought, 'those people inside, how one gesture of mine, now, at this minute, might alter their world.'	Available most months
K48	<b>Hosseini, Khaled</b>	<b>A Thousand Splendid Suns</b>	A riveting and powerful story of an unforgiving time, an unlikely friendship and an indestructible love.	Available most months
K49	<b>Kingsolver, Barbara</b>	<b>The Lacuna</b>	From the Mexico City of Frida Kahlo to the America of J. Edgar Hoover, The Lacuna tells the poignant story of a man pulled between two nations. When Harrison Shepherd goes to work for Diego Rivera, his wife, exotic artist Kahlo, and exiled leader Lev Trotsky, Shepherd inadvertently casts his lot with art and revolution.	Available most months
K50	<b>Lee, Harper</b>	<b>To Kill a Mockingbird</b>	The story of one community's injustice in small-town America, the consequences of which resonate throughout society at large. Jem and Scout are delightful, and their father, Atticus Finch, is the man to beat all men: the ideal father, the ideal man. He stands for justice, righteousness and for fighting back even when you know you have lost.	Available most months
K51	<b>Levy, Andrea</b>	<b>The Long Song</b>	You do not know me yet. My son Thomas, who is publishing this book, tells me, it is customary at this place in a novel to give the reader a little taste of the story that is held within these pages.	Available
K52	<b>Mantel, Hilary</b>	<b>Wolf Hall</b>	Thomas Cromwell was a man with a delicate and deadly expertise in manipulating people and events and ruthless in the pursuit of his own ambitions. His agenda in the court of Henry VIII is carried out in the grip of a self-interested parliament and a king who fluctuates between romantic passions and murderous rages.	Available most months
K53	<b>Marquez, Gabriel Garcia</b>	<b>Chronicle of a Death Foretold</b>	'On the day they were going to kill him, Santiago Nasar got up at five-thirty in the morning to wait for the boat the bishop was coming on' When newly-wed Angela Vicario and Bayardo San Roman are left to their wedding night, Bayardo discovers that his new wife is no virgin.	Available most months
K54	<b>McDermid, Val</b>	<b>The Wire in the Blood</b>	Young girls are disappearing around the country and there is nothing to connect them to one another, let alone the killer whose charming manner hides a warped and sick mind.	Available
K55	<b>McEwan, Ian</b>	<b>Solar</b>	Michael Beard, a Nobel Prize winning physicist and global warming sceptic fears his best work is behind him. In any case he prefers to spend his time philandering. His capacity for opportunism matches his ego but that is also his downfall.	Available most months
K56	<b>Melville, Herman</b>	<b>Moby Dick</b>	The classic story of the ill-fated voyage of a whaling ship led by the fanatical Captain Ahab in search of the white whale that had crippled him.	Available

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K57	Miller, Alex	Lovesong	Strangers did not, as a rule, find their way to Chez Dom, a small Tunisian cafe in Paris. Run by the widow Houria and her young niece, Sabiha, the cafe offers a home away from home for the North African immigrant workers at the great abattoirs of Vaugirard. When one day a lost Australian tourist, John Patterner seeks shelter in the cafe.	Available most months
K58	Posselt, Steve	Cry Me A River: One Man's Journey down the Murray Darling with a Kayak on Wheels	This book is the account of one man's journey to the heart of Australia's water crisis. Steve Posselt put everything on the line to paddle or drag a kayak from Brisbane to Adelaide down the length of the Darling and lower Murray so he could see first hand what is happening to Australia's rivers.	Available
K59	Sobel, Dava	Longitude	This book tells the story of John Harrison, an Englishman who imagined a mechanical solution to the longitude problem - unable to measure their longitude, sailors were lost as soon as they lost sight of land.	Available
K60	Stockett, Kathryn	The Help	There's Aibileen, raising her seventeenth white child and nursing the hurt caused by her own son's tragic death; Minny, whose cooking is nearly as sassy as her tongue; and white Miss Skeeter, home from college, who wants to know why her beloved maid has disappeared. No one would believe they'd be friends; fewer still would tolerate it.	Available mid Mar - Jun
K61	Fry, Stephen	The Fry chronicles	Perfect prose and excruciating honesty. A grand reminiscence of college and theatre and comedyland in the 1980s, with tone-perfect anecdotes and genuine readerly excitement. What Fry does, essentially, is tell us who he really is. Above all else, a thoughtful book.	Available Mar – Jun, mid Sept – Mid Oct, Dec
K62	Le Carre, John	The constant gardener	Tells a moving story of a man ennobled by his wife's tragic murder, exploring the dark side of unbridled capitalism.	Available May - Nov
K63	Funder, Anne	All that I am	Two years after Hitler came to power in Germany, the bodies of Dora and her friend Mathilde, prominent anti-Hitler activists in exile, lie poisoned in a flat in Bloomsbury. The room is locked from the inside; the place appears undisturbed	Available Augr - Oct
K64	Franzen, Jonathon	Freedom	The perfect Berglund family have become a mystery. Why has their teenage son moved in with the aggressively Republican family next door? Why has Walter environmental lawyer taken a job working with Big Coal? Most of all, what has happened to Patty, the wife of Walter's dreams?	Available most months
K65	Brooks, Geraldine	Caleb's crossing	Geraldine Brooks takes an unlikely shard of little-known history and brings it to vivid life. In 1665, a young Indian named Caleb from the island of Martha's Vineyard became the first Native American to graduate from Harvard College.	Available most months
K66	de Waal, Edmund	Hare with the amber eyes	264 wood and ivory carvings, none of them larger than a matchbox: potter Edmund de Waal was entranced when he first encountered the collection in the Tokyo apartment of his great uncle Iggy.	Available most months
K67	Donoghue, Emma	The room	Jack is five. He lives with his Ma. They live in a single, locked room. They don't have the key. Jack and Ma are prisoners.	Available most months

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K68	Jones, Lloyd	Hand me down world	A woman washes ashore in Sicily. She has come from North Africa to find her son, taken from her when he was just days old by his father and stolen away to Berlin. With nothing but her maid's uniform and a knife stashed in a plastic bag, she relies on strangers; some generous, some exploiting& to guide her passage north.	Not available
K69	Silvey, Craig	Jasper Jones	Full of unforgettable characters, a page-turning pace and outrageously good dialogue, this is a glorious novel - thoughtful, funny, heartbreaking and wise - about outsiders and secrets, and what it really means to be a hero.	Not available
K70	Mortenson, Greg	Three cups of tea	<i>Three Cups of Tea</i> is one of the most remarkable adventure stories of our time. Greg Mortenson's dangerous and difficult quest to build schools in the wildest parts of Pakistan and Afghanistan is not only a thrilling read, it's proof that one ordinary person, with the right combination of character and determination, really can change the world	Available
K71	Dickens, Charles	Great expectations	Dicken's famous story about orphaned Pip, his meeting with Miss Havisham, his rise to wealth and the consequences.	Available
K72	Ishiguro, Kazuo	Never let me go	In one of the most acclaimed and strange novels of recent years, Kazuo Ishiguro imagines the lives of a group of students growing up in a darkly skewered version of contemporary England.	Available after May
K73	McCarthy, Cormac	The road	A father and his young son walk alone through burned America, heading slowly for the coast. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. They have nothing but a pistol to defend themselves against the men who stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food - and each other.	Available most months
K74	Rodriguez, Deborah	Little coffee shop of Kabul	In a little coffee shop in one of the most dangerous places on earth, five very different women come together. Sunny, the proud proprietor, Yaxmina, a young pregnant woman, Candace, a wealthy American, Isabel, a determined journalist, and Halajan, a sixty-year-old den mother. They form a unique bond that will for ever change their lives.	Available June - Sept
K75	Hooper, Chloe	The tall man: death and life on Palm Island	<i>The Tall Man</i> is the story of Palm Island, the tropical paradise where one morning Cameron Doomadgee swore at a policeman and forty minutes later lay dead in a watch-house cell. It is the story of that policeman, the tall, enigmatic Christopher Hurley who chose to work in some of the toughest and wildest places in Australia, and of the struggle to bring him to trial.	Available
K76	J D Salinger,	Catcher in the rye	The Catcher in Rye is the ultimate novel for disaffected youth, but it's relevant to all ages. The story is told by Holden Caulfield, a seventeen- year-old dropout who has just been kicked out of his fourth school.	Available after mid Jul
K77	Barnes, Julian	Sense of an ending	Tony Webster and his clique first met Adrian Finn at school. Sex-hungry and book-hungry, they would navigate the girl-less sixth form together, trading in affectations, in-jokes, rumour and wit. Maybe Adrian was a little more serious than the others, certainly more intelligent, but they all swore to stay friends for life.	Available some months
K78	Forster, E M	Passage to India	Dr Aziz is a young Muslim physician in the British Indian town of Chandrapore. One evening he comes across an English woman, Mrs Moore, in the courtyard of a local mosque; she and her younger travelling companion Adela are disappointed by claustrophobic British colonial culture	Available most months



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K79	Scott, Kim	<b>That deadman dance</b>	Explores the early contact between the Aboriginal Noongar people and the first European settlers. A young Noongar man named Bobby Wabalanginy who is clever, resourceful and eager to please, befriends the new arrivals. But slowly things begin to change. Not everyone is happy with how the colony is developing.	Available May - Nov
K80	Bragg, Melvyn	<b>12 books that changed the world</b>	Presents a variety of human endeavour and a great diversity of characters. This work features famous books by Darwin, Newton and Shakespeare - and also presents the stories behind some less well-known works, such as Marie Stopes' "Married Love", and the original radical feminist Mary Wollstonecraft's "A Vindication of the Rights of Woman".	Available most months
K81	Lewis, M	<b>Boomerang</b>	'Chock-full of extraordinary characters, amusing anecdotes and shocking insights' Observer 'A tour de force . . . All those questions you've half-asked yourself: nowhere else will you find them answered with such incisive wit or terrifying clarity' Mail on Sunday Right now, Europe is in serious financial chaos.	Available most months
K82	Mantel, Hilary	<b>Bring up the bodies</b>	Sequel to Wolf Hall (Kit 52). Man Booker Prize Winner	Available after Oct
K83	Pratchett, Terry	<b>Equal rites</b>	Humourous fantasy. A wizard on the brink of death comes to the small town of Bad Ass to pass along his staff and power to the eighth son of an eighth son. This he does with all due gravity and in the nick of time. The problem is, the son is a daughter, and no one has any idea what to make of that.	Available June, Sept and Nov-Dec
K84	Jordan, Toni	<b>Nine days</b>	It is 1939 and although Australia is about to go to war, it doesn't quite realise yet that the situation is serious. Deep in the working-class Melbourne suburb of Richmond it is business - your own and everyone else's - as usual. And young Kip Westaway, failed scholar and stablehand, is living the most important day of his life.	Available most months
K85	See, Lisa	<b>Snow flower and the secret fan</b>	Lily is the daughter of a humble farmer, and to her family she is just another expensive mouth to feed. Then the local matchmaker delivers startling news: if Lily's feet are bound properly, they will be flawless. In nineteenth-century China, where a woman's eligibility is judged by the shape and size of her feet, this is extraordinary good luck.	Available after mid Oct
K86	Rowling, J K	<b>Casual vacancy</b>	When Barry Fairweather dies unexpectedly in his early forties, the little town of Pagford is left in shock. Pagford is, seemingly, an English idyll, but what lies behind the pretty façade is a town at war. Blackly comic, thought-provoking and constantly surprising, The Casual Vacancy is J.K. Rowling's first novel for adults.	Available after mid Jul
K87	Mawer, Simon	<b>Glass room</b>	Cool. Balanced. Modern. The precisions of science, the wild variance of lust, the catharsis of confession and the fear of failure: these are the things that happen in the Glass Room. Shortlist Man Booker Prize 2009.	Available Apr – Sept & Dec

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K88	<b>Stedman, M L</b>	<b>Light between oceans</b>	This is the story of right and wrong, and how sometimes they look the same. On a remote island off Western Australia, Tom and Isabel Sherbourne - a young, childless couple - run the Janus lighthouse.	Available after Sept
K89	<b>Tartt, Donna</b>	<b>Secret history</b>	Richard Papen arrived at Hampden College in New England and was quickly seduced by an elite group of five students, all Greek scholars, all worldly, self-assured, and, at first glance, all highly unapproachable. As Richard is drawn into their inner circle, he learns a terrifying secret that binds them to one another...a secret about an incident in the woods	Available April and after July
K90	<b>Perlman, Elliot</b>	<b>Street sweeper</b>	How breathtakingly close we are to lives that at first seem so far away. From the civil rights struggle in the United States to the Nazi crimes against humanity in Europe, there are more stories than people passing each other every day on the bustling streets of every crowded city. Only some survive to become history.	Available Mar and Dec
K91	<b>Cook, Kenneth</b>	<b>Wake in fright</b>	The controller stood back. 'Right,' he said. 'Spin 'em!' The man flipped the piece of wood and the coins spun up into the air above his head and dropped down on to the carpet. There was silence. Wake in Fright tells the tale of John Grant's journey into an alcoholic, sexual and spiritual nightmare.	Available most months
K92	<b>Worth, Jennifer</b>	<b>Call the midwife</b>	The conditions of which many women gave birth to just half a century ago were horrifying, not only because of their grimly impoverished surroundings, but also because of what they were expected to endure. Jennifer tells the story not only of the women she treated, but also the community of nun and the camaraderie of the midwives.	Available Apr, and after Oct
K93	<b>de Crespigny, Robin</b>	<b>People smuggler</b>	After his father, brother and he were incarcerated and tortured in Saddam's Abu Ghraib, Ali al Jenabi escaped from Iraq first to work with the anti-Saddam resistance in Iran and then to help his family out of the country all together.	Available most months
K94	<b>Grenville, Kate</b>	<b>Sarah Thornhill</b>	From the beginning Jack and I was friends. Somehow our way of looking at things fitted together. He never called me Dolly, the way the others did, only my full and proper name. Sarah Thornhill is the youngest child of William Thornhill, convict-turned-landowner on the Hawkesbury River.	Available mid Aug – mid Nov
K95	<b>Hamid, Mohsin</b>	<b>Reluctant fundamentalist</b>	Changez is living an immigrant's dream of America. He thrives on the energy of New York, his work at an elite firm and his budding relationship. For a time, it seems that nothing will stand in the way of his meteoric rise to success. But in the wake of September 11, Changez finds his relationship crumbling.	Available after May
K96	<b>McEwan, Ian</b>	<b>Sweet tooth</b>	Serena Frome, the beautiful daughter of an Anglican bishop, has a brief affair with an older man during her final year at Cambridge, and finds herself being groomed for the intelligence services	Available until April, Aug – Oct and Dec
K97	<b>Mears, Gillian</b>	<b>Foal's bread</b>	The long-awaited new novel from the award-winning author of The Grass Sister tells the story of two generations of the Nancarrow family and the high-jumping horse circuit prior to the Second World War.	Available Jun - Nov
K98	<b>Funder, Anna</b>	<b>Stasiland</b>	A book of travel, history and biography that reads like a documentary novel. Anna Funder tells astonishing stories from the underbelly of the former East Germany. As her narrative builds, Stasiland records heartbreaking tales of bravery and betrayal, of suffering and stoicism amid the daily chaos.	Available Dec

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K99	<b>Sobel, Dava</b>	<b>Galileo's daughter</b>	Inspired by a long fascination with Galileo, and by the remarkable surviving letters of Galileo's daughter, a cloistered nun, Dava Sobel has written a biography unlike any other of the man Albert Einstein called "the father of modern physics- indeed of modern science altogether." <i>Galileo's Daughter</i> also presents a stunning portrait of a person hitherto lost to history, described by her father as "a woman of exquisite mind, singular goodness, and most tenderly attached to me."	Available May – Aug and Nov-Dec
K100	<b>Ondaatje, Michael</b>	<b>Cat's table</b>	In the early 1950s, an eleven-year-old boy boards a huge liner bound for England - a 'castle that was to cross the sea'. At mealtimes, he is placed at the lowly 'Cat's Table' with an eccentric group of grown-ups and two other boys, Cassius and Ramadhin.	Available Nov-Dec
EX1	<b>McInnes, W</b>	<b>Man's got to have a hobby</b>	William McInnes, star of <i>Sea Change</i> and <i>Blue Heelers</i> , recalls summer holidays that seemed to go on forever, when he and his mates would walk down to fish in the bay, a time when the Aussie battler stood as the local labor candidate and watched out for his mates, and a time when the whole family would rush into the house to see a new TV.	Available most months
EX2	<b>Toole, John</b>	<b>Confederacy of dunces</b>	The ordinary folk of New Orleans seem to think he is unhinged as well. Ignatius ignores them as he heaves his bulk through the city's fleshpots in a crusade against vice, modernity and ignorance. But his momma has a nasty surprise in store for him. He must get a job. Undaunted, he uses his newfound employment to his further mission.	Available
EX3	<b>McCall Smith, A</b>	<b>44 Scotland Street</b>	After taking a job at an Edinburgh art gallery, twenty-year-old Pat rents a room from her landlord, the handsome and cocky Bruce, at 44 Scotland Street, and soon discovers that she has also acquired some colourful new neighbours, including Domenica, an eccentric widow; Bertie, a child prodigy; and his overbearing mother, Irene	Available most months