











Hornsby Library Book Club Kits

Kit No.		TITLE	AUTHOR	No. Pages	Australian?	Prize winner?	Fiction/ NF/ Bio	DESCRIPTION
1		BOOK THIEF, THE	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.
2		LIEUTENANT, THE	Grenville, Kate	307 pages	Y	Y	F	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.
5		UNKNOWN TERRORIST, THE	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.
9		MISTER PIP	Jones, Lloyd	220 pages	N	y	F	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
10		WHITE TIGER, THE	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.
12		FIRST STONE, THE	Garner, Helen	222 pages	Y	N	NF	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.
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.
16		WASHERWOMAN'S DREAM, THE	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.
17		BITTER CHOCOLATE	Off, Carol	326 pages	N	N	NF	Award-winning author and broadcaster Carol Off reveals the fascinating – and often horrifying – stories behind our desire for all things chocolate. She traces the origins of the cocoa craze and follows chocolate's evolution, uncovering a long history of exploitation hidden behind a sweet image.
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.
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.

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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.
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.
29		GUERNSEY LITERARY AND POTATO PEEL PIE SOCIETY, THE	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.
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.
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.
38		KNOTS AND CROSSES	Rankin, Ian	225 pages	N	N	F	With the brutal abduction and murder of two young girls, Detective Sergeant John Rebus 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.
43		PEOPLE OF THE BOOK	Brooks, Geraldine	465 pages	Y	Y	F	People of the Book is a fictionalised account of the perilous journeys of the Sarajevo Haggadah; an ancient Jewish manuscript renowned for its stunning and intricate illuminations. From Medieval Spain to Venice during the Inquisition, to late 19th century Vienna the story skips from caretaker to caretaker as people of all faiths carry with them the Passover prayer book of the Hebrew people.
45		MOONSTONE, THE	Collins, Wilkie	473 pages	N	N	F	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. It is generally considered to be the first detective novel, and it established many of the ground rules of the modern detective novel.
48		THOUSAND SPLENDID SUNS, A	Hosseini, Khaled	419 pages	N	Y	F	A breathtaking story set against the volatile events of Afghanistan's last thirty years—from the Soviet invasion to the reign of the Taliban to post-Taliban rebuilding—that puts the violence, fear, hope, and faith of this country in intimate, human terms.
50		TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD	Lee, Harper	309 pages	N	Y	F	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


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57		LOVESONG	Miller, Alex	354 pages	Y	Y	F	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, a tragic love story begins to unfold.
60		HELP, THE	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.
61		FRY CHRONICLES, THE	Fry, Stephen	446 pages	N	N	B	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.
62		CONSTANT GARDENER, THE	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.
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.
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.
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
71		GREAT EXPECTATIONS	Dickens, Charles	514 pages	N	N	F	Dicken's famous story about orphaned Pip, his meeting with Miss Havisham, his rise to wealth and the consequences.
73		ROAD, THE	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.
74		LITTLE COFFEE SHOP OF KABUL, THE	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.


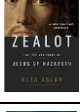
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78		PASSAGE TO INDIA, A	Forster, E. M.	376 pages	N	Y	F	Dr Aziz is a young Muslim physician in the British Indian town of Chandrapore. He comes across an English woman, Mrs Moore. She and her younger travelling companion Adela are disappointed by claustrophobic British colonial culture and wish to see something of the 'real' India. A masterly portrait of a society in the grip of imperialism, depicting the fate of individuals caught between the great political and cultural conflicts of the modern world.
80		12 BOOKS THAT CHANGED THE WORLD	Bragg, Melvyn	372 pages	N	N	NF	In our digitised age of instant information it is easy to underestimate the power of the printed word. Presented here is a rich variety of human endeavour and a great diversity of characters, including famous books by Darwin, Newton and Shakespeare - and also the stories behind some less well-known works.
81		BOOMERANG	Lewis, M	213 pages	N	N	NF	<i>Boomerang</i> addresses the scarier phase of the financial meltdown: the debt crisis in Europe and America.
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.
86		CASUAL VACANCY, THE	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, <i>The Casual Vacancy</i> is J.K. Rowling's first novel for adults.
87		GLASS ROOM, THE	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.
88		LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS, THE	Stedman, M L.	362 pages	Y	Y	F	<i>The Light Between Oceans</i> 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.
91		WAKE IN FRIGHT	Cook, Kenneth	212 pages	Y	N	F	<i>Wake in Fright</i> tells the tale of John Grant's journey into an alcoholic, sexual and spiritual nightmare. It is the original and the greatest outback horror story. Bundanyabba and its citizens will forever haunt its readers.
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.
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.






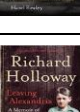

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96		SWEET TOOTH	McEwan, Ian	320 pages	N	N	F	Serena Frome, the beautiful daughter of an Anglican bishop, has a brief affair with an older man during her final year at Cambridge, and finds herself being groomed for the intelligence services.
99		GALILEO'S 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."
101		HARP IN THE SOUTH, THE	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.
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.
105		MISOGYNY FACTOR, THE	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.
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.
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.
112		HANDMAID'S TALE, THE	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.
113		OCEAN AT THE END OF THE LANE, THE	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.

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117		IMMORTAL LIFE OF HENRIETTA LACKS, THE	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.
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'!
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.
120		ELEGANCE OF THE HEDGEHOG, THE	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.
121		GHOST AT THE WEDDING, THE	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.
122		ITALIAN GIRL, THE	Huntley, Rebecca	254 pages	Y	N	B	The death of Rebecca Huntley's maternal grandmother - her Italian nonna - sparked a decade-long search for the 'truth' about her grandmother's life, and the lives of the men and women in her family from Innisfail, Northern Queensland, during the hard times of World War II.
123		NARROW ROAD TO THE DEEP NORTH, THE	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.
125		Zealot: The life and times of Jesus of Nazareth	Aslan, Reza	296 pages	N	N	NF	Reza Aslan sheds new light on one of history's most influential and enigmatic figures. He examines Jesus within the context of the times in which he lived: the age of zealotry, an era awash in apocalyptic fervour, when scores of would-be messiahs preached holy war against Roman occupation and were executed for sedition.
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.

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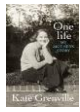
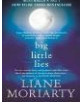


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127		FICTIONAL WOMAN, THE	Moss, Tara	328 pages	Y	Y	B	Tara Moss has worn many labels in her time, including author, model, gold-digger, commentator, inspiration, dumb blonde, feminist, and mother, among others. In her first work of non-fiction she blends memoir and social analysis to examine the common fictions about women.
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.
129		LANGUAGE OF FLOWERS, THE	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.
130		NIGHT GUEST, THE	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?
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.
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".
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.
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.
137		WOMEN IN BLACK, THE	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.

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138		LUMINARIES, THE	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.
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.
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.
146		TESTAMENT OF MARY, THE	Toibin, Colm	81 pages	N	N	F	In the ancient town of Ephesus, Mary lives alone, years after her son's crucifixion. She judges herself ruthlessly, and is equally harsh on her judgment of others. This woman who we know from centuries of paintings and scripture as the docile, loving, silent, long-suffering, obedient, worshipful mother of Christ becomes, in Toibin's searing evocation, a tragic heroine with the relentless eloquence of Electra or Medea or Antigone.
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.
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.
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.
150		GOLDEN AGE, THE	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.
151		EYE OF THE SHEEP, THE	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.











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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.
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 One Life, the story of a woman whose life spanned a century of tumult and change. One Life 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.
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.
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.
160		WIFE DROUGHT, THE	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?
161		GIRL ON THE TRAIN, THE	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.
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.
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.
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.

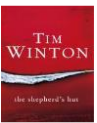
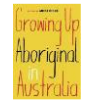

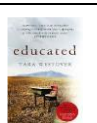
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166		TELL THE TRUTH, SHAME THE DEVIL	Marchetta, Melina	416 pages	Y	Y	F	When Bish Ortley, a suspended cop, receives word that a bus carrying his daughter has been bombed, he rushes to her side. A suspect has already been singled out: a 17-year-old girl 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.
167		WORST WOMAN IN SYDNEY, THE	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.
168		LAST PAINTING OF SARA DE VOS, THE	Smith, Dominic	384 pages	Y	Y	F	In The last painting of Sara de Vos, the author deftly bridges the historical and the contemporary, tracking a collision course between a rare landscape by a female Dutch painter of the golden age, an inheritor of the work in 1950s Manhattan, and a celebrated art historian who painted a forgery of it in her youth.
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.
170		DESERT VET, THE	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.
171		MIDNIGHT WATCH, THE	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.
172		DRY, THE	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.
173		GUSTAV SONATA, THE	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.
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.
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.

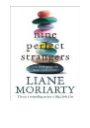
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176		TWENTIETH MAN, THE	Jones, Tony	482 pages	Y	N	F	Terrorism, politics and betrayals collide in this unputdownable, fast-paced thriller from a highly recognisable political insider.
177		AUSTRALIA DAY	Cheng, Melanie	249 pages	Y	Y	F	<i>Australia Day</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.
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.
179		PIGEON TUNNEL, THE: STORIES FROM MY LIFE	le Carré, 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.
180		POWER, THE	Alderman, Naomi	340 Pages	N	Y	F	In <i>The Power</i> the world is a recognisable place... But something vital has changed - with devastating effects. Teenage girls now have immense physical power - they can cause agonising pain and even death. And, with this small twist of nature, the world changes utterly.
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.
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.
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.
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.

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185		SHEPHERD'S HUT, THE	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.
186		TATTOOIST OF AUSCHWITZ, THE	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.
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.
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.
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> .
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.
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.
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.
193		FREE FLAME, A	Priest, Ann-Marie	168 pages	Y	N	NF	'I need to be a writer,' Ruth Park told her future husband, D'Arcy Niland, on the eve of their marriage. 'That's what I need from life.' She was not the only one. At a time when women were considered incapable of being 'real' artists, a number of precocious girls in Australian cities were weighing their chances and laying their plans.
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.




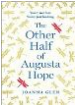


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195		TEACHER	Stroud, Gabbie	336 pages	Y	N	NF	In 2014, Gabrielle Stroud was a very dedicated teacher with over a decade of experience. Months later, she resigned in frustration and despair when she realised that the Naplan-test education model was stopping 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.
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.
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?
198		LOST MAN, THE	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.
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.
200		VAN APFEL GIRLS ARE GONE, THE	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.
201		CROSSING TO SAFETY	Stegner, Wallace	320 pages	N	N	F	Crossing to Safety tells an American tale of two couples who form a lifelong bond extending from the Great Depression to the 1970s. The couples meet in the English Department of the University of Wisconsin. A poignant and thoughtful reflection on the complex nature of the emotional web of human relationships.
202		HATE RACE, THE	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.




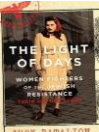

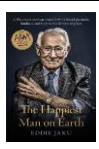

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203		LITTLE FIRES EVERYWHERE	Ng, Celeste	388 pages	N	Y	F	From the bestselling author of <i>Everything I never told you</i> , a riveting story that traces the intertwined fates of the picture-perfect Richardson family and the enigmatic mother and daughter 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.
204		COURT REPORTER, THE	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.
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.
206		UNLIKE THE HEART	Redhouse, Nicola	296 pages	Y	N	NF	After the birth of her first child, Nicola Redhouse experiences an unrelenting anxiety that quickly overwhelms her. Her immense love for her child can't protect her from the dread that prevents her leaving the house, opening the mail, eating. In this compelling and insightful memoir, Nicola blends her personal experiences with the historical progression of psychoanalysis. In the end, much like in analysis, it is the careful act of narrative construction that yields the answers.
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.
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.
209		ACCIDENTAL TOUR GUIDE, THE	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.
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.
211		TEN DOORS DOWN	Tickner, Robert	243 pages	Y	N	B	The story of a federal minister's remarkable reunion with his birth parents. Robert Tickner had always known he was adopted, but had rarely felt much curiosity about his origins. Born in 1951, he had a happy childhood - raised by his loving adoptive parents, Bert and Gwen Tickner, in the small seaside town of Forster, New South Wales. He grew up to be a cheerful and confident young man with a fierce sense of social justice, and the desire and stamina to make political change.

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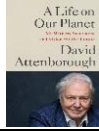





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212		WEEKEND, THE	Wood, Charlotte	214 pages	Y	Y	F	Four older women have a lifelong friendship of the best kind: loving, practical, frank and steadfast. But when Sylvie dies, the ground shifts dangerously for the remaining three. Can they survive together 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.
213		DICKENS BOY, THE	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.
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.
215		GIVER OF STARS, THE	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.
216		OTHER HALF OF AUGUSTA HOPE, THE	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.
217		WOMEN WITH SILVER WINGS, THE	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.
218		FOUR WINDS, THE	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.
219		ROSE CODE, THE	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.

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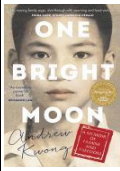
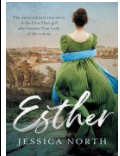
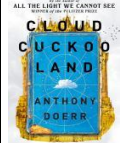
Kit No.		TITLE	AUTHOR	No. Pages	Australian?	Prize winner?	Fiction/ NF/ Bio	DESCRIPTION
220		KLARA AND THE SUN	Ishiguro, Kazuo	307 pages	N	N	F	This is the story of Klara, an Artificial Friend with outstanding observational qualities, who, from her place in the store, watches carefully the behaviour of 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.
221		MIDNIGHT LIBRARY, THE	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.
222		ROAD LESS TRAVELLED, THE	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.
223		LIGHT OF DAYS, THE	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.
224		VANISHING HALF, THE	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.
225		HAPPIEST MAN ON EARTH, THE	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.
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.



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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.
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.
229		FUNNY THING ABOUT NORMAN FOREMAN, THE	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.
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.
231		STILL LIFE	Winman, Sara	438	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.
232		VIOLETA	Allende, Isabel	320	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.
233		GREAT ALONE, THE	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.

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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.
235		ESTHER	North, Jessica	277 pages	Y	N	NF	Esther only just escaped the hangman in London. Ages 16, she stood trial at the Old Bailey for stealing 24 years 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.
236		CLOUD CUCKOO LAND	Doerr, Anthony	626	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.