
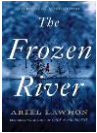
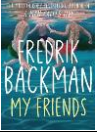
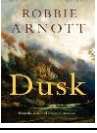
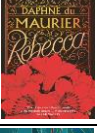

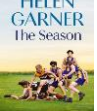


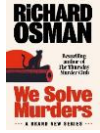



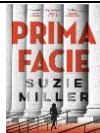

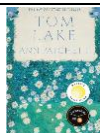
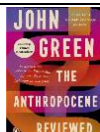
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Kit No.	Book Cover	TITLE	AUTHOR	No.Pages	Australian?	Prize winner?	Fiction/ NF/Bio	DESCRIPTION
302		THE BURROW	Cheng, Melanie	192 pages	Y	Y	F	Amy, Jin and Lucie are leading isolated lives in their partially renovated, inner city home. They are not happy, but they are also terrified of change. When they buy a pet rabbit for Lucie, and then Amy's mother, Pauline, comes to stay, the family is forced to confront long-buried secrets. Will opening their hearts to the rabbit help them to heal or only invite further tragedy?
301		THE FROZEN RIVER	Lawhon, Ariel	448 pages	N	Y	F	Maine, 1789: When a man is found entombed in the frozen Kennebec River, Martha Ballard is summoned to examine the body and determine cause of death. As the local midwife and healer, Martha is good at keeping secrets. Her diary is a record of every birth, death and debacle that unfolds in the town of Hallowell.
300		MY FRIENDS	Backman, Fredrik	400 pages	N	N	F	Most people don't even notice them--three tiny figures sitting at the end of a long pier in the corner of one of the most famous paintings in the world. Most people think it's just a depiction of the sea. But Louisa, an artist herself, knows otherwise and she is determined to find out the story of these three enigmatic figures.
299		DUSK	Arnott, Robbie	264 pages	Y	N	F	In the distant highlands, a puma named Dusk is killing shepherds. Down in the lowlands, twins Iris and Floyd are out of work, money and friends. When they hear that a bounty has been placed on Dusk, they reluctantly decide to join the hunt. As they journey up into this wild, haunted country, they discover there's far more to the land and people of the highlands than they imagined.
298		REBECCA	Du Maurier, Daphne	448 pages	N	Y	F	On a trip to the South of France, the shy heroine of <i>Rebecca</i> falls in love with Maxim de Winter, a handsome widower. Although his proposal comes as a surprise, she happily agrees to marry him. But as they arrive at her husband's home, Manderley, a change comes over Maxim, and the young bride is filled with dread. Friendless in the isolated mansion, she realises that she barely knows him. In every corner of every room is the phantom of his beautiful first wife, Rebecca, and the new Mrs de Winter walks in her shadow.
297		THE MIGHTY RED	Erdrich, Louise	384 pages	N	Y	F	Starkly beautiful like the landscape it inhabits, it is about ordinary people who dream, grow up, fall in love, struggle, endure tragedy, carry bitter secrets. And as with every book this great modern master writes, <i>The Mighty Red</i> is about our tattered bond with the earth, and about love in all of its absurdity and splendour.
296		BLUE SISTERS	Mellors, Coco	352 pages	N	N	F	The Blue sisters have always been exceptional - and exceptionally different. Avery, Bonnie and Lucky. Then there was Nicky, the beloved fourth sister, whose unexpected death left them reeling. The three of them must reunite in New York to stop the sale of their childhood home, they find that it's only by returning to each other that they can navigate their grief, addiction and heartbreak and learn to fall in love with life again.
295		THE SEASON	Garner, Helen	208 pages	Y	N	NF	It's footy season in Melbourne, and Helen Garner is following her grandson's under-16s team. She not only goes to every game (give or take), but to every training session too, shivering on the sidelines at dusk, fascinated by the spectacle.

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294		THE LEDGE	White, Christian	352 pages	Y	N	F	When human remains are discovered in a forest, police are baffled, the locals are shocked and one group of old friends starts to panic. Their long-held secret is about to be uncovered.
293		BIRNAM WOOD	Catton, Eleanor	432 pages	N	Y	F	A landslide has closed the Korowai Pass in New Zealand's South Island, cutting off the town of Thorndike, leaving a sizable farm abandoned. This land offers an opportunity to Birnam Wood, a guerrilla gardening collective that plants crops wherever no one will notice. But they hadn't figured on the enigmatic American billionaire Robert Lemoine, who also has an interest in the place. Can they trust him? And, as their ideals and ideologies are tested, can they trust each other?
292		HERE ONE MOMENT	Moriarty, Liane	528 pages	Y	N	F	It all begins on a flight from Hobart to Sydney. The flight will be smooth. It will land safely. Everyone who gets on the plane will get off the plane. On this ordinary flight, something extraordinary happens. 'A lady', unremarkable until she isn't, predicts how and when many of the passengers are going to die. For some, death is far in the future; for others, it is very close.
291		THE VEGETARIAN	Kang, Han	192 pages	N	Y	F	Celebrated by critics around the world, The Vegetarian is a darkly allegorical, Kafka-esque tale of power, obsession, and one woman's struggle to break free from the violence both without and within her.
290		SPARE	Prince Harry Duke of Sussex	416 pages	N	N	Bio	The extraordinary and unflinching memoir from Prince Harry, The Duke of Sussex. With its raw, unflinching honesty, <i>Spare</i> is a landmark publication full of insight, revelation, self-examination, and hard-won wisdom about the eternal power of love over grief.
289		THREE WILD DOGS	Zusak, Markus	232 pages	Y	N	B	An ode to the pound-hardened dogs who have shared the Zusak family home and an exquisitely written memoir about love and rage, violence and beauty. It explores the connection we have with the animals in our lives and what this connection reveals to us about our humanity.
288		THE LIFE IMPOSSIBLE	Haig, Matt	304 pages	N	N	F	When retired math teacher Grace Winters is left a run-down house on a Mediterranean island by a long-lost friend, curiosity gets the better of her. She arrives in Ibiza with a one-way ticket, no guidebook and no plan. Among the rugged hills and golden beaches of the island, Grace searches for answers about her friend's life, and how it ended.
287		INTERMEZZO	Rooney, Sally	448 pages	N	N	F	Aside from the fact that they are brothers, Peter and Ivan Koubek seem to have little in common. But in the wake of their father's death...for two grieving brothers and the people they love, this is a new interlude—a period of desire, despair, and possibility; a chance to find out how much one life might hold inside itself without breaking.

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286		WE SOLVE MURDERS	Osman, Richard	464 pages	N	N	F	Steve Wheeler is enjoying retired life. Amy Wheeler thinks adrenaline is good for the soul. Then a dead body, a bag of money, and a killer with their sights on Amy have her sending an SOS to the only person she trusts. A breakneck race around the world begins, but can Amy and Steve stay one step ahead of a lethal enemy?
285		LONG ISLAND	Toibin, Colm	304 pages	N	N	F	<i>Long Island</i> is about longings unfulfilled, even unrecognized. The silences in Ellis' life are thunderous and dangerous, and there's no one more deft than Toibin at giving them language. This is a gorgeous story of a woman alone in a marriage and the deepest bonds she rekindles on her return to the place and people she left behind, to ways of living and loving she thought she'd lost.
284		QUESTION 7	Flanagan, Richard	288 pages	Y	N	B	By way of H. G. Wells and Rebecca West's affair through 1930s nuclear physics to Flanagan's father working as a slave labourer near Hiroshima when the atom bomb is dropped, this genre-defying daisy chain of events reaches fission when Flanagan as a young man finds himself trapped in a rapid on a wild river not knowing if he is to live or to die.
283		WATER	Boyne, John	176 pages (Novella)	N	N	F	The first thing Vanessa Carvin does when she arrives on the island is change her name. To the locals, she is Willow Hale, a solitary outsider escaping Dublin to live a hermetic existence in a small cottage, not a notorious woman on the run from her past.
282		PRIMA FACIE	Miller, Suzie	352 pages	Y	N	F	Tessa is a thoroughbred. A young, brilliant barrister from a working-class background now at the top of her game. One sickening night, though, Tessa finds herself in a position countless women - one in three - have been in before her. And she's faced with a gut-wrenching, life-changing decision. Will she take the stand to testify about her rape, with the full awareness that the system has not been built to protect her?
281		SHARK HEART	Habeck, Emily	416 pages	N	N	F	For Lewis and Wren, their first year of marriage is also their last. A few weeks after their wedding, Lewis receives a rare diagnosis. He's turning into a great white shark, and has less than a year left to live as a human. At first, Wren resists her husband's fate. Is there a way for them to be together after Lewis fully transforms?
280		TOM LAKE	Patchett, Ann	320 pages	N	N	F	In the spring of 2020, Lara's three daughters return to the family's orchard in Northern Michigan. While picking cherries, they beg their mother to tell them the story of Peter Duke, a famous actor with whom she shared both a stage and a romance years before at a theater company called Tom Lake. As Lara recalls the past, her daughters examine their own lives and relationship with their mother, and are forced to reconsider the world and everything they thought they knew.
279		THE ANTHROPOCENE REVIEWED	Green, John	304 pages	N	N	NF	The Anthropocene is the current geological age, in which human activity has profoundly shaped the planet and its biodiversity. In this remarkable symphony of essays adapted and expanded from his ground-breaking, critically acclaimed podcast, John Green reviews different facets of the human-centered planet.

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278		PIRANESI	Clarke, Susanna	272 pages	N	Y	F	Piranesi lives in the House. Perhaps he always has. In his notebooks, day after day, he makes a clear and careful record of its wonders- the labyrinth of halls, the thousands upon thousands of statues, the tides that thunder up staircases, the clouds that move in slow procession through the upper halls. Messages begin to appear, scratched out in chalk on the pavements. There is someone new in the House. But who are they and what do they want?
277		EVERYONE IN MY FAMILY HAS KILLED SOMEONE	Stevenson, Benjamin	375 pages	Y	Y	F	I was dreading the Cunningham family reunion even before the first murder. Before the storm stranded us at the mountain resort, snow and bodies piling up. The thing is, us Cunninghams don't really get along. We've only got one thing in common: we've all killed someone. My brother. My step-sister. My wife. My father. My mother. My sister-in-law. My uncle. My stepfather. My aunt. Me
276		AND THEN THERE WERE NONE	Christie, Agatha	256 pages	N	N	F	1939. Europe teeters on the brink of war. Ten strangers are invited to Soldier Island, an isolated rock near the Devon coast. Cut off from the mainland, with their generous hosts Mr and Mrs U.N. Owen mysteriously absent, they are each accused of a terrible crime. When one of the party dies suddenly they realise they may be harbouring a murderer among their number. One by one they are picked off. Who will survive? And who is the killer?
275		TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW, AND TOMORROW	Zevin, Gabrielle	416 pages	N	N	F	Two friends, intimates since childhood, borrow money, beg favors, and, before even graduating college, they have created their first blockbuster, Ichigo. Overnight, the world is theirs. Not even twenty-five years old, Sam and Sadie are brilliant, successful, and rich, but these qualities won't protect them from their own creative ambitions or the betrayals of their hearts.
274		FUNNY STORY	Henry, Emily	384 pages	N	N	F	Set over one sizzling summer comes a shimmering, joyful new novel about the happily-ever-after that wasn't and the exes determined to make the best of it from the #1 Sunday Times bestselling author of Happy Place and Book Lovers
273		WHAT YOU ARE LOOKING FOR IS IN THE LIBRARY	Aoyama, Michiko	256 pages	N	N	F	So asks Tokyo's most enigmatic librarian, Sayuri Komachi. But she is no ordinary librarian. Sensing exactly what someone is searching for in life, she provides just the book recommendation to help them find it. We meet five visitors to the library, each at a different crossroads: Can she help them find what they are looking for?
272		DEMON COPPERHEAD	Kingslover, Barbara	560 pages	N	Y	F	Demon's story begins with his traumatic birth to a single mother in a single-wide trailer, looking 'like a little blue prizefighter.' For the life ahead of him he would need all of that fighting spirit, along with buckets of charm, a quick wit, and some unexpected talents, legal and otherwise.
271		FLINDERS	Kieza, Grantlee	496 pages	Y	N	B	In 1810, Matthew Flinders made his final voyage home to his beloved wife, Ann, his body ravaged by the deprivations of years of imprisonment by the French. Four years later, at the age of just 40, he would be dead - a premature, tragic end to one of the world's greatest maritime adventurers who circumnavigated and mapped the famed Great Southern Land, and whose naming of the vast continent would become its modern title: Australia.


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270		LOLA IN THE MIRROR	Dalton, Trent	512 pages	Y	N	F	A girl and her mother have been on the run for sixteen years, from police and the monster they left in their kitchen with a knife in his throat. The girl has no name because names are dangerous when you're on the run. But the girl has a dream. A vision of a life as an artist of international acclaim. That person is Lola and she carries all the answers. But to find Lola, the girl with no name must first do one of the hardest things we can ever do. She must look in the mirror.
269		REMARKABLY BRIGHT CREATURES	van Pelt, Shelby	368 pages	N	N	F	After Tova Sullivan's husband died, she began working the night shift at the Sowell Bay Aquarium, mopping floors and tidying up. Tova becomes acquainted with curmudgeonly Marcellus, a giant Pacific octopus living at the aquarium. Marcellus knows more than anyone can imagine but wouldn't dream of lifting one of his eight arms for his human captors--until he forms a remarkable friendship with Tova.
268		SMALL THINGS LIKE THESE	Keegan, Claire	83 pages (Novella)	N	Y	F	It is 1985, in an Irish town. During the weeks leading up to Christmas, Bill Furlong, a coal and timber merchant, faces into his busiest season. As he does the rounds, he feels the past rising up to meet him - and encounters the complicit silences of a people controlled by the Church.
267		EDENGLASSIE	Lucashenko, Melissa	320 pages	Y	N	F	When Mulanyin meets the beautiful Nita in Edenglassie, their saltwater people still outnumber the British. As colonial unrest peaks, Mulanyin dreams of taking his bride home to Yugambeh Country, but his plans for independence collide with white justice. Two centuries later, fiery activist Winona meets Dr Johnny. Together they care for obstinate centenarian Grannie Eddie, and sparks fly, but not always in the right direction. What nobody knows is how far the legacies of the past will reach into their modern lives.
266		MY BRILLIANT SISTER	Brown, Amy	272 pages	Y	N	F	Stella Miles Franklin's autobiographical novel My Brilliant Career launched one of the most famous names in Australian letters. Not so her beloved sister Linda. Quiet, contained, conventional, Linda was an inversion of Stella. A family peacemaker who married the man Stella would not, bore a son and died of pneumonia at 25.
265		YELLOWFACE	Kuang, R. F.	326 pages	N	N	F	Authors June Hayward and Athena Liu were supposed to be twin rising stars. But Athena's a literary darling. June Hayward is literally nobody. Who wants stories about basic white girls, June thinks. So when June witnesses Athena's death in a freak accident, she acts on impulse: she steals Athena's just-finished masterpiece, an experimental novel about the unsung contributions of Chinese laborers during World War I.
264		THE SCHOOLGIRL, HER TEACHER AND HIS WIFE	Hazel, Rebecca	358 pages	Y	N	NF	Teacher and former rugby league player Chris Dawson appeared to have it all – a loving family and a beautiful home in Sydney's Northern Beaches. But in the summer of 1982 his wife Lynette disappeared and not long afterwards Dawson married a much younger woman a former student. Less than a decade later this young woman escaped the marriage and went to the police to record her suspicions that Dawson had been involved in Lynette's disappearance. Rebecca Hazel has spent ten years working to ensure that the stories of two women who were misused by Chris Dawson are heard, that their perpetrator was brought to justice and that Lynette's family can properly honour their much-loved sister, aunt, cousin and mother.
263		THE QUEEN IS DEAD	Grant, Stan	288 pages	Y	N	NF	The Queen reigned for seventy years. She came to the throne at the height of Empire and died with the world at a tipping point. What comes next after the death of what Stan Grant calls 'the last white Queen'? The Queen is Dead is a full-throated, impassioned argument on the necessity for an end to monarchy in Australia, the need for a Republic, and what needs to be done - through the Voice to Parliament and beyond - to address and redress the pain and sorrow and humiliations of the past.

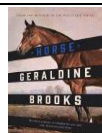
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262		THE BOOKBINDER OF JERICHO	Williams, Pip	432	N	N	F	A young British woman working in a book bindery gets a chance to pursue knowledge and love when World War I upends her life. The Bookbinder is a story about knowledge—who creates it, who can access it, and what truths get lost in the process. Much as she did in the international bestseller The Dictionary of Lost Words, Pip Williams thoughtfully explores another rarely seen slice of history through women's eyes.
261		STONE YARD DEVOTIONAL	Wood, Charlotte	384 pages	Y	N	F	A deeply moving novel about forgiveness, grief, and what it means to be 'good', from the award-winning author of The Natural Way of Things and The Weekend . A woman abandons her city life and marriage to return to the place of her childhood, holing up in a small religious community hidden away on the stark plains of the Monaro. She does not believe in God, doesn't know what prayer is, and finds herself living this strange, reclusive life almost by accident. As she gradually adjusts to the rhythms of monastic life, she finds herself turning again and again to thoughts of her mother, whose early death she can't forget.
260		CHAI TIME AT CINNAMON GARDENS	Chandran, Shankari	384 pages	Y	Y	F	Cinnamon Gardens Nursing Home is nestled in the quiet suburb of Westgrove, Sydney – populated with residents with colourful histories, each with their own secrets, triumphs and failings. This is their safe place, an oasis of familiar delights – a beautiful garden, a busy kitchen and a bountiful recreation schedule. But this ordinary neighbourhood is not without its prejudices. Chai Time at Cinnamon Gardens is about family and memory, community and race, but is ultimately a love letter to story-telling and how our stories shape who we are.
259		APHRODITE'S BREATH	Johnson, Susan	368 pages	Y	N	Bio	What happens when you take your 85-year-old mother to live with you on a Greek island? A strikingly original, funny, and forensic examination of love and finding home from the author of <i>From Where I Fell</i>
258		WRONG PLACE WRONG TIME	McAllister, Gillian	416 pages	N	N	F	Late October. After midnight. You're waiting up for your eighteen-year-old son. He's past curfew. As you watch from the window, he emerges, and you realize he isn't alone: he's walking toward a man, and he's armed. Every morning you wake up a day earlier, another day before the murder. With another chance to stop it. Somewhere in the past lies an answer. The trigger for this crime--and you don't have a choice but to find it . . .
257		THE SOULMATE	Hepworth, Sally	386 pages	Y	N	F	There's a cottage on a cliff. Gabe and Pippa's dream home in a sleepy coastal town. But their perfect house hides something sinister. The tall cliffs have become a popular spot for people to end their lives. Night after night Gabe comes to their rescue, literally talking them off the ledge. Until he doesn't. When Pippa discovers Gabe knew the victim, the questions spiral...Did the victim jump? Was she pushed?
256		THE SEVEN MOONS OF MAALI ALMEDIA	Karunatilaka, Shehan	286 pages	N	Y	F	Colombo, 1990. Maali Almeida—war photographer, gambler, and closet queen—has woken up dead in what seems like a celestial visa office. His dismembered body is sinking in the serene Beira Lake and he has no idea who killed him. In a country where scores are settled by death squads, suicide bombers, and hired goons, the list of suspects is depressingly long, as the ghouls and ghosts with grudges who cluster round can attest. But even in the afterlife, time is running out for Maali. He has seven moons to contact the man and woman he loves most and lead them to the photos that will rock Sri Lanka.
255		THE NINTH LIFE OF A DIAMOND MINER	Tame, Grace	320 pages	Y	N	Bio	In 2021 Grace stepped squarely into the public eye as the Australian of the Year, and was the catalyst for a tidal wave of conversation and action. Australians from all walks of life were inspired and moved by her fire and passion. Here she was using her voice, and encouraging others to use theirs too.

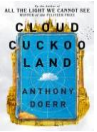
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254		THE LIGHT WE CARRY	Obama, Michelle	336 pages	N	N	Bio	In <i>The Light We Carry</i> , Michelle opens a frank and honest dialogue with readers, considering the questions many of us wrestle with: How do we build enduring and honest relationships? How can we discover strength and community inside our differences? What do we do when it all starts to feel like too much? Michelle Obama believes that we can all lean on a set of tools to help us better navigate change and remain steady within flux.
253		THE COAST	Limprecht, Eleanor	320 pages	Y	N	F	Alice is only nine years old in 1910 when she is sent to the feared Coast Hospital lazaret at Little Bay in Sydney, a veritable prison where more patients are admitted than will ever leave. She is told that she's visiting her mother, who disappeared one day when Alice was two. Once there, Alice learns her mother is suffering from leprosy and that she has the same disease..
252		THE ANGRY WOMEN'S CHOIR	Bignell, Liz	403 pages	Y	N	F	By the acclaimed author of Welcome To Nowhere River comes a heart-warming and uplifting story about a remarkable group of women who discover they are all capable of incredible things – if they're strong enough, and angry enough, to take up the cause.
251		STRANGE SALLY DIAMOND	Nugent, Liz	384 pages	N	N	F	Sally Diamond cannot understand why what she did was so strange. She was only doing what her father told her to do, to put him out with the rubbish when he died. Now Sally is the centre of attention, not only from the hungry media and worried police, but also a sinister voice from a past she has no memory of. As she begins to discover the horrors of her childhood, recluse Sally steps into the world for the first time, making new friends, finding independence, and learning that people don't always mean what they say.
250		SEA OF TRANQUILITY	St John Mandel, Emily	259 pages	N	N	F	A novel of art, time travel, love, and plague that takes the reader from Vancouver Island in 1912 to a dark colony on the moon five hundred years later, unfurling a story of humanity across centuries and space.
249		LENNY MARKS GETS AWAY WITH MURDER	Mayne, Kerry	352 pages	Y	N	F	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.' 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.
248		KILLERS OF A CERTAIN AGE	Raybourn, Deanna	368 pages	N	N	F	They've spent their lives as the deadliest assassins in a clandestine international organization, but now that they're sixty years old, four women friends can't just retire - it's kill or be killed in this action-packed thriller.
247		I'M GLAD MY MOM DIED	McCurdy, Jennette	320 pages	N	N	Bio	A heartbreaking and hilarious memoir by iCarly and Sam & Cat star Jennette McCurdy about her struggles as a former child actor—including eating disorders, addiction, and a complicated relationship with her overbearing mother—and how she retook control of her life.

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246		I KNOW WHY THE CAGED BIRD SINGS	Angelou, Maya	289 pages	N	y	Bio	Here is a book as joyous and painful, as mysterious and memorable, as childhood itself. <i>I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings</i> captures the longing of lonely children, the brute insult of bigotry, and the wonder of words that can make the world right. Maya Angelou's debut memoir is a modern American classic beloved worldwide.
245		HAMNET	O'Farrell, Maggie	372 pages	N	Y	F	<i>Hamnet</i> is a luminous portrait of a marriage, at its heart the loss of a beloved child. Warwickshire in the 1580s. Agnes is a woman as feared as she is sought after for her unusual gifts. She settles with her husband in Henley street, Stratford, and has three children: a daughter, Susanna, and then twins, Hamnet and Judith. The boy, Hamnet, dies in 1596, aged eleven. Four years or so later, the husband writes a play called Hamlet.
244		THE SEVEN HUSBANDS OF EVELYN HUGO	Reid, Taylor Jenkins	389 pages	N	N	F	Ageing and reclusive Hollywood movie icon Evelyn Hugo is finally ready to tell the truth about her glamorous and scandalous life. But when she chooses unknown magazine reporter Monique Grant for the job, no one is more astounded than Monique herself. Why her? Why now? As Evelyn's life unfolds, revealing a ruthless ambition, an unexpected friendship, a great forbidden love, and of course, her seven husbands along the way, Monique begins to feel a very real connection to the actress. But as Evelyn's story catches up with the present, it becomes clear that her life intersects with Monique's own in tragic and irreversible ways.
243		MAYBE YOU SHOULD TALK TO SOMEONE	Gottlieb, Lori	415 pages	N	N	NF	<i>Maybe You Should Talk to Someone</i> is the story of an incredible relationship between Lori, a therapist at a critical life juncture, and her own therapist, Wendell, a veteran therapist with an unconventional style.
242		OUR MISSING HEARTS	Ng, Celeste	335 pages	N	N	F	Twelve year-old Bird lives a quiet existence with his loving but broken father, a former linguist who now shelves books in Harvard's library. For a decade, their lives have been governed by laws written to preserve 'American culture', where authorities are allowed to relocate children of dissidents, especially those of Asian origin. Bird has grown up disavowing his mother, Margaret - a Chinese American poet who is seen as unpatriotic - who left the family when Bird was nine years old. But when he receives a mysterious letter containing only a cryptic drawing, he is drawn into a quest to find her.
241		LESSONS IN CHEMISTRY	Garmus, Bonnie	390 pages	N	Y	F	Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. It's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute take a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans. A few years later, Elizabeth finds herself the reluctant star of an American cooking show. Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking proves revolutionary - it's because Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She is daring them to change the status quo.
240		HORSE	Brooks, Geraldine	401 pages	Y	N	F	Kentucky, 1850. Jarrett, an enslaved groom, and a bay foal forge a bond of understanding that will carry the horse to record-setting victories across the South. New York City, 1954. Martha Jackson, a gallery owner, becomes obsessed with a 19th century equestrian oil painting of mysterious provenance. Washington, DC, 2019. Jess, a Smithsonian scientist from Australia, and Theo, a Nigerian-American art historian, find themselves unexpectedly connected through their shared interest in the horse. This enthralling, multi-layered novel is a gripping reckoning with the legacy of enslavement and racism in America.
239		THE WONDER OF LITTLE THINGS	Copley, Vince	360 pages	Y	N	B	Vince Copley was born on a government mission into poverty in 1936. By the time he was fifteen, five of his family had died. But at a home for Aboriginal boys, he befriended future leaders Charles Perkins, John Moriarty and Gordon Briscoe. They were friendships that would last a lifetime. In this book, Vince tells his story with humour, humility and wisdom. It is an Australian classic in the making, a plain-speaking account of hardship, courage and optimism.

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238		THE SALT PATH	Winn, Raynor	274 pages	N	Y	NF	Just days after Raynor learns that Moth, her husband of 32 years, is terminally ill, their home is taken away and they lose their livelihood. With nothing left and little time, they make the brave and impulsive decision to walk the 630 miles of sea-swept South West Coast Path. Carrying only the essentials for survival on their backs, they live wild in the ancient, weathered landscape of cliffs, sea and sky. Yet through every step, every encounter and every test along the way, their walk becomes a remarkable journey.
237		ONCE THERE WERE WOLVES	McConaghy, Charlotte	258 pages	Y	N	F	Inti Flynn arrives in the Scottish Highlands with fourteen grey wolves, a traumatised sister and fire tenacity. As a biologist, she knows the animals are the best hope for rewilding the ruined landscape and she cares little for local opposition. But violence dogs her footsteps and one night Inti stumbles over the body of a farmer. Unable to accept that her wolves could be responsible, she makes a reckless decision to protect them. But if the wolves didn't make the kill, then who did?
236		CLOUD CUCKOO LAND	Doerr, Anthony	626 pages	N	N	F	Anthony Doerr's third novel is a triumph of imagination and compassion, a soaring story about children on the cusp of adulthood in worlds in peril, who find resilience, hope - and a book. In <i>Cloud Cuckoo Land</i> , Doerr has created a magnificent tapestry of times and places that reflect our vast interconnectedness - with other species, with each other, with those who lived before us, and with those who will be here after we're gone.
235		ESTHER	North, Jessica	277 pages	Y	N	NF	Esther only just escaped the hangman in London. Aged 16, she stood trial at the Old Bailey for stealing 24 yards of black silk lace. Her sentence was transportation to the other side of the world. This is the story of Esther, embarking on a perilous journey on the First Fleet as a convict, with no idea what lay ahead.
234		ONE BRIGHT MOON	Kwong, Andrew	335 pages	N	Y	B	<i>One Bright Moon</i> is the true story of Andrew's childhood experiences of Communist China under Chairman Mao's forceful rule, his escape to Hong Kong, and to his new life in Australia.
233		THE GREAT ALONE	Hannah, Kristin	440 pages	N	Y	F	Ernt Allbright, a former POW, comes home from the Vietnam War a changed and volatile man. When he loses yet another job, he makes an impulsive decision: he will move his family north, to Alaska, where they will live off the grid in America's last true frontier.
232		VIOLETA	Allende, Isabel	320 pages	N	N	F	This sweeping novel from the New York Times bestselling author of <i>A Long Petal of the Sea</i> tells the epic story of Violeta del Valle, a woman whose life spans one hundred years and bears witness to the greatest upheavals of the twentieth century.
231		STILL LIFE	Winman, Sara	438 pages	N	Y	F	Tuscany, 1944: As Allied troops advance and bombs fall around deserted villages, a young English soldier, Ulysses Temper, finds himself in the wine cellar of a deserted villa. There, he has a chance encounter with Evelyn Skinner, a middle-aged art historian who has come to Italy to salvage paintings from the ruins and recall long-forgotten memories of yher own youth.

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230		ORWELL'S ROSES	Solnit, Rebecca	308 pages	N	N	B	"In the year 1936 a writer planted roses." So begins Rebecca Solnit's new book, a reflection on George Orwell's passionate gardening and the way that his involvement with plants, particularly flowers, and the natural world illuminates his other commitments as a writer and antifascist, and the intertwined politics of nature and power.
229		THE FUNNY THING ABOUT NORMAN FOREMAN	Henderson, Julietta	355 pages	Y	N	F	Twelve year-old Norman Foreman and his "Rolls-bloody-Royce of best friends" Jax, are a legendary comedic duo in waiting, with a plan to take their act all the way to the Edinburgh Fringe. But when Jax dies, Norman decides the only fitting tribute is to travel across the country and perform at the festival himself. The problem is, Norman's not the funny one. Jax was.
228		LIFE ON OUR PLANET, A	Attenborough, David	266 pages	N	Y	NF	A legacy-defining book from Sir David Attenborough, reflecting on his life's work, the dramatic changes to the planet he has witnessed, and what we can do to make a better future.
227		ROOM MADE OF LEAVES, A	Grenville, Kate	322 pages	Y	N	F	What if Elizabeth Macarthur - wife of the notorious John Macarthur, wool baron in the earliest days of Sydney - had written a shockingly frank secret memoir? And what if novelist Kate Grenville had miraculously found and published it? At the centre of <i>A Room Made of Leaves</i> is one of the most toxic issues of our own age: the seductive appeal of false stories. This book may be set in the past, but it's just as much in the present, where secrets and lies have the dangerous power to shape reality.
226		WITH MY LITTLE EYE	Hogan, Sandra	227 pages	Y	N	B	Growing up in the 1950s, the three Doherty children were trained by their parents to memorise car number plates, to spot unusual behaviour on the street and, most important of all, to avoid drawing attention to themselves. <i>With My Little Eye</i> is a poignant and very funny account of three children recruited by their parents to work for ASIO in 1950s suburban Australia.
225		THE HAPPIEST MAN ON EARTH	Jaku, Eddie	195 pages	N	Y	B	Eddie Jaku always considered himself a German first, a Jew second. He was proud of his country. But all of that changed in November 1938, when he was beaten, arrested, and taken to a concentration camp. Because he survived, Eddie made the vow to smile every day. Published as Eddie turns 100, this is a powerful, heartbreaking and ultimately hopeful memoir of how happiness can be found even in the darkest of times.
224		THE VANISHING HALF	Bennett, Brit	343 pages	N	Y	F	The Vignes twin sisters will always be identical. But after growing up together in a small, southern black community and running away at age sixteen, it's not just the shape of their daily lives that is different as adults, it's everything: their families, their communities, their racial identities. Ten years later, one sister lives with her black daughter in the same southern town she once tried to escape. The other secretly passes for white, and her white husband knows nothing of her past. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined.
223		THE LIGHT OF DAYS	Batalion, Judy	576 pages	N	N	B	Witnesses to the brutal murder of their families and neighbours and the violent destruction of their communities, a cadre of Jewish women in Poland - some still in their teens - helped transform the Jewish youth groups into resistance cells to fight the Nazis. The "ghetto girls" paid off Gestapo guards, hid revolvers in loaves of bread and jars of marmalade and helped build systems of underground bunkers; this group of unknown heroes have never had their exploits chronicled in full, until now.

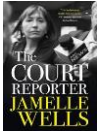
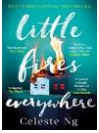
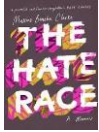



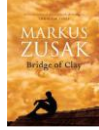
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222		THE ROAD LESS TRAVELLED	Peck, M. Scott	377 pages	N	N	NF	Confronting and solving problems is a painful process which most of us attempt to avoid. Avoiding resolution results in greater pain and an inability to grow both mentally and spiritually. Drawing heavily on his own professional experience, Dr M. Scott Peck, a psychiatrist, suggests ways in which facing our difficulties - and suffering through the changes - can enable us to reach a higher level of self-understanding. He discusses the nature of loving relationships: how to distinguish dependency from love; how to become one's own person and how to be a more sensitive parent.
221		THE MIDNIGHT LIBRARY	Haig, Matt	288 pages	N	Y	F	The Midnight Library is about Nora, a thirty-something woman who is regretful about her life and feels alienated and unneeded in this world. In the depths of her wallowing, she comes across the Midnight Library. In it, each book represents a portal into another variation of what her life could have been.
220		KLARA AND THE SUN	Ishiguro, Kazuo	307 pages	N	N	F	This is the story of Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, who, from her place in the store, watches carefully the behaviour of those who come in to browse, and of those who pass in the street outside. She remains hopeful a customer will soon choose her, but when the possibility emerges that her circumstances may change for ever, Klara is warned not to invest too much in the promises of humans.
219		THE ROSE CODE	Quinn, Kate	624 pages	N	N	F	1940. Three very different women - vivacious Osla, self-made Mab, and awkward local girl Beth - answer the call to mysterious country estate Bletchley Park, where the best minds in Britain train to break German military codes. 1947. As the royal wedding of Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip whips post-war Britain into a fever, three friends-turned-enemies are reunited by a mysterious encrypted letter - the key to which lies buried in the long-ago betrayal that destroyed their friendship and left one of them confined to an asylum.
218		THE FOUR WINDS	Hannah, Kristin	454 pages	N	N	F	1934. Millions are out of work and a drought has broken the Great Plains. Farmers are fighting to keep their land and their livelihoods as the crops are failing, the water is drying up, and dust threatens to bury them all. One of the darkest periods of the Great Depression, the Dust Bowl era, has arrived with a vengeance. In this uncertain and dangerous time, Elsa Martinelli-like so many of her neighbors-must make an agonizing choice: fight for the land she loves or go west, to California, in search of a better life.
217		THE WOMEN WITH SILVER WINGS	Landdeck, Katherine Sharp	435 pages	N	N	NF	The brainchild of pilots Nancy Love and Jacqueline Cochran, the Women Airforce Service Pilots (WASP) gave women a chance to serve their country - and to prove that women aviators were just as skilled as men. While not authorized to serve in combat, the WASP helped train male pilots for service abroad, and ferried bombers and pursuits across the country. Thirty-eight WASP would not survive the war. But even taking into account these tragic losses, Love and Cochran's social experiment seemed to be a resounding success - until, with the tides of war turning, Congress clipped the women's wings.
216		THE OTHER HALF OF AUGUSTA HOPE	Glen, Joanna	376 pages	N	N	F	Augusta Hope has never felt like she fits in. And she's right. And now that she's an adult, Augusta has no interest in the goings-on of the small town where she lives with her parents and her beloved twin sister, Julia. When an unspeakable tragedy upends everything in Augusta's life, she's propelled headfirst into the unknown.
215		THE GIVER OF STARS	Moyes, Jojo	439 pages	N	N	F	An Historical fiction novel about packhorse librarians based on a true story rooted in America's past, <i>The Giver of Stars</i> is unparalleled in its scope and epic in its storytelling. Funny, heartbreaking, enthralling, it is destined to become a modern classic - a richly rewarding novel of women's friendship, of true love, and of what happens when we reach beyond our grasp for the great beyond.

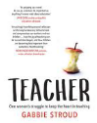
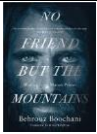
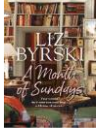
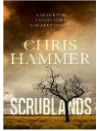
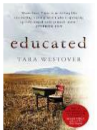
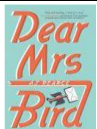
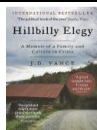
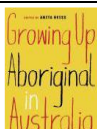
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214		PHOSPHORESCENCE	Baird, Julia	320 pages	Y	Y	NF	The national bestseller, <i>Phosphorescence</i> is a beautiful, intimate and inspiring investigation into how we can find and nurture within ourselves that essential quality of internal happiness - the 'light within' - which will sustain us even through the darkest times.
213		THE DICKENS BOY	Keneally, Tom	392 pages	Y	N	F	The tenth child of Charles Dickens, Edward Bulwer Lytton Dickens, known as Plorn, had consistently proved unable 'to apply himself' to school or life. So aged sixteen, he is sent, as his brother Alfred was before him, to Australia. This is Tom Keneally in his most familiar terrain. Taking historical figures and events and reimagining them with verve, compassion and humour.
212		THE WEEKEND	Wood, Charlotte	214 pages	Y	Y	F	Four older women have a lifelong friendship of the best kind: loving, practical, frank and steadfast. But when Sylvie dies, the ground shifts dangerously for the remaining three. Can they survive together without her? <i>The Weekend</i> explores growing old and growing up, and what happens when we're forced to uncover the lies we tell ourselves.
210		WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING	Owens, Delia	310 pages	N	N	F	For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life - until the unthinkable happens.
209		THE ACCIDENTAL TOUR GUIDE	Moody, Mary	352 pages	Y	N	B	Mary Moody's bestselling memoirs about her adventures inspired thousands of women. The Accidental Tour Guide completes the circle by sharing another major turning point in her life. When Mary loses her beloved husband, her world is turned upside down. Part of her journey to reignite her passion for living is to boldly go where she has never been before - in her travels and in her everyday life. A powerful, moving and inspiring true story about how to rebuild your life without the people who matter most.
208		THERE WAS STILL LOVE	Parrett, Favel	224 pages	Y	N	F	Favel Parrett's exquisitely rendered third novel is a beautiful, heart-wrenching encapsulation of the European immigrant story that portrays the plight of familial separation; the guilt and forlornness of those who have departed, the struggle of those left behind, and the love, however distant, that forever binds them.
207		BOY SWALLOWS UNIVERSE	Dalton, Trent	501 pages	Y	Y	F	Brisbane, 1983: A lost father, a mute brother, a mum in jail, a heroin dealer for a stepfather and a notorious crim for a babysitter. It's not as if Eli's life isn't complicated enough already. But it's about to get a whole lot more serious. He's about to fall in love. And, oh yeah, he has to break into Boggo Road Gaol on Christmas Day, to save his mum. A story of brotherhood, true love and the most unlikely of friendships.
205		DARK EMU	Pascoe, Bruce	277 pages	Y	Y	NF	Dark Emu puts forwards an argument for a reconsideration of the hunter-gatherer tag for precolonial Aboriginal Australians. The evidence insitst that Aboriginal peole right across the continent were using domesticated plants, sowing, harvesting, irrigating and storing - behaviours inconsistent with the hunter-gatherer tag. Gerritsen and Gammage in their latest books support this premise but Pascoe takes this further and challenges the hunter-gatherer tag as a convenient lie.

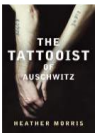
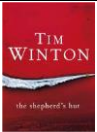






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204		THE COURT REPORTER	Wells, Jamelle	309 pages	Y	N	B	From the calculated and cruel, to the unfair and unlucky, from pure evil to plain stupid - Jamelle Wells has seen it all. <i>The Court Reporter</i> is a tough and fearless journalist's memoir that looks at the cases that have shocked, moved and never left us.
203		LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE	Ng, Celeste	388 pages	N	Y	F	From the bestselling author of <i>Everything I never told you</i> , a riveting story that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter who upend their lives. <i>Little Fires Everywhere</i> explores the weight of secrets, the nature of art and identity, and the ferocious pull of motherhood - and the danger of believing that following the rules can avert disaster.
202		THE HATE RACE	Clarke, Maxine Beneba	259 pages	Y	Y	B	From one of Australia's most exciting writers, and the author of the multi-award-winning <i>Foreign Soil</i> , comes <i>The Hate Race</i> : a powerful, funny, and at times devastating memoir about growing up black in white middle-class Australia.
200		THE VAN APFEL GIRLS ARE GONE	McLean, Felicity	207 pages	Y	N	F	Part mystery, part coming of age story, <i>The Van Apfel Girls are Gone</i> is set in a distant suburb on the encroaching bushland, over the long hot summer of 1992. It's the summer of the school's Showstopper concert... The summer the Van Apfel sisters disappeared.
199		ANY ORDINARY DAY	Sales, Leigh	239 pages	Y	N	NF	As a journalist, Leigh Sales often encounters people experiencing the worst moments of their lives in the full glare of the media. But one particular string of bad news stories - and a terrifying brush with her own mortality - sent her looking for answers about how vulnerable each of us is to a life-changing event. In this wise and layered book, Leigh talks intimately with people who've faced the unimaginable. Expecting broken lives, she instead finds strength, hope, even humour. Leigh brilliantly condenses the cutting-edge research on the way the human brain processes fear and grief, and poses the questions we too often ignore out of awkwardness.
198		THE LOST MAN	Harper, Jane	362 pages	Y	N	F	Two brothers meet at the border of their vast cattle properties under the unrelenting sun of outback Queensland. They are at the stockman's grave, a landmark so old, no one can remember who is buried there. But today, the scant shadow it casts was the last chance for their middle brother, Cameron. The Bright family's quiet existence is thrown into grief and anguish. Something had been troubling Cameron. Did he lose hope and walk to his death? Because if he didn't, the isolation of the outback leaves few suspects.
197		NINE PERFECT STRANGERS	Moriarty, Liane	493 pages	Y	N	F	Nine people gather at a remote health resort. Amidst all of the luxury and pampering, they know these ten days might involve some real work. But none of them could imagine just how challenging the next ten days are going to be. Could the intriguing owner/director of the resort really have the answers that each guest is seeking? Should they immerse themselves in everything Tranquillum House has to offer - or run while they still can?
196		BRIDGE OF CLAY	Zusak, Markus	583 pages	Y	Y	F	The Dunbar boys bring each other up in a house run by their own rules. A family of ramshackle tragedy - their mother is dead, their father has fled - they love and fight, and learn to reckon with the adult world. It is Clay, the quiet one, who will build a bridge; for his family, for his past, for his sins. He builds a bridge to transcend humanness. To survive. A miracle and nothing less.

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195		TEACHER	Stroud, Gabbie	336 pages	Y	N	NF	In 2014, Gabrielle Stroud was a very dedicated teacher with over a decade of experience. Months later, she resigned in frustration and despair when she realised that the Naplan-test education model was stopping her from doing the very thing she was best at: teaching individual children according to their needs and talents. In this powerful memoir, Gabrielle tells the story of how she came to teaching, what makes a great teacher, what our kids need from their teachers, and what it was that finally broke her.
194		NO FRIEND BUT THE MOUNTAINS	Boochani, Behrouz	374 pages	N	Y	NF	In 2013, Kurdish journalist Behrouz Boochani was illegally detained on Manus Island. He has been there ever since. This book is the result. Laboriously tapped out on a mobile phone and translated from the Farsi. It is a voice of witness, an act of survival. A lyric first-hand account. A cry of resistance. A vivid portrait through five years of incarceration and exile.
192		MONTH OF SUNDAYS, A	Byrski, Liz	343 pages	Y	N	F	For over ten years, Ros, Adele, Judy and Simone have been in an online book club, but they have never met face to face. Until now.... A beautiful novel about the joy and comfort reading a good book can bring to us all.
191		SCRUBLANDS	Hammer, Chris	496 pages	Y	Y	F	In an isolated country town brought to its knees by endless drought, a charismatic and dedicated young priest calmly opens fire on his congregation, killing five parishioners before being shot dead himself. A year later, troubled journalist Martin Scarsden arrives in Riversend to write a feature on the anniversary of the tragedy. A compulsive thriller that will haunt you long after you have turned the final page.
190		EDUCATED	Westover, Tara	334 pages	N	Y	B	Tara Westover was 17 the first time she set foot in a classroom. Born to survivalists in the mountains of Idaho, she grew up preparing for the end of the world by stockpiling home-canned peaches and emergency supplies. <i>Educated</i> is an account of the struggle for self-invention, and gets to the heart of what an education is and what it offers: the perspective to see one's life through new eyes, and the will to change it.
189		DEAR MRS BIRD	Pearce, A. J.	309 pages	N	N	F	A charming, irresistible debut novel set in London during World War II about an adventurous young woman who becomes a secret advice columnist - a warm, funny, and enormously moving story for fans of <i>The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i> and <i>Lilac Girls</i> .
188		HILLBILLY ELEGY : A MEMOIR OF A FAMILY AND A CULTURE IN CRISIS	Vance, J. D.	257 pages	N	Y	NF	From a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town that offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class.
187		GROWING UP ABORIGINAL IN AUSTRALIA	Heiss, Anita	368 pages	Y	N	NF	This anthology, compiled by award-winning author Anita Heiss, showcases many diverse voices, experiences. Accounts from well-known authors and high-profile identities sit alongside those from newly discovered writers of all ages. All of the contributors speak from the heart sometimes calling for empathy, oftentimes challenging stereotypes, always demanding respect.

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186		THE TATTOOIST OF AUSCHWITZ	Morris, Heather	288 pages	Y	N	F	Lale Sokolov's journey from prisoner to chief tattooist at the Nazis' most notorious concentration camp haunted him into old age. Yet what's remarkable is how he fell in love with, and later married, a Jewish girl whose arm he personally tattooed with an identification number. Based on the true story of Lale and Gita Sokolov, two Slovakian Jews who survived Auschwitz and eventually made their home in Australia.
185		THE SHEPHERD'S HUT	Winton, Tim	288 pages	Y	N	F	Jaxie dreads going home. His mum's dead. The old man bashes him without mercy, and he wishes he was an orphan. But no one's ever told Jaxie Clackton to be careful what he wishes for. In one terrible moment his life is stripped to little more than what he can carry and how he can keep himself alive. There's just one person left in the world who understands him and what he still dares to hope for. But to reach her he'll have to cross the vast saltlands on a trek that only a dreamer or a fugitive would attempt.
184		TENDER IS THE NIGHT	Fitzgerald, F. Scott	317 pages	N	N	F	Set on the French Riviera in the late 1920s, <i>Tender Is the Night</i> is the tragic romance of the young actress Rosemary Hoyt and the stylish American couple Dick and Nicole Diver. A brilliant young psychiatrist at the time of his marriage, Dick is both husband and doctor to Nicole, whose wealth goads him into a lifestyle not his own, and whose growing strength highlights Dick's harrowing demise.
183		DANGER MUSIC	Ayres, Eddie	291 pages	Y	N	B	Eddie Ayres has a lifetime of musical experience - from learning the viola as a child in England and playing with the Hong Kong Philharmonic for many years, to learning the cello in his thirties and landing in Australia to present an extremely successful ABC Classic FM morning radio show. But all of this time Eddie was Emma Ayres.
182		SAGA LAND	Fidler, Richard & Gíslason, Kari	447 pages	Y	Y	NF	Broadcaster Richard Fidler and author Kári Gíslason are good friends. They share a deep attachment to the sagas of Iceland - the true stories of the first Viking families who settled on that remote island in the Middle Ages. The sagas are among the greatest stories ever written, but the identity of their authors is largely unknown. Together, Richard and Kári travel across Iceland, to the places where the sagas unfolded a thousand years ago and immerse themselves in the folklore of this fiercely beautiful island.
181		ELEANOR OLIPHANT IS COMPLETELY FINE	Honeyman, Gail	386 pages	N	Y	F	<i>Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine</i> is the story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose carefully timetabled life of avoiding social interactions, deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes the only way to survive is to open your heart.
179		PIGEON TUNNEL, THE: STORIES FROM MY LIFE	le Carre, John	310 pages	N	N	B	In this memoir le Carré looks back on his career, from his years serving in British Intelligence during the Cold War to being a writer that took him from war-torn Cambodia to the collapse of the Berlin Wall. le Carré's writing is funny and incisive, reading into the events he witnesses the same moral ambiguity with which he imbues his novels.
178		ONE CHILD	Fong, Mei	272 pages	N	N	NF	An intimate investigation of the world's largest experiment in social engineering, revealing how its effects will shape China for decades to come and what that means for the rest of the world.

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177		AUSTRALIA DAY	Cheng, Melanie	249 pages	Y	Y	F	<i>Australia Day</i> is a collection of stories by debut author Melanie Cheng. Although the people she writes about are diverse, they all have one thing in common - no matter where they come from - the desire we all share to feel that we belong. The stories explore universal themes of love, loss, family and identity. A fresh perspective on contemporary Australia.
176		THE TWENTIETH MAN	Jones, Tony	482 pages	Y	N	F	Terrorism, politics and betrayals collide in this unputdownable, fast-paced thriller from a highly recognisable political insider.
175		OUR SOULS AT NIGHT	Haruf, Kent	192 pages	N	N	F	A spare yet eloquent, bittersweet yet inspiring story of a man and a woman who, in advanced age, come together to wrestle with the events of their lives and their hopes for the imminent future.
174		NAPOLEON'S LAST ISLAND	Keneally, Tom	448 pages	Y	N	F	On the island of St Helena in the south Atlantic ocean, Napoleon spends his last years in exile. It is a hotbed of gossip and secret liaisons, where a blind eye is turned to relations between colonials and slaves. The disgraced emperor is subjected to vicious and petty treatment by his captors, but he forges an unexpected ally: a rebellious British girl, Betsy, who lives on the island with her family and becomes his unlikely friend.
173		THE GUSTAV SONATA	Tremain, Rose	256 pages	N	Y	F	Rose Tremain's masterful novel, set in Switzerland during the second world war, illuminates the tiny flaws of temperament that can lead to tragedy. A story of betrayal, the struggle for happiness and the healing power of friendship.
172		THE DRY	Harper, Jane	342 pages	Y	Y	F	Federal Agent Aaron Falk arrives in his hometown for the first time in decades to attend the funeral of his best friend, Luke. Amid the worst drought in a century, Falk and the local detective begin to question what really happened to Luke. As they begin to investigate long-buried mysteries resurface, as do the lies that have haunted them. And Falk will find that small towns have always hidden big secrets.
171		THE MIDNIGHT WATCH	Dyer, David	336 pages	Y	N	F	A brilliant exploration of the small human failings that can lead to the greatest disasters, the novel tells the captivating true story of Captain Lord, and others of the ship Californian, whose crewmen saw eight distress rockets fired by the Titanic on that fateful night, but unfathomably failed to act.
170		THE DESERT VET	Tinson, Alex & Hardaker, David	248 pages	Y	N	B	When Sydney vet Alex Tinson was literally plucked from the Australian outback to become chief vet in charge of the United Arab Emirates President's racing camels, he was given one mission: to make the President's camels the best in all of Arabia. Thirty years later he is still there, having become the world's leading camel vet while caring for a menagerie of unusual animals along the way.

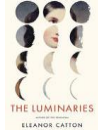
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169		FAREWELL TO THE FATHER	Elliot, Timothy	336 pages	Y	N	B	An outstandingly powerful memoir that chronicles a son's coming to terms with his father's decline into madness.
167		THE WORST WOMAN IN SYDNEY	Straw, Leigh	256 pages	Y	N	B	Matriarch of the criminal underworld ...or the Robin Hood of inner Sydney? Despite having more than 100 criminal convictions to her name, Kate Leigh is also remembered as a local hero, giving money to needy families and supporting her local community through the hard times of Depression and war.
166		TELL THE TRUTH, SHAME THE DEVIL	Marchetta, Melina	416 pages	Y	Y	F	When Bish Ortley, a suspended cop, receives word that a bus carrying his daughter has been bombed, he rushes to her side. A suspect has already been singled out: a 17-year-old girl who has since disappeared from the scene. A gripping fusion of literary suspense and family drama, Tell the Truth, Shame the Devil is a fast-paced puzzle of a novel that will keep readers feverishly turning pages.
165		RECKONING	Szubanski, Magda	384 pages	Y	Y	B	In this honest and poignant memoir, Magda Szubanski describes her journey of self-discovery from a suburban childhood, haunted by the demons of her father's espionage activities in wartime Poland and by her secret awareness of her sexuality, to the complex dramas of adulthood and her need to find out the truth about herself and her family.
164		TRULY, MADLY, GUILTY	Moriarty, Liane	528 pages	Y	Y	F	Six responsible adults. Three cute kids. One playful dog. It's an ordinary weekend in the suburbs. What could possibly go wrong? Marriage, sex, parenthood and friendship: Liane Moriarty takes these elements of our lives and shows us how guilt can expose the fault lines in any relationship, and it is not until we appreciate the fragility of life that we can truly value what we have.
163		MY BRILLIANT FRIEND	Ferante, Elena	336 pages	N	N	F	Book one in the New York Times bestselling Neapolitan quartet about two friends growing up in post-war Italy is a rich, intense and generous-hearted family epic by Italy's most beloved and acclaimed writer.
161		THE GIRL ON THE TRAIN	Hawkins, Paula	336 pages	N	Y	F	Rachel takes the same commuter train every morning. Every day she rattles down the track, flashes past a stretch of cozy suburban homes, and stops at the signal that allows her to daily watch the same couple breakfasting on their deck. She's even started to feel like she knows them. "Jess and Jason," she calls them. Their life - as she sees it - is perfect. Not unlike the life she recently lost.
160		THE WIFE DROUGHT	Crabb, Annabel	288 pages	Y	Y	NF	Having a spouse who takes care of things at home is an advantage enjoyed – even in our modern society – by vastly more men than women. But why is the work-and-family debate always about women? Why don't men get the same flexibility that women do? In our fixation on the barriers that face women on the way into the workplace, do we forget about the barriers that – for men – still block the exits?


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159		WALKING FREE	Al Muderis, Munjed	336 pages	Y	N	B	In 1999, Munjed Al Muderis was a young surgical resident working in Baghdad when a squad of Military Police marched into the operating theatre and ordered the surgical team to mutilate the ears of three busloads of army deserters. When the head of surgery refused, he was executed in front of his staff. Munjed's choices were stark-comply and breach the medical oath 'do no harm', refuse and face certain death, or flee.
155		BIG LITTLE LIES	Moriarty, Liane	460 pages	Y	Y	F	<i>Big Little Lies</i> follows three women, each at a crossroads: Madeline, Celeste and Jane. It is a brilliant take on ex-husbands and second wives, mothers and daughters, schoolyard scandal, and the dangerous little lies we tell ourselves just to survive.
154		ONE LIFE: MY MOTHER'S STORY	Grenville, Kate	272 pages	Y	N	B	When Kate Grenville's mother died she left behind many fragments of memoir. These were the starting point for <i>One Life</i> , the story of a woman whose life spanned a century of tumult and change. <i>One Life</i> is an act of great imaginative sympathy, a daughter's intimate account of the patterns in her mother's life. It is a deeply moving homage by one of Australia's finest writers.
152		ELIZABETH IS MISSING	Healey, Emma	320 Pages	N	Y	F	A psychological mystery that is also a meditation on memory, identity and aging. As Maud descends into dementia she embarks on a desperate quest to find the best friend she believes has disappeared, and her search for the truth will go back decades and have shattering consequences.
151		THE EYE OF THE SHEEP	Laguna, Sofie	308 pages	Y	Y	F	This Miles Franklin award winning novel is an uplifting story about how to find your place in the world and how to accept what you have been given. It follows six year old Jimmy, who sees the world differently than everyone else, and tackles the intricacies of love and marriage, brotherhood, medical issues and the definition of family.
150		THE GOLDEN AGE	London, Joan	256 pages	Y	Y	F	This is a story of resilience, the irrepressible, enduring nature of love, and the fragility of life, from one of Australia's most loved novelists.
149		MADAME BOVARY	Flaubert, Gustave	329 pages	N	N	F	When Emma Rouault marries Charles Bovary she imagines she will pass into the life of luxury and passion that she reads about in sentimental novels and women's magazines. But Charles is a dull country doctor, and provincial life is very different from the romantic excitement for which she yearns. In her quest to realize her dreams she takes a lover, and begins a devastating spiral into deceit and despair.
148		LIFE AFTER LIFE	Atkinson, Kate	544 pages	N	Y	F	On a cold and snowy night in 1910, Ursula Todd is born, the third child of a wealthy English banker and his wife. Sadly, she dies before she can draw her first breath. On that same night, Ursula Todd is born, lets out a lusty wail, and embarks upon a life that will be, to say the least, unusual. For as she grows, she also dies, repeatedly, in any number of ways. Clearly history have plans for her: In Ursula rests nothing less than the fate of civilization.


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147		TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE	Albom, Mitch	224 pages	N	N	B	Maybe it was a grandparent, or a teacher or a colleague. Someone older, patient and wise, who understood you when you were young and searching, and gave you sound advice to help you make your way through it. For Mitch Albom, that person was Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly twenty years ago.
144		ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE	Doerr, Anthony	530 pages	N	Y	F	From the highly acclaimed, multiple award-winning Anthony Doerr, the beautiful, stunningly ambitious instant New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as both try to survive the devastation of World War II.
140		FOREIGN SOIL	Clarke, Maxine Beneba	267 pages	Y	Y	F	In this collection of award-winning stories, Melbourne writer Maxine Beneba Clarke has given a voice to the disenfranchised, the lost, the downtrodden and the mistreated. It will challenge you, it will have you by the heartstrings. This is contemporary fiction at its finest.
138		THE LUMINARIES	Catton, Eleanor	832 pages	N	Y	F	Set in New Zealand's South Island in 1866, the novel follows Walter Moody, a prospector who travels to the fledgling West Coast settlement of Hokitika to try to make his fortune on nearby goldfields. Instead, he stumbles into a tense meeting between twelve local men, and is drawn into a complex mystery that is covering up a series of unsolved crimes.
137		THE WOMEN IN BLACK	St John, Madeline	233 pages	Y	N	F	On the second floor of the famous F. G. Goode department store, in Ladies' Cocktail Frocks, the women in black are girding themselves for the Christmas rush. With the lightest touch and the most tender of comic instincts, Madeleine St John conjures a vanished summer of innocence.
135		LEAVING ALEXANDRIA	Holloway, Richard	358 pages	N	Y	NF	At the tender age of fourteen, Richard Holloway left his home town of Alexandria, north of Glasgow, and travelled hundreds of miles to be educated and trained for the priesthood at an English monastery. Poignant, wise and fiercely honest, <i>Leaving Alexandria</i> is a remarkable memoir of a life defined by faith but plagued by doubt.
133		FRANKLIN AND ELEANOR: AN EXTRAORDINARY MARRIAGE	Rowley, Hazel	392 pages	Y	Y	B	In this groundbreaking account of a marriage, critically acclaimed biographer Hazel Rowley describes the remarkable courage and lack of convention - private and public - that kept FDR and Eleanor together. She reveals a partnership that was both supportive and daring. A bold and radical partnership that has made Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt go down in history as one of the most inspiring and fascinating couples of all time.
132		ALL THE BIRDS, SINGING	Wyld, Evie	229 pages	Y	Y	F	The novel tells the story of Jake Whyte who lives on an unnamed island off the coast of Britain tending her flock of sheep with her dog, Dog. Someone, or something, is killing her sheep, and her investigations lead her and the reader back to her time in Australia "to the 'original sin' that sets everything in motion".

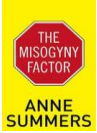
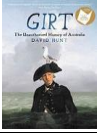
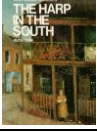
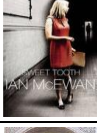
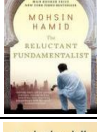

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131		BARK : STORIES	Moore, Lorrie	192 pages	N	N	F	In these eight masterful stories, Lorrie Moore, explores the passage of time, and summons up its inevitable sorrows and comic pitfalls. Gimlet-eyed social observation, the public and private absurdities of American life, dramatic irony, and enduring half-cracked love wind their way through each of these narratives, in Moore's characteristic style that is always tender, never sentimental and often heartbreakingly funny.
130		THE NIGHT GUEST	McFarlane, Fiona	275 pages	Y	Y	F	In an isolated house on the New South Wales coast, Ruth, a widow whose sons have flown the nest, lives alone. Until one day a stranger bowls up, announcing that she's Frida, sent to be Ruth's carer. How far can she trust this mysterious woman who seems to carry with her, her own troubled past? And how far can Ruth trust herself?
129		THE LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS	Diffenbaugh, Vanessa	322 pages	N	N	F	A mesmerizing, moving, and elegantly written debut novel, <i>The Language of Flowers</i> beautifully weaves past and present, creating a vivid portrait of an unforgettable woman whose gift for flowers helps her change the lives of others even as she struggles to overcome her own troubled past.
128		TALE FOR THE TIME BEING, A	Ozeki, Ruth	422 pages	N	Y	F	Ruth discovers a Hello Kitty lunchbox washed up on the shore of her beach home. Within it lies a diary that expresses the hopes and dreams of a young girl. She suspects it might have arrived on a drift of debris from the 2011 tsunami. With every turn of the page, she is sucked deeper into an enchanting mystery.
127		THE FICTIONAL WOMAN	Moss, Tara	328 pages	Y	Y	B	Tara Moss has worn many labels in her time, including author, model, gold-digger, commentator, inspiration, dumb blonde, feminist, and mother, among others. In her first work of non-fiction she blends memoir and social analysis to examine the common fictions about women.
126		HISTORY OF THE RAIN	Williams, Niall	358 pages	N	N	F	Bedbound in her attic room beneath the falling rain, in the margin between this world and the next, plain Ruth Swain is in search of her father. A celebration of books, love and the healing power of the imagination, this is an exquisite, funny, moving novel in which every sentence sings.
123		THE RROW ROAD TO THE DEEP NORTH	Flanagan, Richard	467 pages	Y	Y	F	In the despair of a Japanese POW camp on the Burma Death Railway, surgeon Dorrigo Evans is haunted by his love affair with his uncle's young wife two years earlier. Struggling to save the men under his command from starvation, from cholera, from beatings, he receives a letter that will change his life forever. Hailed as a masterpiece, Richard Flanagan's epic novel tells the unforgettable story of one man's reckoning with the truth.
121		THED GHOST AT THE WEDDING	Walker, Shirley	246 pages	Y	Y	NF	A novel that chronicles events from both sides of war: the horror of the battlefields and the women left at home. Shirley Walker's depictions of those battles – Gallipoli, the Western Front, the Kokoda Track – are grittily accurate, their reverberations haunting.

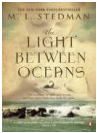






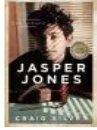
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120		THE ELEGANCE OF THE HEDGEHOG	Barbery, Muriel	320 pages	N	Y	F	A moving, funny, atmospheric novel that exalts the quiet victories of the inconspicuous among us. It follows the events in the life of a concierge, Renée Michel, whose deliberately concealed intelligence is uncovered by an unstable but intellectually precocious girl named Paloma Josse.
119		BURIAL RITES	Kent, Hannah	338 pages	Y	Y	F	A brilliant literary debut, inspired by a true story: the final days of a young woman accused of murder in Iceland in 1829.
118		GROWING OLD OUTRAGEOUSLY : A MEMOIR OF TRAVEL, FOOD AND FRIENDSHIP	Linstead, Hilary	326 pages	Y	N	NF	A bestselling memoir of a later-life friendship and what happens when two ladies of a certain age decide to test the maxim 'Leap and the net will appear'!
117		THE IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS	Skloot, Rebecca	369 pages	N	Y	B	Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. Born a poor black tobacco farmer, her cancer cells -- taken without her knowledge -- became a multimillion-dollar industry and one of the most important tools in medicine. An extraordinary journey in search of the soul and story of a real woman, whose cells live on today.
113		THE OCEAN AT THE END OF THE LANE	Gaiman, Neil	248 pages	N	Y	F	From New York Times bestselling writer Neil Gaiman, comes a novel of memory, magic and survival, about the power of stories and the darkness inside each of us. <i>The Ocean at the End of the Lane</i> is a fable that reshapes modern fantasy: moving, terrifying and elegiac - as pure as a dream, as delicate as a butterfly's wing, as dangerous as a knife in the dark.
112		THE HANDMAID'S TALE	Atwood, Margaret	350 pages	N	Y	F	Set in a near-future New England, in a totalitarian state resembling a theonomy, which has overthrown the United States government, this book explores themes of women in subjugation in a patriarchal society and the various means by which these women attempt to gain individualism and independence.
111		REQUIEM FOR A WREN	Shute, Nevil	249 pages	Y	N	F	Alan Duncan returns to his family home in Australia after the war and several years of study in England. But his homecoming is marred by the mysterious suicide of his parents' quiet and reliable parlour-maid. A search through her belongings in search of clues leads to heartbreaking revelations about the woman's identity, the death of Alan's brother Bill, and, above all, the disappearance of his brother's fiancée, Janet.
107		NORWEGIAN WOOD	Murakami, Haruki	296 pages	N	N	F	When he hears her favourite Beatles song, Toru Watanabe recalls his first love Naoko, the girlfriend of his best friend Kizuki. Immediately he is transported back almost twenty years to his student days in Tokyo, adrift in a world of uneasy friendships, casual sex, passion, loss and desire - to a time when an impetuous young woman called Midori marches into his life and he has to choose between the future and the past.

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105		THE MISOGYNY FACTOR	Summers, Anne	182 pages	Y	N	NF	In 2012, Anne Summers gave two landmark speeches about women in Australia, attracting more than 120,000 visits to her website. Within weeks of their delivery Prime Minister Julia Gillard's own speech about misogyny and sexism went viral and was celebrated around the world. Summers makes the case that Australia, the land of the fair go, still hasn't figured out how to make equality between men and women work.
102		GIRT: THE UNAUTHORISED HISTORY OF AUSTRALIA	Hunt, David	252 Pages	Y	Y	NF	"Girt. No word could better capture the essence of Australia". In this hilarious history, David Hunt reveals the truth of Australia's past, from megafauna to Macquarie - the cock-ups and curiosities, the forgotten eccentrics and Eureka moments that have made us who we are.
101		THE HARP IN THE SOUTH	Park, Ruth	351 pages	Y	N	F	The book is a nostalgic and moving portrait of the eventful life of a Catholic Irish Australian family living in the Sydney suburb of Surry Hills, which was at that time an inner city slum.
99		GALILEO'S DAUGHTER	Sobel, Dava	420 pages	N	Y	NF	Inspired by a long fascination with Galileo, and by the remarkable surviving letters of Galileo's daughter, a cloistered nun, this is a biography 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."
96		SWEET TOOTH	McEwan, Ian	320 pages	N	N	F	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.
95		THE RELUCTANT FUNDAMENTALIST	Hamid, Mohsin	208 pages	N	N	F	Changez is living an immigrant's dream of America. At the top of his class at Princeton, he is snapped up by an elite valuation firm. He thrives on the energy of New York, and his budding romance with elegant, beautiful Erica promises entry into Manhattan society at the same exalted level once occupied by his own family back in Lahore. But in the wake of September 11, Changez finds his position in his adopted city suddenly overturned, and his relationship with Erica shifting.
94		SARAH THORNHILL	Grenville, Kate	307 pages	Y	Y	F	In the final book of a trilogy that began with her bestselling novel, "The Secret River," Commonwealth Prize-winner Kate Grenville returns to the youngest daughter of the Thornhills and her quest to uncover, at her peril, the family's hidden legacy.
92		CALL THE MIDWIFE	Worth, Jennifer	340 pages	N	N	B	The book is set in Poplar, in the East End of London, where "Jenny Lee" (Worth's maiden name) works as a midwife and district nurse. The story is split between chapters describing individual mothers and their often-traumatic deliveries, and more light-hearted incidents back at the convent.

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88		THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS	Stedman, M L.	362 pages	Y	Y	F	The Light Between Oceans is an evocative tale with an irresistible ethical and emotional conundrum at its heart. Readers are frequently invited to contemplate such dichotomies as light and dark, life and death, and, in particular, right and wrong - which are far from clear-cut in this novel.
87		THE GLASS ROOM	Mawer, Simon	405 pages	N	N	F	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.
86		THE CASUAL VACANCY	Rowling, J. K.	503 pages	N	Y	F	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.
85		SNOW FLOWER AND THE SECRET FAN	See, Lisa	340 pages	N	Y	F	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.
74		THE LITTLE COFFEE SHOP OF KABUL	Rodriguez, Deborah	291 pages	N	N	F	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.
73		THE ROAD	McCarthy, Cormac	307 pages	N	Y	F	A father and his young son walk alone through post apocalyptic America heading slowly for the coast, although they don't know what, if anything, awaits them there. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape. 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.
70		THREE CUPS OF TEA	Mortenson, Greg.	349 pages	N	Y	B	Three Cups of Tea 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
69		JASPER JONES	Silvey, Craig	397 pages	Y	Y	F	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.

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68		HAND ME DOWN WORLD	Jones, Lloyd	313 pages	N	N	F	The story of a nameless African woman who sees her baby taken away from her just a few weeks after giving birth. Her journey to find him relies on the barest of resources as she tracks him across continents, from the shoreline of Tunisia to the confusion of Berlin.
62		THE CONSTANT GARDENER	le Carre, John	570 pages	N	N	F	The novel tells the story of Justin Quayle, a British diplomat whose activist wife is murdered. Believing there is something behind the murder, he seeks to uncover the truth and finds an international conspiracy of corrupt bureaucracy and pharmaceutical money.
60		THE HELP	Stockett, Kathryn	451 pages	N	Y	F	The story is about African Americans working in white households in Jackson, Mississippi, during the early 1960s. The journey of three extraordinary women who not only build an unlikely friendship, but question the 1960 Mississippi society, fraught with exploitative undertones. The Help is a deeply moving novel filled with poignancy, humor, and hope.
34		BREATH	Winton, Tim	264 pages	Y	Y	F	The book is an extraordinary evocation of an adolescence spent resisting complacency, testing one's limits against nature, finding like-minded souls, and discovering just how far one breath will take you. It's a story of extremes—extreme sports and extreme emotions.
31		BROOKLYN	Toibin, Colm	252 pages	N	Y	F	Hauntingly beautiful and heartbreaking, Colm Tóibín's sixth novel is set in Brooklyn and Ireland in the early 1950s, when one young woman crosses the ocean to make a new life for herself.
29		THE GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY	Shaffer, Mary Ann	265 pages	N	Y	F	A moving tale of post-war friendship, love and books, The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society is a captivating and completely irresistible novel of enormous depth and heart.
27		DREAMS FROM MY FATHER	Obama, Barack	442 pages	N	N	B	A memoir by Barack Obama explores events of his early years up until his entry into law school in 1988.
23		ADAM BEDE	Eliot, George	612 pages	N	N	F	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.

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19		GOOD PARENTS	London, Joan	351 pages	Y	Y	F	Eighteen-year-old Maya de Jong moves to Melbourne and becomes involved in a relationship with her boss. When Maya's parents come to Melbourne to stay with her, they find that Maya has disappeared. Pacy and enthralling, <i>The Good Parents</i> is at once a vision of contemporary Australia and a story as old as fairytales: that of a runaway girl.
18		DUBLINERS	Joyce, James	287 pages	N	N	F	A collection of fifteen short stories form a naturalistic depiction of Irish middle class life in and around Dublin in the early years of the 20th century.
16		THE WASHERWOMAN'S DREAM	Lindsay, Hilarie	519 pages	Y	N	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.
15		MISS PEABODY'S INHERITANCE	Jolley, Elizabeth	157 pages	Y	N	F	In this powerful tale of love and loneliness, Elizabeth Jolley has woven two parallel stories into a dazzlingly original novel.
10		THE WHITE TIGER	Adiga, Aravind	321 pages	N	Y	F	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.
5		THE UNKNOWN TERRORIST	Flanagan, Richard.	325 pages	Y	Y	F	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.
1		THE BOOK THIEF	Zusak, Markus	584 pages	Y	Y	F	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.

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