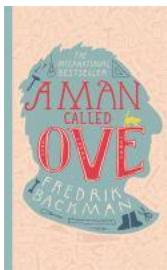


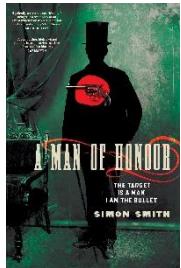
# Book Club List: November 2025



## A Man Called Ove by Fredrik Backman

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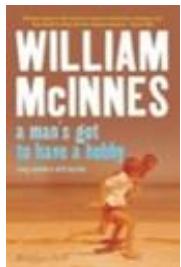
Fredrik Backman's *A Man Called Ove* is a heartwarming and humorous story about a gruff yet endearing man whose orderly, solitary life is disrupted when a lively young family moves in next door. Ove, known for his strict routines and sharp tongue, hides deep sorrow beneath his cranky exterior. As new friendships form—sparked by a crushed mailbox, a stray cat, and a series of unexpected events—Ove's world slowly opens up, revealing the tenderness and humanity behind his gruffness. The novel is a moving exploration of love, loss, community, and the quiet ways one person's life can transform many others.



## A Man Of Honour by Simon Smith

Kit # 130

Simon Smith's *A Man of Honour* is a lyrical historical novel that reimagines the life of Henry James O'Farrell, the Irish-born man who attempted to assassinate Prince Alfred, Duke of Edinburgh, in Sydney in 1868. The story explores O'Farrell's complex character—a sensitive, educated man torn between faith, family, patriotism, and loyalty to the Irish Fenian cause—while also struggling with mental illness and betrayal. Drawing from historical records, interviews, and court documents, Smith delves into the mind of a man caught between heroism and madness, raising timeless questions about conviction, identity, and the nature of honour.

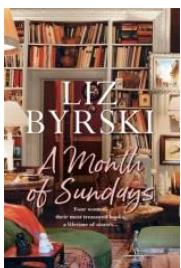


## A Man's Got To Have A Hobby by William McInnes

Kit # 38

A tail-end baby boomer, William McInnes recalls summer holidays that seemed to go on forever, when he and his mates would walk down to fish in the bay, a time when the Aussie battler stood as the local Labor candidate and watched out for his mates, and a time when the whole family would rush into the lounge room to watch a new commercial on TV. He writes about his father—a strong character who talks to the furniture, dances with William's mother in the kitchen, and spends his free time fixing up the house and doing the best for his family.

In William's writing you can hear his father speaking, listen to his mother singing, and his sisters and brothers talking in the yard. This is a book about people who aren't famous but should be. It's about cane toads, families love and hope and fear, laughter, death and life. Most of all, it is a realistic, down-to-earth book by a man who had a great time growing up. His warmth and humour come through on every page.

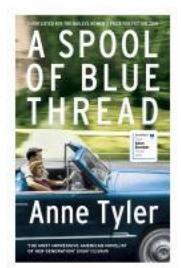


## A Month Of Sundays by Liz Byrski

Kit # 62

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...Determined to enjoy her imminent retirement, Adele invites her fellow bibliophiles to help her house-sit in the Blue Mountains. It's a tantalising opportunity to spend a month walking in the fresh air, napping by the fire and, of course, reading and talking about books. But these aren't just any books: each member has been asked to choose a book which will teach the others more about her. And with each woman facing a crossroads in her life, it turns out there's a lot for them to learn, not just about their fellow book-clubbers, but also about themselves.

Liz Byrski has written a beautiful novel about the joy and comfort reading a good book can bring to us all.

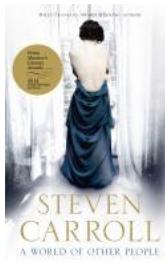


## A Spool Of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler

Kit # 28

*'It was a beautiful, breezy, yellow-and-green afternoon...'*

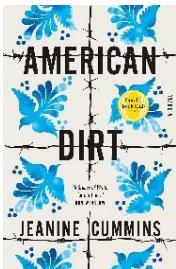
This is the way Abby Whitshank always begins the story of how she and Red fell in love that day in July 1959. The whole family on the porch, relaxed, half-listening as their mother tells the same tale they have heard so many times before. And yet this gathering is different. Abby and Red are getting older, and decisions must be made about how best to look after them and their beloved family home. They've all come, even Denny, who can usually be relied on only to please himself. From that porch we spool back through three generations of the Whitshanks, witnessing the events, secrets and unguarded moments that have come to define who and what they are. And while all families like to believe they are special, round that kitchen table over all those years we also see played out our own hopes and fears, rivalries and tensions – the essential nature of family life.



## A World Of Other People by Steve Carroll

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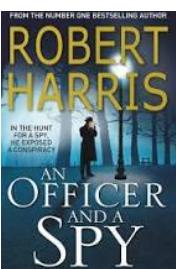
Set in 1941 during the Blitz, *A World of Other People* traces the love affair of Jim, an Australian pilot in Bomber Command, and Iris, a forthright Englishwoman finding her voice as a writer. The young couple, haunted by secrets and malign coincidence, struggles to build a future free of society's thin-lipped disapproval. The poet TS Eliot, with whom Iris shares fire watching duties, unwittingly seals their fate with his poem 'Little Gidding', one of the famous Four Quartets.



## American Dirt by Jeanine Cummins

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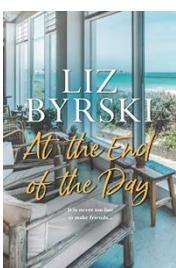
Jeanine Cummins's *American Dirt* follows Lydia Quixano Pérez, a bookstore owner in Acapulco, whose peaceful life shatters when her journalist husband publishes an exposé on Javier, the ruthless leader of a powerful drug cartel—and Lydia's charming customer. After her family is massacred in retaliation, Lydia and her eight-year-old son, Luca, flee north toward the United States. Their dangerous journey aboard *La Bestia*, the migrant train, brings them face to face with others escaping violence and despair. The novel is a gripping, emotional story of survival, motherhood, and the desperate hope for safety and freedom.



## An Officer And A Spy by Robert Harris

Kit # 11

Robert Harris's *An Officer and a Spy* retells the infamous Dreyfus Affair of late 19th-century France. When Jewish officer Alfred Dreyfus is wrongly convicted of treason and exiled to Devil's Island, intelligence officer Georges Picquart—initially convinced of Dreyfus's guilt—uncovers evidence suggesting the real spy remains free. As Picquart pursues the truth, he confronts corruption, deceit, and entrenched anti-Semitism within the French military and government. The novel vividly portrays a historic miscarriage of justice and explores themes of integrity, prejudice, and moral courage in the face of institutional betrayal.



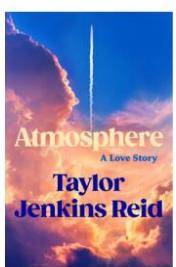
## At The End Of The Day by Liz Byrski

Kit # 100

When Mim Squires and Mathias Vander are stranded together on a disrupted flight home to Perth, they are surprised to find that they have much in common. Mim owns a bookshop, Mathias is a writer, and both are at turning points in their lives. Mim's childhood polio is taking a toll on her life. Mathias is contemplating a cross-continent move to be nearer his daughter.

But life back in Perth is not smooth sailing, with their respective family members going through their own upheavals. As Mim and Mathias both struggle to adjust to the challenges of being in their late seventies, secrets from the past that neither wishes to face rise to the surface, challenging their long-held beliefs in their independence and singularity.

At the end of the day, can they muster the wisdom and the courage they need to change?



## Atmosphere by Taylor Jenkins Reid

NEW

Kit # 147

Joan Goodwin has been obsessed with the stars for as long as she can remember. Thoughtful and reserved, Joan is content with her life as a professor of physics and astronomy at Rice University and as aunt to her precocious niece, Frances. That is, until she comes across an advertisement seeking the first women scientists to join NASA's space shuttle program. Suddenly, Joan burns to be one of the few people to go to space.

Then, in December of 1984, on mission STS-LR9, it all changes in an instant.

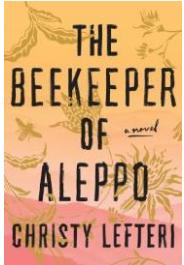
Fast-paced, thrilling, and emotional, *Atmosphere* is Taylor Jenkins Reid at her best: transporting readers to iconic times and places, creating complex protagonists, and telling a passionate and soaring story about the transformative power of love—this time among the stars.



## Becoming by Michelle Obama

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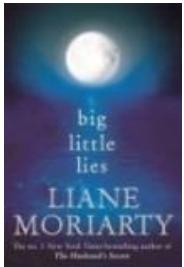
Michelle Obama's memoir traces her journey from a childhood on Chicago's South Side to life as First Lady of the United States. She reflects on her experiences balancing career, family, and public life, sharing both triumphs and challenges with honesty and humour. Through stories of her upbringing, professional growth, and time in the White House, Michelle explores themes of identity, resilience, and purpose, offering a deeply personal and inspiring account of a life lived with determination, integrity, and grace.



## The Beekeeper Of Aleppo by Christy Lefteri

Kit # 90

Nuri, a beekeeper, and his wife Afra, an artist who has been blinded by the horrors of war, are forced to flee their home in Aleppo. They undertake a dangerous journey through Turkey and Greece toward an uncertain future in Britain. Guided by hope and the promise of reunion with Nuri's cousin Mustafa, who has built a new life for refugees in Yorkshire, they confront immense loss, peril, and the challenge of rebuilding their lives. This moving novel explores love, resilience, and the enduring strength of the human spirit amid unimaginable hardship.



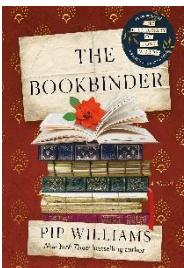
## Big Little Lies by Liane Moriarty

Kit # 26

Big Little Lies follows three women, each at a crossroads:  
'I guess it started with the mothers.'  
'It was all just a terrible misunderstanding.'  
'I'll tell you exactly why it happened.'

Pirriwee Public's annual school Trivia Night has ended in a shocking riot. One parent is dead. Was it murder, a tragic accident...or something else entirely? Big Little Lies is a funny, heartbreaking, challenging story of ex-husbands and second wives, new friendships, old betrayals and schoolyard politics.

No. 1 New York Times bestselling author Liane Moriarty turns her unique gaze on the dangerous little lies we tell ourselves every day and what really goes on behind closed suburban doors. Let me be clear. This is not a circus. This is a murder investigation.



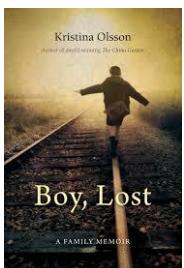
## The Bookbinder Of Jericho by Pip Williams

Kit # 113

A young British woman working in a book bindery gets a chance to pursue knowledge and love when World War I upends her life--an exquisite novel from the New York Times bestselling author of the Reese's Book Club pick *The Dictionary of Lost Words*.

It is 1914, and as the war draws the young men of Britain away to fight, women must keep the nation running. Two of those women are Peggy and Maude, twin sisters who live on a narrowboat in Oxford and work in the bindery at the university press.

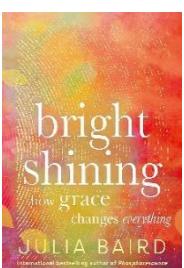
*The Bookbinder of Jericho* is a story about knowledge--who creates it, who can access it, and what truths get lost in the process. Much as she did in the international bestseller *The Dictionary of Lost Words*, Pip Williams thoughtfully explores another rarely seen slice of history through women's eyes.



## Boy, Lost by Kristina Olsson

Kit # 1

Kristina Olsson's *Boy, Lost* recounts the true story of her mother, Yvonne, whose infant son Peter was taken from her in 1950 as she fled an abusive marriage. Separated for nearly 40 years, Yvonne lived with enduring grief and guilt, which deeply affected her later family—including Kristina, who grew up unaware of the tragedy's full cause. The book explores how this loss shaped multiple generations, tracing the lasting effects of trauma, memory, and love on both mother and son as they lived parallel lives marked by longing and resilience.



## Bright Shining: How Grace Changes Everything by Julia Baird

Kit # 132

Julia Baird explores the concept of grace—its meaning, its rarity, and its power to transform human relationships. She defines grace as the ability to forgive, show compassion, and extend love even where it seems undeserved, contrasting it with karma's notion of getting what one deserves. In a world fragmented by distrust, polarization, and judgment, Baird examines how grace can be recognised, nurtured, and expressed in everyday life. The book offers a reflective and inspiring guide to cultivating kindness, empathy, and humanity even in challenging times.



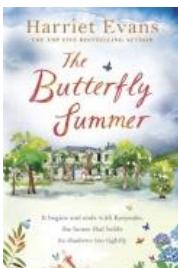
## Burial Rites by Hannah Kent

Kit # 2

A brilliant literary debut, inspired by a true story: the final days of a young woman accused of murder in Iceland in 1829.

Set against Iceland's stark landscape, Hannah Kent brings to vivid life the story of Agnes, who, charged with the brutal murder of her former master, is sent to an isolated farm to await execution. Horrified at the prospect of housing a convicted murderer, the family at first avoids Agnes. Only Tóti, a priest Agnes has mysteriously chosen to be her spiritual guardian, seeks to understand her. But as Agnes's death looms, the farmer's wife and their daughters learn there is another side to the sensational story they've heard.

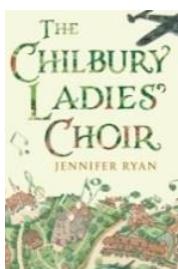
Riveting and rich with lyricism, *BURIAL RITES* evokes a dramatic existence in a distant time and place, and asks the question, how can one woman hope to endure when her life depends upon the stories told by others?



## The Butterfly Summer by Harriet Evans

Kit # 33

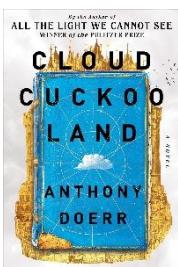
Harriet Evans is the Sunday Times bestselling author of *A Place for Us* and *The Butterfly Summer* is her must-share new novel about *Keepsake*, a house in Cornwall that comes with a family legacy every bit as full of danger as it is of wonder. Fans of Kate Morton and Jojo Moyes will love this book.



## The Chilbury Ladies' Choir by Jennifer Ryan

Kit # 54

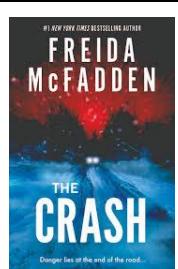
Set in England during the early days of World War II, the novel follows Primrose Trent, a music professor who inspires the women of Chilbury to continue singing despite the men's absence, forming "The Chilbury Ladies' Choir." Told through letters and journals, the story explores the lives of diverse women—widows, young lovers, refugees, and schemers—as they navigate love, loss, secrets, and personal growth. Their shared music becomes a source of strength and community, uplifting them individually and collectively amid the hardships of war. The novel is a heartwarming, poignant celebration of resilience, camaraderie, and the enduring spirit of women on the home front.



## Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr

Kit # 105

*Cloud Cuckoo Land* weaves together stories across time and space, connecting characters from 15th-century Constantinople, present-day Idaho, and a future yet to come. Each character—a seamstress and a cursed boy, a young idealist, and a girl trying to save her community—faces extraordinary challenges, finding hope, courage, and purpose through an ancient text that links them. The novel celebrates the power of storytelling, resilience, and human connection, showing how stories endure even when the world around us falls apart.

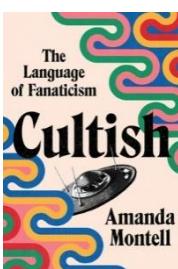


## The Crash by Freida McFadden

NEW

Kit # 138

Eight months pregnant and desperate to escape her troubled life, Tegan sets out to stay with her brother—but a blizzard strands her in rural Maine. Injured and stranded, she is rescued by a seemingly kind couple who offer her shelter in their cabin. As time passes, Tegan realizes the refuge is far more dangerous than it appeared. Trapped and facing grave peril, she must fight to protect herself and her unborn child. This suspenseful thriller explores survival, motherhood, and the terrifying consequences of misplaced trust.



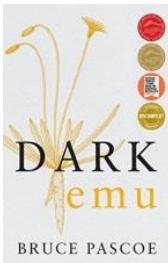
## Cultish: The Language Of Fanaticism by Amanda Montell

Kit # 128

What makes "cults" so intriguing and frightening? What makes them powerful?

The reason why so many of us binge Manson documentaries by the dozen and fall down rabbit holes researching suburban moms gone QAnon is because we're looking for a satisfying explanation for what causes people to join—and more importantly, stay in—extreme groups. We secretly want to know: could it happen to me? Amanda Montell's argument is that, on some level, it already has . . .

In *Cultish*, Montell argues that the key to manufacturing intense ideology, community, and us/them attitudes all comes down to language. In both positive ways and shadowy ones, cultish language is something we hear—and are influenced by—every single day.

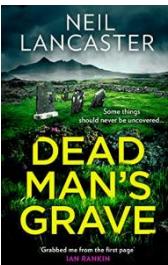


## Dark Emu by Bruce Pascoe

Kit # 83

Dark Emu puts forward an argument for a reconsideration of the hunter-gatherer tag for precolonial Aboriginal Australians. The evidence insists that Aboriginal people right across the continent were using domesticated plants, sowing, harvesting, irrigating and storing – behaviours inconsistent with the hunter-gatherer tag.

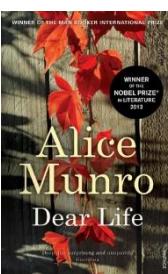
Gerritsen and Gammie in their latest books support this premise but Pascoe takes this further and challenges the hunter-gatherer tag as a convenient lie. Almost all the evidence comes from the records and diaries of the Australian explorers, impeccable sources



## Dead Man's Grave by Neil Lancaster

Kit # 102

When the head of Scotland's most powerful crime family is brutally murdered and dumped in an ancient grave, detectives Max Craigie and Janie Calder investigate a small town filled with secrets. The murder is part of a centuries-old blood feud, and as killings continue, the detectives uncover widespread corruption within the Scottish Police Service. Racing against time and betrayal, Max and Janie must navigate dangerous loyalties to solve a case that threatens not only justice, but their own lives.



## Dear Life by Alice Munro

Kit # 129

Alice Munro's *Dear Life* is a collection of stories that explore moments of change, chance encounters, and the unpredictable twists of ordinary life. Set largely in small Canadian towns, the stories follow characters navigating love, loss, and personal transformation—from a poet traveling across the continent to a soldier whose return from war leads him onto an unexpected path. The collection concludes with four semi-autobiographical pieces reflecting on Munro's own childhood, offering intimate insight into her life. With clarity, emotional depth, and masterful storytelling, Munro illuminates the strangeness and beauty of everyday existence.

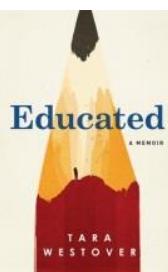


## The Dry by Jane Harper

Kit # 34

*Luke Hadler turns a gun on his wife and child, then himself. The farming community of Kiewarra is facing life and death choices daily. If one of their own broke under the strain, well...*

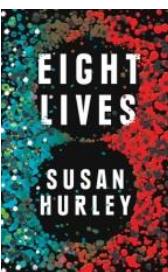
When Federal Police investigator Aaron Falk returns to Kiewarra for the funerals, he is loath to confront the people who rejected him twenty years earlier. But when his investigative skills are called on, the facts of the Hadler case start to make him doubt this murder-suicide charge. And as Falk probes deeper into the killings, old wounds start bleeding into fresh ones. For Falk and his childhood friend Luke shared a secret... A secret Falk thought long-buried... A secret which Luke's death starts to bring to the surface.



## Educated by Tara Westover

Kit # 79

Tara Westover grew up isolated in rural Idaho, raised by survivalist parents who shunned hospitals and formal education. Despite physical danger, strict beliefs, and a violent brother, she taught herself enough to attend Brigham Young University, later studying at Harvard and Cambridge. *\*Educated\** chronicles her journey from isolation to academic achievement, exploring the challenges of self-invention, the tension between family loyalty and personal growth, and the transformative power of education to offer perspective, freedom, and the courage to change one's life.



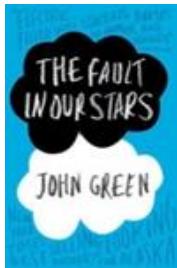
## Eight Lives by Susan Hurley

Kit # 80

A brilliant young doctor is dead ... and someone has to take the blame.

Former refugee David Tran becomes the Golden Boy of Australian medical research and invents a drug that could transform immunology. Eight volunteers are recruited for the first human trial, a crucial step on the path to global fame for David and windfall gains for his investors. But when David dies in baffling circumstances, motives are put under the microscope.

With its origins in a real-life drug trial that ended in tragedy, *EIGHT LIVES* is told from the perspectives of David's friends, family and business associates, who all played a role in his downfall.

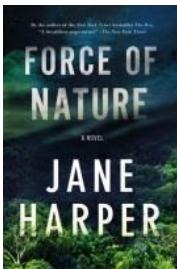


### The Fault In Our Stars by John Green

Kit # 70

Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten.

Insightful, bold, irreverent, and raw, *The Fault in Our Stars* is award-winning author John Green's most ambitious and heartbreaking work yet, brilliantly exploring the funny, thrilling, and tragic business of being alive and in love.



### Force Of Nature by Jane Harper

Kit # 57

Five women reluctantly pick up their backpacks and start walking along the muddy track. Only four come out the other side.

The hike through the rugged Giralang Ranges is meant to take the office colleagues out of their air-conditioned comfort zone and teach resilience and team building. At least that is what the corporate retreat website advertises.

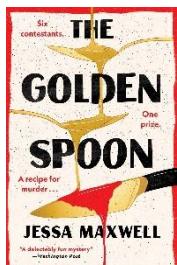
Federal Police Agent Aaron Falk has a particularly keen interest in the whereabouts of the missing bushwalker. Alice Russell is the whistle blower in his latest case - in just a matter of days she was to provide the documents that will bring down the company she works for. Falk discovers that far from the hike encouraging teamwork, the women tell a tale of suspicion, violence and disintegrating trust. But does it include murder?



### Freedom by Jonathan Franzen

Kit # 118

In his first novel since *The Corrections*, Jonathan Franzen has given us an epic of contemporary love and marriage. *Freedom* comically and tragically captures the temptations and burdens of liberty: the thrills of teenage lust, the shaken compromises of middle age, the wages of suburban sprawl, the heavy weight of empire. In charting the mistakes and joys of *Freedom*'s characters as they struggle to learn how to live in an ever more confusing world, Franzen has produced an indelible and deeply moving portrait of our time.



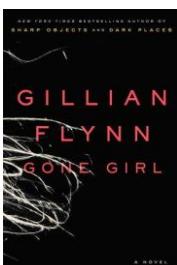
### The Golden Spoon by Jessa Maxwell

Kit # 123

Every summer for the past ten years, six awe-struck bakers have descended on the grounds of Grafton, the leafy and imposing Vermont estate that is not only the filming site for "Bake Week" but also the childhood home of the show's famous host, celebrated baker Betsy Martin.

The author of numerous best-selling cookbooks and hailed as "America's Grandmother," Betsy Martin isn't as warm off-screen as on, although no one needs to know that but her. She has always demanded perfection, and gotten it with a smile, but this year something is off. Things go awry as the baking competition begins.

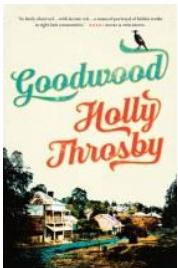
At first, it's merely sabotage—sugar replaced with salt, a burner turned too high—but when a body is discovered, everyone is a suspect.



### Gone Girl by Gillian Flynn

Kit # 3

On a warm summer morning in North Carthage, Missouri, it is Nick and Amy Dunne's fifth wedding anniversary. Presents are being wrapped and reservations are being made when Nick's clever and beautiful wife disappears from their rented McMansion on the Mississippi River. Husband-of-the-Year Nick isn't doing himself any favours with cringe-worthy daydreams about the slope and shape of his wife's head, but passages from Amy's diary reveal the alpha-girl perfectionist could have put anyone dangerously on edge. Under mounting pressure from the police and the media--as well as Amy's fiercely doting parents--the town golden boy parades an endless series of lies, deceits, and inappropriate behaviour. Nick is oddly evasive, and he's definitely bitter--but is he really a killer? As the cops close in, every couple in town is soon wondering how well they know the one that they love. With his twin sister Margo, at his side, Nick stands by his innocence. Trouble is, if Nick didn't do it, where is that beautiful wife? And what was in that silvery gift box hidden in the back of her bedroom closet.



## Goodwood by Holly Throsby

Kit # 53

Goodwood is a small town where everyone knows everything about everyone. It's a place where it's impossible to keep a secret.

In 1992, when Jean Brown is seventeen, a terrible thing happens, two terrible things. Rosie White, the coolest girl in town, vanishes overnight. One week later, Goodwood's most popular resident, Bart McDonald, sets off on a fishing trip and never comes home. People die in Goodwood, of course, but never like this. They don't just disappear. As the intensity of speculation about the fates of Rosie and Bart heightens, Jean, who is keeping secrets of her own, and the rest of Goodwood are left reeling.

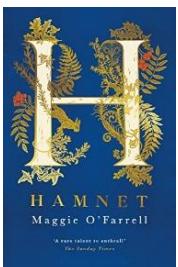
Rich in character and complexity, its humour both droll and tender, *Goodwood* is a compelling ride into a small community, torn apart by dark rumours and mystery.



## H Is For Hawk by Helen Macdonald

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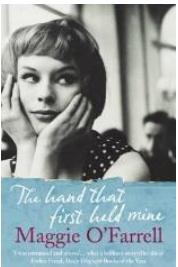
After the sudden death of her father, Helen Macdonald turns to falconry to cope with her grief, training a wild goshawk named Mabel. Drawing inspiration from T.H. White's *The Goshawk*, she immerses herself in the hawk's fierce and untamed nature, finding parallels between its temperament and her own emotional turmoil. Blending memoir, nature writing, and literary reflection, *H is for Hawk* explores loss, obsession, and the transformative power of connecting with the natural world.



## Hamnet by Maggie O'Farrell

Kit # 86

Set in 1580s Warwickshire, *Hamnet* tells the story of Shakespeare's family, focusing on the life and loss of his son, Hamnet. Through the eyes of Agnes, a woman feared and admired for her unusual gifts, the novel explores family, love, and grief as she navigates life with her husband and three children. When Hamnet dies at age eleven, the tragedy reverberates through the family and ultimately inspires the creation of Shakespeare's play *Hamlet*. O'Farrell's novel vividly brings to life the untold story of a mother's grief and gives voice to a historically overlooked woman.

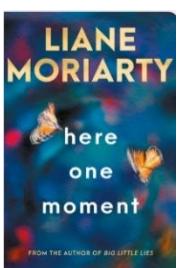


## The Hand That First Held Mine by Maggie O'Farrell

Kit # 60

When the sophisticated Innes Kent turns up on her doorstep, Lexie Sinclair realises she cannot wait any longer for her life to begin, and leaves for London. There, at the heart of the 1950s Soho art scene, she carves out a new life. In the present day, Elina and Ted are reeling from the difficult birth of their first child. Elina struggles to reconcile the demands of motherhood with her sense of herself as an artist, and Ted is disturbed by memories of his own childhood that don't tally with his parents' version of events.

As Ted begins to search for answers, an extraordinary portrait of two women is revealed, separated by fifty years, but connected in ways that neither could ever have expected.



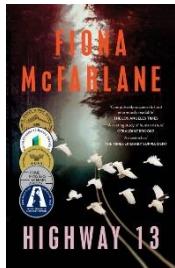
## Here One Moment by Liane Moriarty

Kit # 136

If you knew when you were going to die, what would you do differently?

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. But almost all of them will be changed forever. Because 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. A brilliantly constructed story that looks at free will and destiny, grief and love, and the endless struggle to maintain certainty and control in an uncertain world.

Liane Moriarty is a modern-day Jane Austen who humorously skewers social mores while spinning a web of mystery and asking profound, universal questions.

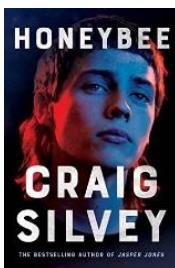


## Highway 13 by Fiona McFarlane

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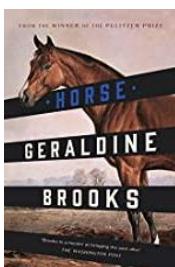
Fiona McFarlane's *Highway Thirteen* is a gripping and enigmatic collection of linked short stories that traces the far-reaching effects of a serial killer's crimes on everyday lives. Beginning with the arrest of an ostensibly ordinary Australian man in 1998, the stories explore how his acts of violence reshape personal histories, ripple into the future through true crime media, and reverberate across continents—from Australia to Texas and Rome. McFarlane examines the costs of such atrocities, the tension between public fascination and private grief, and the ethical challenges of telling these stories without glorifying the killer. The collection is an entrancing meditation on loss, community, and the power of storytelling.



## Honeybee by Craig Silvey

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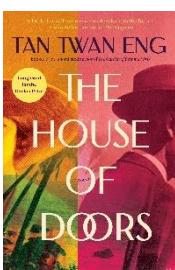
On a quiet overpass, fourteen-year-old Sam Watson and an elderly man, Vic, meet in a moment of shared despair, forming an unlikely friendship that will change both their lives. As the story unfolds, readers discover the hardships and traumas that brought them to that bridge. Set against a backdrop of petty crime, daring rescues, and colourful characters, *Honeybee* follows Sam—a resilient, solitary teen navigating family loyalty, identity, and personal growth. This tender, life-affirming novel explores hope, redemption, and the delicate balance between holding on and letting go.



## Horse by Geraldine Brooks

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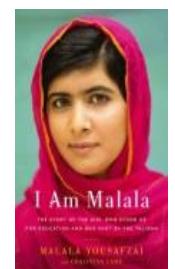
A discarded painting in a junk pile, a skeleton in an attic, and the greatest racehorse in American history: from these strands, a Pulitzer Prize winner braids a sweeping story of spirit, obsession, and injustice across American history. Based on the remarkable true story of the record-breaking thoroughbred Lexington, *Horse* is a novel of art and science, love and obsession, and our unfinished reckoning with racism.



## House Of Doors by Tan Twan Eng

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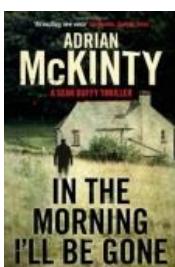
Set in 1921 Penang, *The Letter Writer* follows Lesley Hamlyn and her husband Robert, a lawyer and war veteran, living at Cassowary House. Their lives are disrupted when famed novelist W. Somerset Maugham arrives with his secretary, Gerald. Struggling with his hidden sexuality, a failing marriage, and dwindling career, Maugham seeks inspiration for his next work. As he befriends Lesley, he uncovers secrets of her past—including ties to Chinese revolutionary Dr. Sun Yat Sen—and discovers a tale of love, betrayal, and scandal that surpasses anything he could have imagined. This richly layered novel explores colonialism, personal ambition, and the redemptive power of storytelling.



## I am Malala by Malala Yousafzai

Kit # 71

I Am Malala is the remarkable tale of a family uprooted by global terrorism, of the fight for girls' education, of a father who, himself a school owner, championed and encouraged his daughter to write and attend school, and of brave parents who have a fierce love for their daughter in a society that prizes sons.

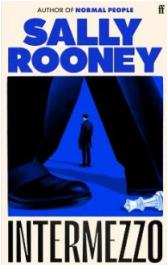


## In The Morning I'll Be Gone by Adrian McKinty

Kit # 73

A spectacular escape and a man-hunt that could change the future of a nation - and lay one man's past to rest. Sean Duffy's got nothing. And when you've got nothing to lose, you have everything to gain. So when MI5 come knocking, Sean knows exactly what they want, and what he'll want in return, but he hasn't got the first idea how to get it. Of course he's heard about the spectacular escape of IRA man Dermot McCann from Her Majesty's Maze prison. And he knew, with chilly certainty that their paths would cross. But finding Dermot leads Sean to an old locked room mystery, and into the kind of danger where you can lose as easily as winning.

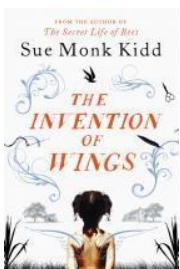
From old betrayals and ancient history to 1984's most infamous crime, Sean tries not to fall behind in the race to annihilation. Can he outrun the most skilled terrorist the IRA ever created? And will the past catch him first?



## Intermezzo by Sally Rooney

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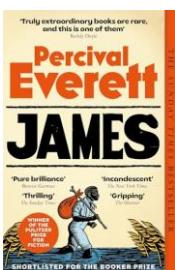
Aside from the fact that they are brothers, Peter and Ivan Koubek seem to have little in common. Peter is a Dublin lawyer in his thirties—successful, competent and apparently unassailable. But in the wake of their father's death, he's medicating himself to sleep and struggling to manage his relationships with two very different women—his enduring first love Sylvia, and Naomi, a college student for whom life is one long joke. Ivan is a twenty-two-year-old competitive chess player. He has always seen himself as socially awkward, a loner, the antithesis of his glib elder brother. Now, in the early weeks of his bereavement, Ivan meets Margaret, an older woman emerging from her own turbulent past, and their lives become rapidly and intensely intertwined. 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.



## The Invention Of Wings by Sue Monk Kidd

Kit # 29

\*The Invention of Wings\* is a sweeping, powerful novel set in the nineteenth-century American South, inspired by real events. It tells the story of two extraordinary women: Sarah Grimké, a middle daughter of a prominent family, and Hetty "Handful" Grimké, a young enslaved girl given to Sarah as a gift on her eleventh birthday. Their intertwined lives explore the stark contrasts of a society rife with cruelty and injustice, while also celebrating resilience, friendship, and the courage it takes to fight for freedom and equality. The novel is a vivid, emotionally rich portrait of the human spirit and the bonds that sustain it.



## James by Percival Everett

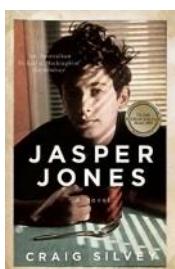
NEW

Kit # 146

A brilliant reimagining of Adventures of Huckleberry Finn—both harrowing and satirical—told from the enslaved Jim's point of view.

When Jim overhears that he is about to be sold to a man in New Orleans, separated from his wife and daughter forever, he runs away until he can formulate a plan. Meanwhile, Huck has faked his own death to escape his violent father. As all readers of American literature know, thus begins the dangerous and transcendent journey by raft down the Mississippi River toward the elusive and unreliable promise of the Free States and beyond.

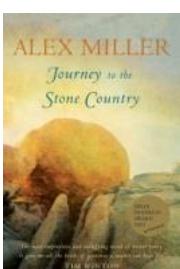
Brimming with nuanced humour and lacerating observations that have made Everett a literary icon, this brilliant and tender novel radically illuminates Jim's agency, intelligence, and compassion as never before. James is destined to be a major publishing event and a cornerstone of twenty-first-century American literature.



## Jasper Jones by Craig Silvey

Kit # 41

Set in a small Australian mining town in 1965, \*Jasper Jones\* follows thirteen-year-old Charlie Bucktin, a curious and bookish boy, whose life is upended when Jasper Jones, a rebellious and mixed-race outcast, enlists his help one hot summer night. Jasper brings Charlie to a hidden glade where a shocking secret awaits, thrusting Charlie into a web of fear, suspicion, and moral complexity. As Charlie navigates tense family dynamics, first love, and the pressures of friendship, he grapples with the difficulty of discerning truth from falsehood. In this coming-of-age story, Silvey explores courage, prejudice, and the painful lessons of growing up in a town gripped by fear.

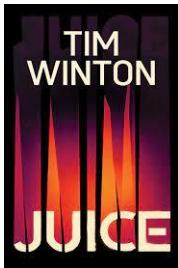


## Journey To The Stone Country by Alex Miller

Kit # 42

Betrayed by her husband, Annabelle Beck retreats from Melbourne to her old family home in tropical North Queensland where she meets Bo Rennie, one of the Jangga tribe. Intrigued by Bo's claim that he holds the key to her future, Annabelle sets out with him on a path of recovery that leads back to her childhood and into the Jangga's ancient heartland, where their grandparents' lives begin to yield secrets that will challenge the possibility of their happiness together. With the consummate artistry of a novelist working at the height of his powers, Miller convinces us that the stone country is not only a remote and exotic location in North Queensland, but is also an unvisited place within each of us.

Journey to the Stone Country confirms Miller's reputation as one of Australia's most intelligent and uncompromising writers.



## Juice by Tim Winton

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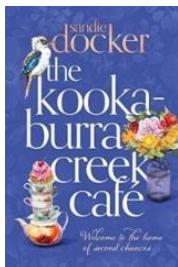
Kit # 142

An epic novel of determination, survival, and the limits of the human spirit. This is Tim Winton as you've never read him before.

Two fugitives, a man and a child, drive all night across a stony desert. As dawn breaks, they roll into an abandoned mine site. From the vehicle they survey a forsaken place – middens of twisted iron, rusty wire, piles of sun-baked trash. They're exhausted, traumatised, desperate now. But as a refuge, this is the most promising place they've seen. The child peers at the field of desolation. The man thinks to himself, this could work.

Problem is, they're not alone.

So begins a searing, propulsive journey through a life whose central challenge is not simply a matter of survival, but of how to maintain human decency as everyone around you falls ever further into barbarism.



## The Kookaburra Creek Café by Sandie Docker

Kit # 61

**THE PAST:** For Hattie, the cafe has been her refuge for the last fifty years – her second chance at a happy ending after her dreams of being a star were shattered. But will the ghosts of her past succeed in destroying everything she's worked so hard to build?

**THE PRESENT:** For Alice, the cafe is her livelihood. After Hattie took her in as a teenager, Alice has slowly forged a quiet life as the cafe's manager (and chief cupcake baker). But with so many tragedies behind her, is it too late for Alice's story to have a happy ending?

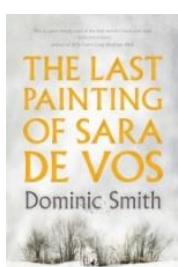
**THE FUTURE:** For Becca, a teenager in trouble, the cafe could be the new start she yearns for. That is, if she can be persuaded to stop running from her secrets. Can Becca find a way to believe in the kindness of strangers, and accept that this small town could be the place where she finally belongs? One small town. Three lost women. And a lifetime of secrets.



## Lady In Waiting by Anne Glenconner

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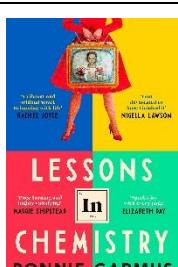
Lady in Waiting is Anne Glenconner's candid memoir of life at the heart of the British royal circle. As Princess Margaret's lady-in-waiting and lifelong confidante, she shares intimate royal stories alongside her personal struggles, including a thwarted first engagement, a turbulent 54-year marriage, and the loss and trauma of her children. The book is a moving reflection on resilience, loyalty, and navigating privilege, heartbreak, and societal expectations.



## The Last Painting Of Sara De Vos by Dominic Smith

Kit # 45

The Last Painting of Sara de Vos\* intertwines past and present in a story of art, ambition, and deception. It follows Sara de Vos, the first female master painter of the Dutch Golden Age, her sole surviving painting, and the ripple effects of its forgery decades later. When an Australian grad student creates a copy in 1950s New York, the consequences echo into the present as she curates an exhibition of female Dutch painters. Dominic Smith's novel explores the power of art, the complexities of creative life, and how past deceptions shape the present.

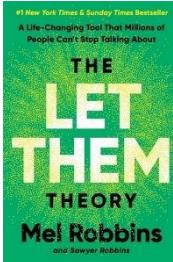


## Lessons In Chemistry by Bonnie Garmus

Kit # 120

Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing. But 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, the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with - of all things - her mind. True chemistry results. Like science, life is unpredictable. Which is why a few years later, Elizabeth Zott finds herself not only a single mother, but the reluctant star of America's most beloved cooking show, Supper at Six.

Elizabeth's unusual approach to cooking ('combine one tablespoon acetic acid with a pinch of sodium chloride') proves revolutionary. But as her following grows, not everyone is happy. Because as it turns out, Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. She's daring them to change the status quo.



## The Let Them Theory by Mel Robbins

NEW

Kit # 150

*The Let Them Theory* by Mel Robbins teaches that the key to happiness, success, and love lies in letting go of the power we give to others. By adopting the simple mantra “Let Them,” readers can free themselves from the opinions, judgments, and drama of those around them. Robbins provides practical guidance, relatable stories, and insights from psychology, neuroscience, and personal experience to help people focus on what truly matters—their own goals, happiness, and life.



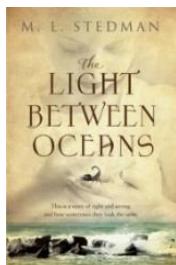
## The Librarian Of Saint-Malo by Mario Escobar

Kit # 103

Libraries are being ransacked. France is torn apart by war. A French librarian is determined to resist. Told through smuggled letters to an author, an ordinary librarian describes the brutal Nazi occupation of her small coastal village and the extraordinary measures she takes to fight back.

Saint-Malo, France: August 1939. Jocelyn and Antoine are childhood sweethearts, but just after they marry, Antoine is drafted to fight against Germany. As World War II rages, Jocelyn uses her position as a librarian in her town of Saint-Malo to comfort and encourage her community with books.

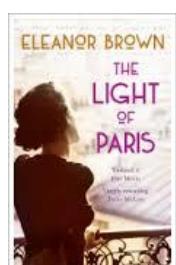
Jocelyn's mission unfolds in her letters: to protect the people of Saint-Malo and the books they hold so dear. Mario Escobar brings to life the occupied city in sweeping and romantic prose, re-creating the history of those who sacrificed all to care for the people they loved.



## The Light Between Oceans by M L Stedman

Kit # 4

*The Light Between Oceans* by M. L. Stedman follows Tom Sherbourne, a lighthouse keeper on a remote Australian island, and his wife, Isabel. After years of heartbreak and failed pregnancies, the couple discover a boat washed ashore carrying a dead man and a living baby. In their grief, they decide to raise the child as their own, a choice that brings them joy but later devastating moral consequences when they return to the mainland and learn the truth about the child's origins. The novel is a poignant exploration of love, loss, and the painful complexity of doing what is right.



## The Light Of Paris by Eleanor Brown

Kit # 55

Madeleine is trapped – by her family's expectations, by her controlling husband – in an unhappy marriage and a life she never wanted. But when she finds a diary detailing her grandmother Margie's trip to Jazz Age Paris, she meets a woman she never knew: a dreamer who defied her strict family and spent a summer living on her own, and falling for a charismatic artist.

When Madeleine's marriage is threatened, she escapes to her hometown to stay with her disapproving mother. Shaken by the revelation of a family secret and inspired by her grandmother's bravery, Madeleine creates her own summer of joy. In reconnecting with her love of painting and cultivating a new circle of friends, the chance of a new life emerges – but will she be bold enough take it?

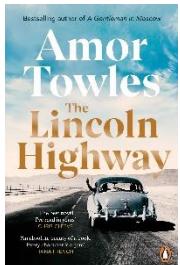


## Limberlost by Robbie Arnott

Kit # 107

In the heat of a long summer Ned hunts rabbits in a river valley, hoping the pelts will earn him enough money to buy a small boat. His two brothers are away at war, their whereabouts unknown. His father and older sister struggle to hold things together on the family orchard, Limberlost. Desperate to ignore it all—to avoid the future rushing towards him—Ned dreams of open water. As his story unfolds over the following decades, we see how Ned's choices that summer come to shape the course of his life, the fate of his family and the future of the valley, with its seasons of death and rebirth.

The third novel by the award-winning author of *Flames* and *The Rain Heron*, *Limberlost* is an extraordinary chronicle of life and land: of carnage and kindness, blood ties and love.



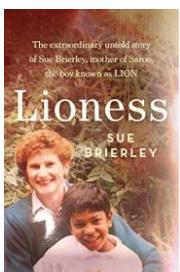
## The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles

Kit # 111

A stylish and propulsive novel set in 1950s America.

In June, 1954, eighteen-year-old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the work farm where he has just served a year for involuntary manslaughter. His mother long gone, his father recently deceased, and the family farm foreclosed upon by the bank, Emmett's intention is to pick up his eight-year-old brother and head west where they can start their lives anew. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends from the work farm have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future.

Spanning just ten days and told from multiple points of view, Towles's third novel will satisfy fans of his multi-layered literary styling while providing them an array of new and richly imagined settings, characters, and themes.

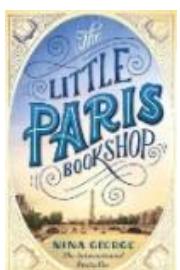


## Lioness by Sue Brierley

Kit # 96

Saroo Brierley's journey home to a small village in India with the help of Google Earth became an internationally bestselling book and inspired the major motion picture LION. But the story of how his adoptive mother, Sue, came into his life half a world away in Tasmania is every bit as riveting.

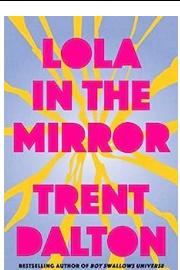
*Lioness* by Sue Brierley is a moving memoir that tells the story of her life as Saroo Brierley's adoptive mother. It explores her traumatic childhood, her decision to adopt Saroo and his brother Mantosh, and the challenges and rewards of motherhood. The book celebrates resilience, love, and the many ways families are formed, showing how perseverance and compassion can shape lives across continents.



## The Little Paris Bookshop by Nina George

Kit # 30

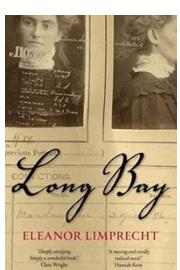
The Little Paris Bookshop follows Monsieur Perdu, a "literary apothecary" who runs a floating bookstore on the Seine, prescribing books to heal emotional wounds. While he helps others, Perdu struggles with his own heartbreak from a lost love. When he finally confronts her letter, he sets off on a journey through southern France with a blocked author and a lovelorn chef, sharing books and wisdom along the way. A warm and adventurous celebration of the power of stories to heal and transform lives.



## Lola In The Mirror by Trent Dalton

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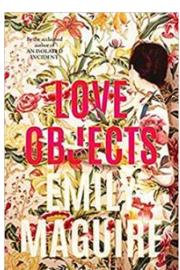
Lola in the Mirror tells the story of a nameless girl on the run with her mother, hiding from the law and a violent past while living on the streets of Brisbane. Haunted by visions of her future as a celebrated artist and a life beyond danger, she must confront her own identity to find Lola—the key to her dreams. Trent Dalton weaves a gripping, magical, and moving tale about survival, self-discovery, love, and the courage to face one's reflection and destiny.



## Long Bay by Eleanor Limprecht

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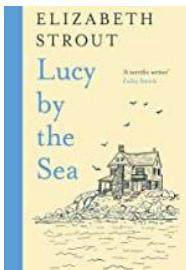
In 1909 Rebecca Sinclair was sent to Long Bay Women's Reformatory after she was convicted of manslaughter. A mother-of-three had died at her house after a botched abortion. Rebecca was sentenced to three years hard labour, but less than six months into her prison term she gave birth to a child, a girl, who she kept with her in prison.



## Love Objects by Emily Maguire

Kit # 99

This novel follows Nic, a quirky, eccentric hoarder whose life revolves around her collections, cats, and niece Lena. When Nic is found unconscious under a mountain of clutter, Lena and her brother take charge of cleaning her home, unintentionally stripping away Nic's sense of safety and autonomy. The story explores family bonds, individuality, and the tension between care and control, offering a compassionate, insightful look at the complexities of love, independence, and forgiveness.

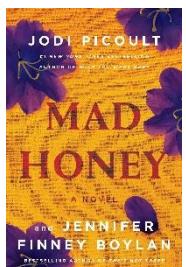


### **Lucy By The Sea** by Elizabeth Strout

Kit # 108

As a panicked world goes into lockdown, Lucy Barton is uprooted from her life in Manhattan and bundled away to a small town in Maine by her ex-husband and on-again, off-again friend, William. For the next several months, it's just Lucy, William, and their complex past together in a little house nestled against the moody, swirling sea.

Rich with empathy and emotion, *Lucy by the Sea* vividly captures the fear and struggles that come with isolation, as well as the hope, peace, and possibilities that those long, quiet days can inspire. At the heart of this story are the deep human connections that unite us even when we're apart--the pain of a beloved daughter's suffering, the emptiness that comes from the death of a loved one, the promise of a new friendship, and the comfort of an old, enduring love.



### **Mad Honey** by Jodi Picoult

Kit # 114

A soul-stirring novel about what we choose to keep from our past, and what we choose to leave behind.

Olivia McAfee knows what it feels like to start over. Her picture-perfect life—living in Boston, married to a brilliant cardiothoracic surgeon, raising a beautiful son, Asher—was upended when her husband revealed a darker side. She never imagined she would end up back in her sleepy New Hampshire hometown, living in the house she grew up in, and taking over her father's beekeeping business.

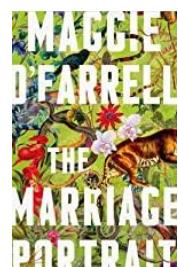


### **Mapp & Lucia** by E. F. Benson

Kit # 119

Subtly brilliant comedy of social rivalry between the wars. Emmeline Lucas (known universally to her friends as Lucia) is an arch-snob of the highest order. In *Miss Elizabeth Mapp of Mallards Lucia* meets her match. Ostensibly the most civil and genteel of society ladies, there is no plan too devious, no plot too cunning, no depths to which they would not sink, in order to win the battle for social supremacy.

Using as their deadly weapons garden parties, bridge evenings and charming teas, the two combatants strive to outcharm each other - and the whole of Tilling society - as they vie for the position of doyenne of the town.

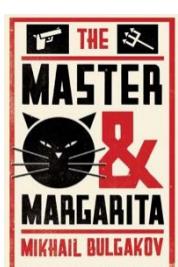


### **The Marriage Portrait** by Maggie O'Farrell

Kit # 110

The author of award-winning *Hamnet* brings the world of Renaissance Italy to jewel-bright life in this unforgettable fictional portrait of the captivating young duchess Lucrezia de' Medici as she makes her way in a troubled court.

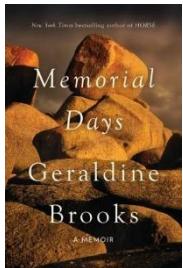
Full of the beauty and emotion with which she illuminated the Shakespearean canvas of *Hamnet*, Maggie O'Farrell turns her talents to Renaissance Italy in an extraordinary portrait of a resilient young woman's battle for her very survival.



### **The Master And Margarita** by Mikhail Bulgakov

Kit # 97

When a mysterious magician—the Devil—arrives in 1930s Moscow with his bizarre entourage, he unleashes chaos among the city's literary elite. His dark mischief intertwines with the story of the Master, a persecuted writer confined to an asylum, and his devoted lover, Margarita, who risks everything to save him. *The Master and Margarita* is a brilliant satire and profound exploration of love, faith, and the struggle between good and evil.



## Memorial Days by Geraldine Brooks

NEW

Kit # 139

A heartrending and beautiful memoir of sudden loss and a journey to peace, from the bestselling, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *Horse*

Many cultural and religious traditions expect those who are grieving to step away from the world. In contemporary life, we are more often met with red tape and to-do lists. This is exactly what happened to Geraldine Brooks when her partner of more than three decades, Tony Horwitz – just sixty years old and, to her knowledge, vigorous and healthy – collapsed and died on a Washington, D. C. sidewalk.

Three years later, she booked a flight to a remote island off the coast of Australia with the intention of finally giving herself the time to mourn. In a shack on a pristine, rugged coast she often went days without seeing another person. There, she pondered the various ways in which cultures grieve and what rituals of her own might help to rebuild a life around the void of Tony's death.

A spare and profoundly moving memoir that joins the classics of the genre, *Memorial Days* is a portrait of a larger-than-life man and a timeless love between souls that exquisitely captures the joy, agony, and mystery of life.

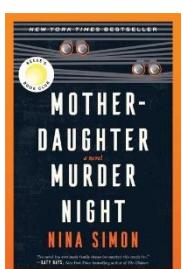


## Miss Benson's Beetle by Rachel Joyce

Kit # 94

Margery Benson's life ended the day her father walked out of his study and never came back. Forty years later, abandoning a dull job, she advertises for an assistant. The successful candidate is to accompany Margery on an expedition to the other side of the world to search for a beetle that may or may not exist. Enid Pretty is not who she had in mind. But together they will find themselves drawn into an adventure that exceeds all Margery's expectations, eventually finding new life at the top of a red mountain.

This is a story that is less about what can be found than the belief it might be found; it is an intoxicating adventure story and it is also a tender exploration of a friendship between two unforgettable women that defies all boundaries.

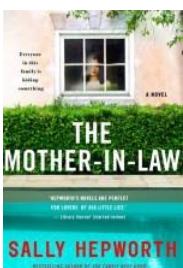


## Mother-Daughter Murder Night by Nina Simon

Kit # 134

A light-hearted whodunnit about a grandmother-mother-daughter trio of amateur sleuths. *Gilmore Girls*, but with murder.

Lana Rubicon, a high-powered Los Angeles real-estate mogul recently diagnosed with cancer, relocates to a remote coastal Californian town to recover with her daughter Beth and granddaughter Jack. When Jack stumbles upon a dead body while leading a kayak tour—and quickly becomes a murder suspect—Lana insists on proving her innocence. Alongside Beth and Jack, she dives into a dangerous investigation involving land disputes, community secrets and vendettas, forcing the three women to reconcile old rifts as they hunt for the truth together.

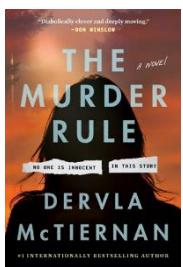


## The Mother-In-Law by Sally Hepworth

Kit # 74

From the moment Lucy met Diana, she was kept at arm's length. Diana is exquisitely polite, but Lucy knows, even after marrying Oliver, that they'll never have the closeness she'd been hoping for. But who could fault Diana? She was a pillar of the community, an advocate for social justice, the matriarch of a loving family. Lucy had wanted so much to please her new mother-in-law.

That was ten years ago. Now, Diana has been found dead, leaving a suicide note. But the autopsy reveals evidence of suffocation. And everyone in the family is hiding something...



## The Murder Rule by Dervla McTiernan

Kit # 98

First Rule: Make them like you.

Second Rule: Make them need you.

Third Rule: Make them pay.

They think I'm a young, idealistic law student, that I'm passionate about reforming a corrupt and brutal system.

They think I'm working hard to impress them.

They think I'm here to save an innocent man on death row.

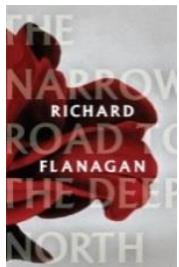
They're wrong. I'm going to bury him.



## My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante

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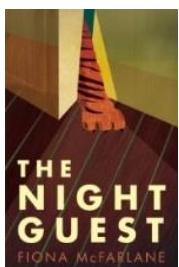
*My Brilliant Friend* by Elena Ferrante is the first book in a critically acclaimed trilogy that follows the lifelong friendship between Elena and Lila. Set in a working-class neighborhood in 1950s Naples, the novel traces their intertwined lives as they grow up amid poverty, social change, and personal ambition. Through richly drawn characters and vivid storytelling, Ferrante explores friendship, rivalry, and the ways individual destinies reflect broader societal transformations.



## The Narrow Road To The Deep North by Richard Flanagan

Kit # 5

Set against the backdrop of World War II, this powerful novel follows Australian doctor Dorrido Evans, who is haunted by memories of a doomed love affair and his harrowing experiences as a prisoner of war on the Thai–Burma Death Railway. Moving across decades and continents, the story explores love, guilt, survival, and the lasting scars of war. Deeply human and poetic, *The Narrow Road to the Deep North* is a meditation on the fragility of life and the haunting impossibility of love amid suffering.

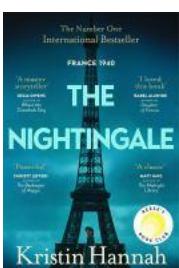


## The Night Guest by Fiona McFarlane

Kit # 6

Elderly widow Ruth lives alone in her seaside home when she begins hearing strange noises she believes come from a tiger prowling the house. Soon after, a mysterious woman named Frida arrives, claiming to be her government-assigned carer. As Frida settles in, Ruth's grasp on reality blurs—memories of her childhood in Fiji mix with growing doubts about Frida's intentions and her own sanity.

A haunting and lyrical debut, \*The Night Guest\* explores ageing, trust, memory, and the fragile boundaries between reality and imagination.

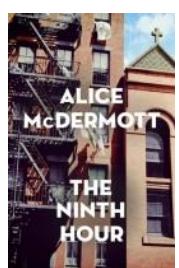


## The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah

Kit # 31

Bravery, courage, fear and love in a time of war. Despite their differences, Vianne and Isabelle have always been close. Younger, bolder Isabelle lives in Paris while Vianne is content with life in the French countryside with her husband Antoine and their child. But when the Second World War breaks out and Antoine is conscripted to fight, Isabelle is sent to the country by her father to help Vianne. As the war develops, the strength of the sisters' relationship is put to the test. With life changing, and confronted by unbelievable horrors, Vianne and Isabelle find themselves responding in ways they never thought possible, as bravery and resistance take differing forms for each of the two sisters.

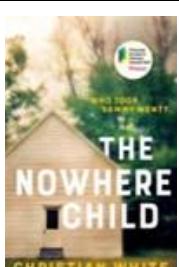
Vivid and exquisite in its illumination of a time and place defined by atrocity, but also humanity and courage, Kristin Hannah's novel will provoke thought and discussion after readers turn the final page.



## The Ninth Hour by Alice McDermott

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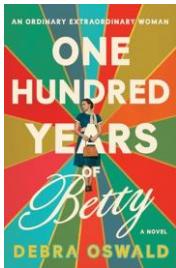
Set in early twentieth-century Brooklyn, \*The Ninth Hour\* follows the lives of an Irish-American widow, her daughter Sally, and the nuns who care for them after the death of Sally's father. His tragic suicide, though quietly buried by the Church and community, ripples through generations, shaping the lives of all who remain. Through acts of devotion, sacrifice, and love, McDermott paints a tender portrait of faith and forgiveness amid hardship. A deeply moving exploration of grace, shame, and the quiet endurance of women, \*The Ninth Hour\* is a luminous tale of humanity and redemption.



## The Nowhere Child by Christian White

Kit # 63

When Australian photography teacher Kim Leamy is told she may actually be Sammy Went—a girl who vanished from Kentucky 28 years ago—her life unravels. As she investigates her past, Kim travels to the U.S. and uncovers dark family secrets tied to a mysterious religious cult and a town haunted by loss and lies. Blending psychological suspense with emotional depth, *The Nowhere Child* is a gripping debut about identity, memory, and the buried truths that can destroy—or redefine—a life.



## One Hundred Years Of Betty by Debra Oswald

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Kit # 141

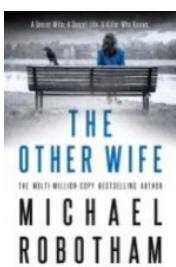
One Hundred Years of Betty follows Betty, born into poverty in pre-war London, as she migrates to Australia and navigates a life shaped by friendship, love, and historical upheaval. From the Blitz to women's liberation, the AIDS crisis, and international adventures, Betty fights for her place in the world, becoming a TV screenwriter and living life to the fullest. This is a sweeping saga of resilience, motherhood, and the family we choose.



## The Other Bridget by Rachael Johns

Kit # 127

"Bridget Jones—Australian style!" is a feelgood romantic comedy about Bridget, a hopelessly romantic librarian in Fremantle who believes everyone just needs the right book to fall in love. When flirtatious barista Fabio and grumpy neighbour Sully enter her life, Bridget tries to match them to the perfect novels—but soon discovers that love, like books, doesn't always follow the rules.

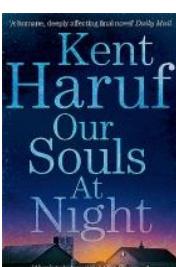


## The Other Wife by Michael Robotham

Kit # 66

Childhood sweethearts William and Mary have been married for sixty years. William is a celebrated surgeon, Mary a devoted wife. Both have a strong sense of right and wrong. This is what their son, Joe O'Loughlin, has always believed. But when Joe is summoned to the hospital with news that his father has been brutally attacked, his world is turned upside down. Who is the strange woman crying at William's bedside, covered in his blood - a friend, a mistress, a fantasist or a killer?

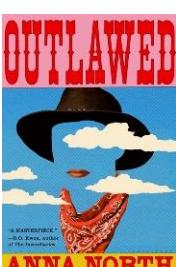
Against the advice of the police, Joe launches his own investigation. As he learns more, he discovers sides to his father he never knew - and is forcibly reminded that the truth comes at a price.



## Our Souls At Night by Kent Haruf

Kit # 47

In the small town of Holt, Colorado, widowed neighbors Addie Moore and Louis Waters defy loneliness—and small-town gossip—when Addie invites Louis to share her nights for companionship. As their quiet bond deepens, they rediscover love and connection in life's final chapter. *Our Souls at Night* is a tender, beautifully simple story of courage, intimacy, and second chances.

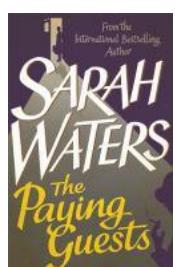


## Outlawed by Anna North

Kit # 93

The Crucible meets True Grit in this riveting adventure story of a fugitive girl, a mysterious gang of robbers, and their dangerous mission to transform the Wild West.

*Outlawed* follows 17-year-old Ada, who becomes a fugitive in 1894 after facing persecution for her barrenness. She joins the notorious Hole in the Wall Gang, led by the charismatic Kid, who dreams of a safe haven for outcast women. As the gang plots a dangerous plan, Ada must risk everything for a chance at freedom and a new future. This feminist-tinged Western is a thrilling tale of courage, survival, and hope.



## The Paying Guests by Sarah Waters

Kit # 17

It is 1922, and London is tense. Ex-servicemen are disillusioned; the out-of-work and the hungry are demanding change. And in South London, in a genteel Camberwell villa — a large, silent house now bereft of brothers, husband, and even servants — life is about to be transformed as impoverished widow Mrs Wray and her spinster daughter, Frances, are obliged to take in lodgers.

With the arrival of Lilian and Leonard Barber, a modern young couple of the "clerk class," the routines of the house will be shaken up in unexpected ways. Little do the Wrays know just how profoundly their new tenants will alter the course of Frances's life — or, as passions mount and frustration gathers, how far-reaching, and how devastating, the disturbances will be.

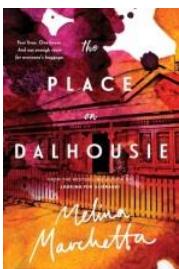


### **The Peacock Summer** by Hannah Richell

Kit # 67

*The Peacock Summer* spans 50 years, following Lillian and her granddaughter Maggie against the backdrop of Cloudesley, a once-grand Chilterns manor. As Maggie works to save the decaying house, she uncovers a secret that reignites her passion for art and revives Lillian's memories of a transformative summer in 1955. Richly detailed and tenderly told, Hannah Richell's novel weaves together past and present, exploring art, family, love, and long-held secrets.

Readers of Kate Morton, Sally Hepworth, Kirsty Manning and Jackie French will enjoy this beautifully written novel that brims with art, beauty, love, family, passion and secrets.



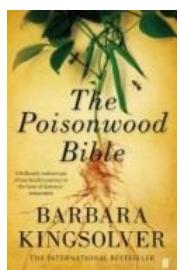
### **The Place On Dalhousie** by Melina Marchetta

Kit # 76

When Rosie Gennaro first meets Jimmy Hailler, she has walked away from life in Sydney, leaving behind the place on Dalhousie that her father, Seb, painstakingly rebuilt for his family but never saw completed.

Two years later, Rosie returns to the house and living there is Martha, whom Seb Gennaro married less than a year after the death of Rosie's mother. Martha is struggling to fulfil Seb's dream, while Rosie is coming to terms with new responsibilities. And so begins a stand-off between two women who refuse to move out of the home they both lay claim to. As the battle lines are drawn, Jimmy Hailler re-enters Rosie's life. Having always watched other families from the perimeters, he's now grappling, heartbreakingly, with forming one of his own.

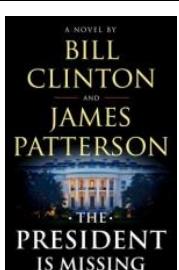
An unforgettable story about losing love and finding love; about the interconnectedness of lives and the true nature of belonging, from one of our most acclaimed writers.



### **The Poisonwood Bible** by Barbara Kingsolver

Kit # 40

The Poisonwood Bible is a story told by the wife and four daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce, evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959. They carry with them everything they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it -- from garden seeds to Scripture -- is calamitously transformed on African soil. What follows is a suspenseful epic of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over the course of three decades in postcolonial Africa.



### **The President Is Missing** by Bill Clinton and James Patterson

Kit # 68

President Bill Clinton and bestselling novelist James Patterson have written a spellbinding thriller, *The President is Missing*.

As the novel opens, a threat looms. Enemies are planning an attack of unprecedented scale on America. Uncertainty and fear grip Washington. There are whispers of cyber terror and espionage and a traitor in the cabinet. The President himself becomes a suspect, and then goes missing...Set in real time, over the course of three days, *The President Is Missing* is one of the most dramatic thrillers in decades. And it could all really happen.

*The President Is Missing* is Bill Clinton and James Patterson's totally authentic and spellbinding thriller.



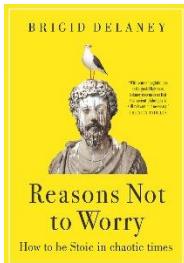
### **Questions Of Travel** by Michelle de Kretser

Kit # 7

A mesmerising literary novel, *Questions of Travel* charts two very different lives.

Laura travels the world before returning to Sydney, where she works for a publisher of travel guides. Ravi dreams of being a tourist until he is driven from Sri Lanka by devastating events. Around these two superbly drawn characters, a double narrative assembles an enthralling array of people, places and stories - from Theo, whose life plays out in the long shadow of the past, to Hana, an Ethiopian woman determined to reinvent herself in Australia.

Award-winning author Michelle de Kretser illuminates travel, work and modern dreams in this brilliant evocation of the way we live now. Wonderfully written, *Questions of Travel* is an extraordinary work of imagination - a transformative, very funny and intensely moving novel.

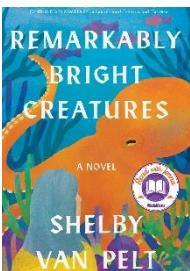


## Reasons Not To Worry: How To Be Stoic In Chaotic Times by Brigid Delaney

Kit # 104

*Reasons Not to Worry* explores how Stoic philosophy can help us navigate modern life. Brigid Delaney draws on the teachings of Seneca, Epictetus, and Marcus Aurelius to tackle questions about goodness, calm, grief, FOMO, and what truly matters. With insight, humor, and compassion, the book shows how ancient wisdom can restore agency and tranquility amid today's chaos.

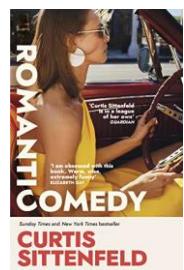
Timely, so very useful, and filled to the brim with ways you can wrest back control, here are all the reasons not to worry.



## Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt

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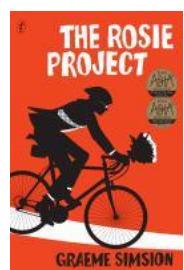
*Remarkably Bright Creatures* is a heartwarming story of friendship, hope, and healing. After her son vanished decades ago, widow Tova Sullivan works the night shift at an aquarium, where she forms an unlikely bond with Marcellus, a clever giant Pacific octopus. As their friendship deepens, Marcellus uses his unique intelligence to help Tova uncover the truth about her son's disappearance, proving that looking to the past can reveal a brighter future.



## Romantic Comedy by Curtis Sittenfeld

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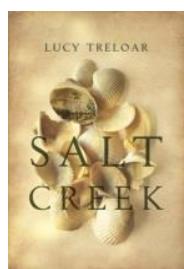
A comedy writer thinks she's sworn off love, until a dreamily handsome pop star flips the script on all her assumptions. *Romantic Comedy* is a hilarious, observant and deeply tender novel from New York Times-bestselling author Curtis Sittenfeld. With her keen observations and trademark ability to bring complex women to life on the page, Sittenfeld explores the neurosis-inducing and heart-fluttering wonder of love, while slyly dissecting the social rituals of romance and gender relations in the modern age.



## The Rosie Project by Graeme Simsion

Kit # 8

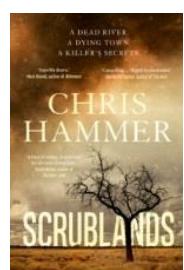
*The Rosie Project* is a witty, heartwarming novel about Don Tillman, a socially awkward genetics professor who designs a strict, evidence-based "Wife Project" to find the perfect partner. But when he meets Rosie, a spontaneous and unconventional woman on a quest to find her biological father, Don's plans—and his understanding of love—are hilariously upended. A charming story about romance, self-discovery, and the unpredictability of the heart.



## Salt Creek by Lucy Treloar

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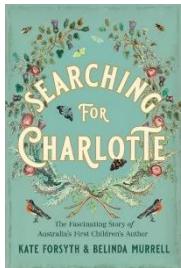
*Salt Creek* is a powerful historical novel set in 1855 in South Australia's remote Coorong region. Fifteen-year-old Hester Finch grows up with her struggling family, navigating harsh landscapes, fraught relationships with local Aboriginal people, and the arrival of travellers like a young artist, Charles. As her father's efforts to tame the land bring devastation to the Ngarrindjeri people, Hester witnesses the collapse of both her family's ideals and the culture around her, forcing her to question the true meaning of civilization.



## Scrublands by Chris Hammer

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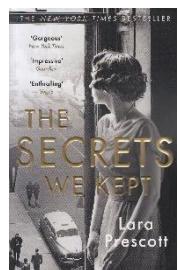
*Scrublands* by Chris Hammer is a compelling Australian crime novel set in the fictional drought-stricken town of Riversend. The story begins a year after a young priest, Byron Swift, shockingly kills five parishioners before being fatally shot himself. Journalist Martin Scarsden arrives to cover the anniversary, but as he delves deeper, he uncovers discrepancies between the official narrative and the locals' accounts. His investigation reveals a town rife with secrets, moral complexities, and a haunting past. Hammer's atmospheric storytelling, combined with a richly detailed setting, makes *Scrublands* a gripping exploration of truth, memory, and the shadows lurking beneath small-town facades.



## Searching For Charlotte by Kate Forsyth

Kit # 109

For almost 140 years, the author of Australia's first book for children was a mystery. Known only by the description 'a Lady Long Resident in New South Wales', she was the subject of much speculation. It was not until 1980, after a decade of sleuthing, that legendary bibliographer Marcie Muir gave her a name: Charlotte Waring Atkinson. And not only a name, but an extensive creative family history, connecting her to two of the nation's celebrated contemporary children's writers, Kate Forsyth and Belinda Murrell. To Forsyth and Murrell, Atkinson (also known as Barton) is great-great-great grandmother and the subject of the stories they grew up on—part of a thread of creative women that runs through the history of their family.

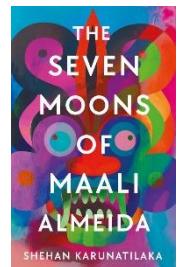


## The Secrets We Kept by Lara Prescott

Kit # 126

Secretaries turned spies, love and duty, and sacrifice—inspired by the true story of the CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the 20th century Doctor Zhivago.

At the height of the Cold War, two secretaries are pulled out of the typing pool at the CIA and given the assignment of a lifetime. Their mission: to smuggle Doctor Zhivago out of the USSR, where no one dare publish it, and help Pasternak's magnum opus make its way into print around the world. Glamorous and sophisticated Sally Forrester is a seasoned spy who has honed her gift for deceit all over the world--using her magnetism and charm to pry secrets out of powerful men. Irina is a complete novice, and under Sally's tutelage quickly learns how to blend in, make drops, and invisibly ferry classified documents.



## The Seven Moons Of Maali Almeida by Shehan Karunatilaka

Kit # 106

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.

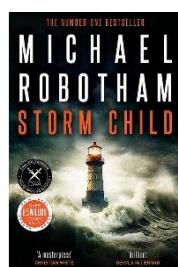


## The Spare Room by Helen Garner

Kit # 24

How much of ourselves must we give up to help a friend in need? Helen has little idea what lies ahead — and what strength she must muster — when she offers her spare room to an old friend, Nicola, who has arrived in the city for cancer treatment. Sceptical of the medical establishment, and placing all her faith in an alternative health centre, Nicola is determined to find her own way to deal with her illness, regardless of the advice Helen offers. In the weeks that follow, Nicola's battle for survival will turn not only her own life upside down but also those of everyone around her.

The Spare Room is a magical gem of a book — gripping, moving, and unexpectedly funny — that packs a huge punch, charting a friendship as it is tested by the threat of death.



## Storm Child by Michael Robotham

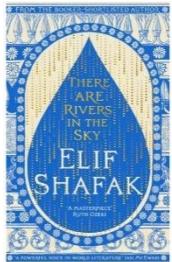
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Cyrus Haven and Evie Cormac return in Robotham's latest psychological thriller, which finally unlocks the secrets of Evie's past and reaffirms why Stephen King has proclaimed this author "an absolute master."

The mystery of Evie Cormac's background has followed her into adulthood. As a child, she was discovered hiding in a secret room where a man had been tortured to death. Many of her captors and abusers escaped justice, unseen but not forgotten. Now, on a hot summer's day, the past drags Evie back as she watches the bodies of seventeen migrants wash up on a Lincolnshire beach.

There is only one survivor, a teenage boy, who tells police their small boat was deliberately rammed and sunk. Psychologist Cyrus Haven is recruited by the police to investigate the murders—but recognizes immediately that Evie has some link to the tragedy. By solving this crime, he could finally unlock the secrets of her past. But what dark forces will he set loose? And who will pay the price?

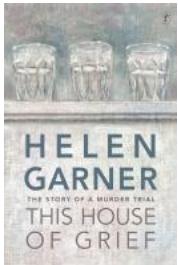


## There Are Rivers In The Sky by Elif Shafak

NEW

Kit # 145

Spanning ancient Mesopotamia to modern-day London and Turkey, *Nineveh* weaves together the lives of three people linked by history, memory, and a single extraordinary book. From a ruthless king's library in Nineveh to a young Yazidi girl fleeing ISIS, and a woman on the brink of despair rediscovering her roots, this sweeping novel explores the enduring power of stories to shape identity, survival, and hope across centuries.



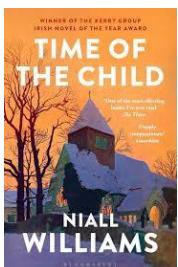
## This House Of Grief by Helen Garner

Kit # 22

On the evening of 4 September 2005, Robert Farquharson, a separated husband, was driving his three sons home to their mother when his car plunged into a dam. The boys, aged ten, seven, and two, drowned. Was this an act of deliberate revenge or a tragic accident?

The court case became Helen Garner's obsession. She was in the courtroom every day of Farquharson's trial and subsequent retrial, along with countless journalists and the families of both the accused and his former wife. In this utterly compelling book, Helen Garner tells the story of a man and his broken life.

At its core is a search for truth that takes author and reader through complex psychological terrain. Garner exposes, with great compassion, that truth and justice are as complex as human frailty and morality.

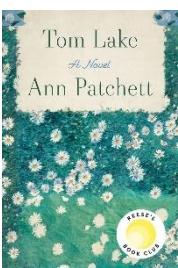


## Time Of The Child by Niall Williams

NEW

Kit # 143

Set in the charming Irish town of Faha, *Time of the Child* follows Doctor Jack Troy and his daughter Ronnie as their lives are upended one December when a mysterious baby is left in their care. Over the course of Advent 1962, family bonds, love, and community are transformed in this tender, life-affirming Christmas story from the author of *This Is Happiness*.

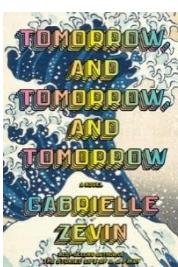


## Tom Lake by Ann Patchett

Kit # 133

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 theatre 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.

*Tom Lake* is a meditation on youthful love, married love, and the lives parents have led before their children were born. Both hopeful and elegiac, it explores what it means to be happy even when the world is falling apart.



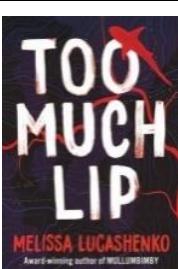
## Tomorrow, And Tomorrow, And Tomorrow by Jessa Maxwell

Kit # 124

When Sam catches sight of Sadie at a crowded train station one winter morning he is catapulted back to the brief time they spent playing together as children.

Their unique spark is instantly ignited.

What comes next is a story of friendship and rivalry, fame and creativity, betrayal and tragedy, perfect worlds and imperfect ones. And, ultimately, our need to connect: to be loved and to love.



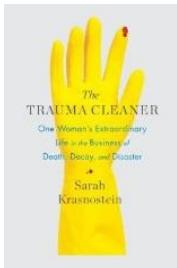
## Too Much Lip by Melissa Lucashenko

Kit # 77

Wise-cracking Kerry Salter has spent a lifetime avoiding two things – her hometown and prison. But now her Pop is dying and she's an inch away from the lockup, so she heads south on a stolen Harley. Kerry plans to spend twenty-four hours, tops, over the border. She quickly discovers, though, that Bundjalung country has a funny way of grabbing on to people.

Old family wounds open as the Salters fight to stop the development of their beloved river. And the unexpected arrival on the scene of a good-looking dugai fella intent on loving her up only adds more trouble – but then trouble is Kerry's middle name.

Gritty and darkly hilarious, *Too Much Lip* offers redemption and forgiveness where none seems possible.



## The Trauma Cleaner by Sarah Krasnostein

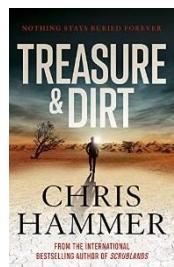
Kit # 78

Husband, father, drag queen, sex worker, wife.

Sarah Krasnostein's *The Trauma Cleaner* is a love letter to an extraordinary ordinary life.

In Sandra Pankhurst she discovered a woman capable of taking a lifetime of hostility and transphobic abuse and using it to care for some of society's most in-need people. Sandra Pankhurst founded her trauma cleaning business to help people whose emotional scars are written on their houses. From the forgotten flat of a drug addict to the infested home of a hoarder, Sandra enters properties and lives at the same time. But few of the people she looks after know anything of the complexity of Sandra's own life.

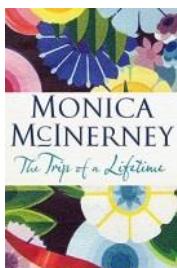
Raised in an uncaring home, Sandra's miraculous gift for warmth and humour in the face of unspeakable personal tragedy mark her out as a one-off.



## Treasure & Dirt by Chris Hammer

Kit # 115

In the remote outback town of Finnegans Gap, chaos reigns and crime festers. When an opal miner is found crucified in his mine, detectives Ivan Lucic and Nell Buchanan must navigate town secrets, internal investigations, and long-buried pasts to catch the killer before it's too late.

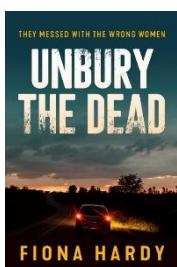


## The Trip Of A Lifetime by Monica McInerney

Kit # 58

'I always thought memories were unchangeable. Set in stone, shaped by the years. But there are always others too, ones you haven't let yourself remember . . .' The wilful and eccentric Lola Quinlan is off on the trip of a lifetime, taking her beloved granddaughter and great-granddaughter with her.

*The Trip of a Lifetime* follows the spirited Lola Quinlan as she returns to Ireland decades after emigrating to Australia, accompanied by her granddaughter and great-granddaughter. Carrying long-held secrets and past hurts, Lola's journey across continents becomes a touching exploration of family, memory, and the joys and sorrows that shape a life.



## Unbury The Dead by Fiona Hardy

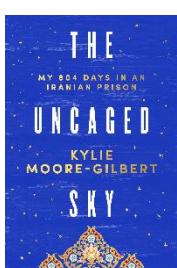
NEW

Kit # 140

Best mates Teddy and Alice are hired hands with flexible moral boundaries. Whatever the mess, they can be relied upon to fix it with no questions asked. But sometimes it's not as simple as cleaning up.

Teddy is searching the suburbs for a missing teenager with her occasional sidekick Art, while Alice's mission is to drive one of Australia's richest men along Victoria's east coast to his final resting place before anybody finds out he's dead. But when a surprise revelation sees their cases collide, Teddy and Alice turn the tables on their wealthy employers to shake out the truth.

Unbury the Dead is a superbly fresh and pacy high-stakes drama with two irresistible heroines.



## The Uncaged Sky by Kylie Moore-Gilbert

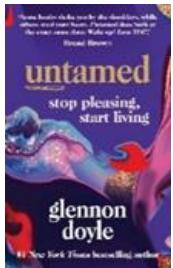
Kit # 112

The extraordinary true story of Kylie Moore-Gilbert's fight to survive 804 days imprisoned in Iran.

On September 12, 2018 British-Australian academic Kylie Moore-Gilbert was arrested at Tehran Airport by Iran's feared Islamic Revolutionary Guards. Convicted of espionage in a shadowy trial presided over by Iran's most notorious judge, Dr Moore-Gilbert was sentenced to 10 years in prison.

On November 25, 2020, after more than two years of struggle, Kylie was finally released in a high stakes three-nation prisoner swap deal orchestrated by the Australian government, laying bare the complex game of global politics in which she had become a valuable pawn.

Written with extraordinary insight and vivid immediacy, *The Uncaged Sky* is Kylie Moore-Gilbert's remarkable story of courage and resilience, and a powerful meditation on hope, solidarity and what it means to be free.

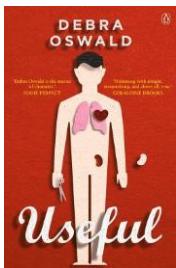


## Untamed by Glennon Doyle

Kit # 89

There is a voice of longing inside every woman. We strive so mightily to be good: good mothers, daughters, partners, employees, citizens, and friends. We believe all this striving will make us feel alive. Instead, it leaves us feeling weary, stuck, overwhelmed, and underwhelmed. We look at our lives, relationships, and world, and wonder: *Wasn't it all supposed to be more beautiful than this?* We quickly silence that question, telling ourselves to be grateful. We hide our simmering discontent—even from ourselves. Until we reach our boiling point.

Soulful and uproarious, forceful and tender, *Untamed* is both a memoir and a galvanizing wake-up call. It offers a piercing, electrifying examination of the restrictive expectations women are issued from birth; shows how hustling to meet those expectations leaves women feeling dissatisfied and lost; and reveals that when we quit abandoning ourselves and instead abandon the world's expectations of us, we become women who can finally look at ourselves and recognize: *There She Is.*



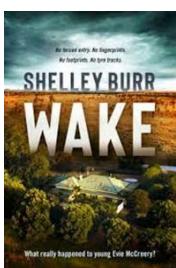
## Useful by Debra Oswald

Kit # 49

Sullivan Moss is useless. Once a charming underachiever, he's now so hopeless that he even fails his attempt to end it all.

Waking up in hospital after falling the wrong way on a rooftop, he comes to a decision. After a life of regrets, Sully wants to do one useful thing. If he can't make something of himself, maybe someone else can. He's going to donate a kidney to a stranger. As he scrambles over the hurdles to become a donor, Sully almost accidentally forges a new life for himself. Sober and employed, he makes new friends and begins to patch things up with old ones. But altruism is not as easy as it seems. Just when he thinks he's got himself together, Sully discovers there are more temptations than ever to fall apart.

From the creator of *Offspring* comes a smart, moving, and wry portrait of one man's desire to make a difference.



## Wake by Shelley Burr

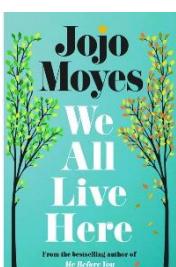
Kit # 101

Mina McCreery's sister Evelyn disappeared nineteen years ago. Her life has been defined by the intense public interest in the case. Now an anxious and reclusive adult, she lives alone on her family's destocked sheep farm.

When Lane, a private investigator, approaches her with an offer to reinvestigate the case, she rejects him. The attention has had nothing but negative consequences for her and her family, and never brought them closer to an answer.

Lane wins her trust when his unconventional methods show promise, but he has his own motivations for wanting to solve the case, and his obsession with the answer will ultimately risk both their lives.

Superbly written, taut and compassionate, *Wake* looks at what can happen when people's private tragedies become public property, and the ripples of trauma that follow violent crimes.

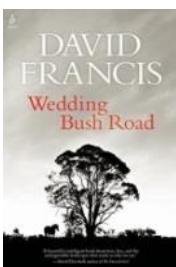


## We All Live Here by Jojo Moyes

NEW

Kit # 148

Lila Kennedy has a lot on her plate. A broken marriage, two wayward daughters, a house that is falling apart, and an elderly stepfather who seems to have quietly moved in. Her career is in freefall and her love life is . . . complicated. So when her real dad—a man she has barely seen since he ran off to Hollywood thirty-five years ago—suddenly appears on her doorstep, it feels like the final straw. But it turns out even the family you thought you could never forgive might have something to teach you: about love, and what it actually means to be family.

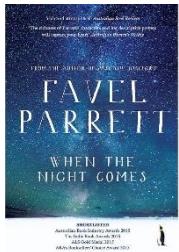


## Wedding Bush Road by David Francis

Kit # 43

When Daniel, a young Australian lawyer based in Los Angeles, is called back to his family's farm, he has to contend not only with a philandering father and a sick mother, but also the burden of memory. He arrives in the heat of his parents' conflict with Sharen—some-time tenant and his father's ex-lover—who is now squatting on family land. As Daniel is increasingly drawn to Sharen, tensions spark events that will change them all.

With a keen eye for the Australian landscape, *Wedding Bush Road* is a stunning novel about the choices we make, the regrets that linger, and the unquestionable, inevitable pull of home.



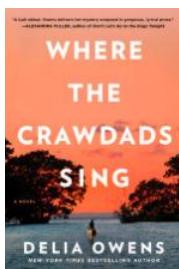
## When The Night Comes by Favel Parrett

Kit # 19

The hauntingly beautiful story of a young girl transformed by the power of kindness.

Running away from the mainland was supposed to make their lives better. But, for Isla and her brother, their mother's sadness and the cold, damp greyness of Hobart's stone streets seeps into everything. Then, one morning, Isla sees a red ship. That colour lights her day. And when a sailor from the ship befriends her mother, he shares his stories with them all - of Antarctica, his home in Denmark and life on board. Like the snow white petrels that survive in the harshest coldest place, this lonely girl at the bottom of the world will learn that it is possible to go anywhere, be anything. But she will also find out that it is just as easy to lose it all.

For Isla, those two long summers will change everything. Favel Parrett delivers an evocative and gently told story about the power fear and kindness has to change lives.

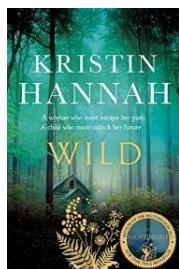


## Where The Crawdads Sing by Delia Owens

Kit # 82

For years, rumours 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. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

Perfect for fans of Barbara Kingsolver and Karen Russell, *Where the Crawdads Sing* is at once an exquisite ode to the natural world, a heartbreakingly moving coming-of-age story, and a surprising tale of possible murder. Owens reminds us that we are forever shaped by the children we once were, and that we are all subject to the beautiful and violent secrets that nature keeps.

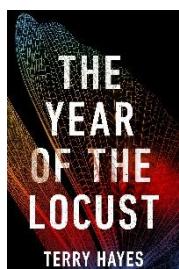


## Wild by Kristin Hannah

Kit # 95

In the rugged Pacific Northwest lies the Olympic National Forest—nearly a million acres of impenetrable darkness and impossible beauty. From deep within this old growth forest, a six-year-old girl appears. Speechless and alone, she offers no clue as to her identity, no hint of her past.

Having retreated to her western Washington hometown after a scandal left her career in ruins, child psychiatrist Dr. Julia Cates is determined to free the extraordinary little girl she calls Alice from a prison of unimaginable fear and isolation. To reach her, Julia must discover the truth about Alice's past—although doing so requires help from Julia's estranged sister, a local police officer. The shocking facts of Alice's life test the limits of Julia's faith and strength, even as she struggles to make a home for Alice—and for herself.



## The Year Of The Locust by Terry Hayes

Kit # 122

If, like Kane, you're a Denied Access Area spy for the CIA, then boundaries have no meaning. Your function is to go in, do whatever is required, and get out again - by whatever means necessary. You know when to run, when to hide - and when to shoot. But some places don't play by the rules. Some places are too dangerous, even for a man of Kane's experience.

The badlands where the borders of Pakistan, Iran and Afghanistan meet are such a place - a place where violence is the only way to survive. Kane travels there to exfiltrate a man with vital information for the safety of the West - but instead he meets an adversary who will take the world to the brink of extinction.

A frightening, clever, vicious man with blood on his hands and vengeance in his heart...

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