

UNITY BOOKS

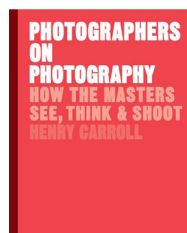
SUMMER 18/19



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The literary gods have graced us with a munificent endowment of big name authors pumping out word babies from their genius mind wombs – Noah Yuval Harari, Kate Atkinson, Pat Barker, Robert Galbraith, Barbara Kingsolver, Sebastian Faulks, Markus Zusak, Ian Rankin, Haruki Murakami, Stephen Fry, Clementine Ford and Yotam Ottolenghi to name just a few – but their awesome shadows are accidentally throwing shade on a bounty of books of equal genius by less recognisable names. We offer to you our picks, our loves and our thoughts on the virtuosos in this year's shadows.



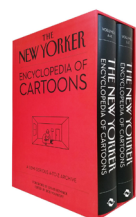
Photographers on Photography - HENRY CARROLL
\$35 - hb - Laurence King

Henry Carroll, author of bestselling *Read This If You Want to Take Great Photographs*, explains what photography actually means to the giants of genre photography, and how they developed their distinctive visual styles. Divided into clear sections, Carroll's clear, jargon-free style provides intimate insights into 'the camera', 'the photograph', 'taking pictures' and 'style, subject matter and technique'.



The Planthunter: Truth, Beauty, Chaos & Plants - GEORGINA REID
\$65 - hb - Thames & Hudson

The Planthunter website has established a highly engaged global audience, and this print edition also features top-notch gardening journalism such as "Gardening is Not a Rational Act", "Holmgren's Permaculture Revolution", and "Thrift is my Middle Name". It investigates the endlessly curious connections between people and plants (and secateurs), offering a vigorously informed mix of contributor opinion and ingenious pics.



The New Yorker Encyclopedia of Cartoons - BOB MANKOFF (Ed.)
\$165 - hb - Thames & Hudson

In this two-volume slip-cased encyclopaedia we get a look into the history of the New Yorker cartoons from 1924 to the present. Mankoff's commentary throughout is hilarious and full of both depth and whimsy. This is a stunning gift for the millions of New Yorker readers, and anyone looking for some humour in the evolution of social commentary.



Scenic Playground - PETER ALSOP
\$80 - hb - Te Papa Press

Majestically illustrated and incredibly informative, *Scenic Playground* traverses the art and story behind the promotion of New Zealand's mountain tourism through lavish posters, advertisements and hand-coloured photos. This book highlights and celebrates the importance of New Zealand's mountains and their significance in our culture and history.

INSPIRATION

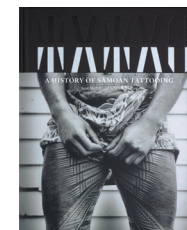


Patterson: Houses of Aotearoa - ANDREW PATTERSON
\$95 - hb - Thames & Hudson

Buildings are a physical expression of those who inhabit them, and we build them to help us belong. These ideas are evident in Andrew Patterson's New Zealand design projects. This book showcases 20 of Patterson's recent houses, all inspired by Māori, historic and contemporary values, and built in big bold landscapes. Spectacular vernacular as well.

Tatau - SEAN MALLON & SEBASTIAN GALLIOT
\$75 - hb - Te Papa Press

A richly illustrated retelling of the powerful history of Samoa's unique tattooing, from 3,000 years ago to the present. Mallon and Galliot argue that Samoan tatau has a more complicated history than is presented in other literature, as the pe'a has evolved in subtle ways in its design since the 19th century, but remains as elaborate and powerful as it ever was.



Meat - ANTHONY PUHARICH & LIBBY TRAVERS
\$95 - hb - Murdoch Books

Fifth-generation butcher Anthony Puharich and food writer Libby Travers have teamed up to create this great guide to all things meaty. Beautiful photographs and stories accompany the recipes to show how meat gets from the farm to the table, and make everything look delicious! This is a summer barbeque essential.



Lands of the Curry Leaf - PETER KURUVITA
\$55 - hb - Murdoch Books

Kuruvita, a cookery-book collector, leans back on his heritage, his Australian restaurants, television series, and his family's Pan-Asian road trip for these geographical histories and recipes. He celebrates fresh curry leaves, the most common ingredient in dishes from Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Nepal, Bangladesh, Bhutan, and Pakistan. A sumptuous but accessible goldmine of flavours.



Etxebarri - JUAN PABLO CARDENAL & BITTOR ARGUINONIZ & JON SARABIA
\$80 - hb - Grubstreet

The highly anticipated first book on the Basque Country Michelin-starred Etxebarri restaurant and its chef, Victor Arguinoniz. Arguinoniz has achieved worldwide fame as a grill chef, the oldest culinary technique in the world, is self-taught and has only worked in one kitchen - his own. His secret? No charcoal.

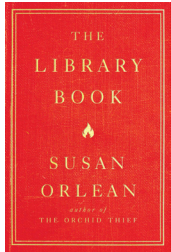


Matty Matheson: A Cookbook - MATTY MATHESON
\$55 - hb - Abrams Books

If you've ever watched Matheson on *Viceland* then you'll know what hectic energy he brings to his cooking, and his new cookbook is no different. Part autobiography, Matheson gives readers recipes collected from both his personal life - see his amazingly simple Bologna Bowl - and from his life in the culinary world.

SALIVATION

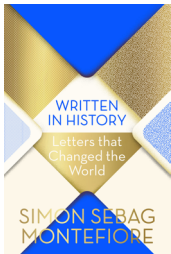
INTERPRETATION



The Library Book - SUSAN ORLEAN

\$30 - pb - Atlantic Books

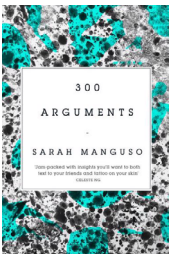
This special book is part true crime, part history, part homage. 400,000 books were destroyed in the 1986 fire at the Los Angeles Public Library in a suspected arson attack. Orlean reinvestigates the fire, and the supposed perpetrator, while examining and celebrating the power and joy of books and the place we can all go to find them - the library.



Written in History: Letters that Changed the World - SIMON SEBAG-MONTEFIORE

\$40 - hb - Weidenfeld & Nicholson

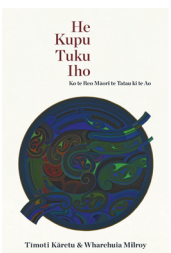
More than just a collection of letters, these are the private words of those who've left a lasting mark on the last two millennia of world history. Montefiore proves a knowledgeable guide as he reveals the intimate correspondence written by figures of creative culture, power and politics. You'll be enlightened by reflections on life, moved by declarations of love and intrigued by tales of promiscuity.



300 Arguments - SARAH MANGUSO

\$20 - pb - Picador

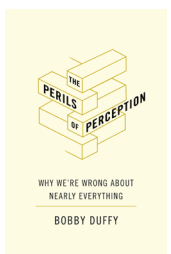
"Think of this as a short book composed entirely of what I hoped would be a long book's quotable passages." A good aphorism tilts a thought on its axis in surprising ways, and Manguso is a master: "Am I happy? Damned if I know, but give me a few minutes and I'll tell you whether you are."



He Kupu Tuku Iho: Ko te Reo Māori te Tatau Ki te Ao - TIMOTI KARETU & WHAREHUIA MILROY

\$60 - hb - Auckland University Press

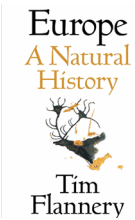
Written in te Reo Māori by two pre-eminent Kaumātua, this book discusses key aspects of Māori language, culture, and cultural concepts including mana, tapu, wairua, whakapapa, ritual, farewell speeches and Māori humour. *He Kupu Tuku Iho* preserves the voices and ideas of these renowned scholars for present and future generations.



The Perils of Perception: Why We're Wrong About Nearly Everything - BOBBY DUFFY

\$28 - hb - Atlantic Books

Our popular perceptions overestimate - sometimes wildly - the incidence of terrorism, murder, teenage pregnancy, immigration, diabetes, and the proportion of 29 year olds who have moved back in with their parents (43% against the real figure of 14%). Using new research into the media and decision sciences, in this mind-altering book Duffy asks how we might step up to the facts.



How to Invent Everything - RYAN NORTH - \$45 - hb - William Heinemann

Ever found yourself in a bind and needed to rebuild civilisation? (Honestly, how far away are any of us from that these days?) In this funny yet quite serious manual, the blueprint for civilisation is laid bare: science, maths, art, music and philosophy are everything we need to claim credit for the millennia that follows us.

Europe: A Natural History - TIM FLANNERY - \$40 - pb - Text Publishing

Flannery drills deeply into the strata of European cross-roads, exposing ancient layers where tectonics turned and ancient beings moved through sea bridges between continents. He describes how pre-prehistory might inform tomorrow and advocates updating the taxonomy and laws on endangered species, restoring biomass, and rewilding.

Birdstories: A History of the Birds of NZ - GEOFF NORMAN - \$60 - hb - Pott & Burton

This illustrated history of birds discusses the relationship between native birds and Māori and Pākehā people, from first encounters to modern society. Geoff Norman's impassioned book confronts the issue of conservation and how environmental sustainability is essential to the protection of our beautiful birds.

The New Zealand Horse - DEBORAH CODDINGTON & JANE USSHER - \$90 - hb - Massey University Press

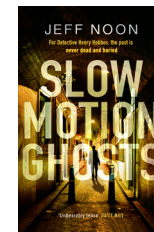
From far north bareback beach riders to the Otago high country, to the stud farms of the Waikato, to the wild horses of the Kaimanawas, this is everything you could want in a horse book. Magnificent photographs by Ussher accompany historical images to produce this beautiful and expansive look at horses in New Zealand.



The Lost Man - JANE HARPER

\$38 - pb - MacMillan

Crime fiction it-girl Jane Harper brings us a thrilling new novel about three brothers in the desolate Australian outback. Except the youngest lies dead at the other two's feet. Full of suspense, family rivalry and mystery that hooks you in from the very first page.



Slow Motion Ghosts - JEFF NOON

\$37 - pb - Doubleday

London, 1981. Racial tensions and social unrest are high, and the spirit of punk is alive. When a young singer is murdered, the dark underworld of the city has to be explored to find the killer. Noon is a shining new light in crime fiction, and this one is not to be missed!



Red Moon - KIM STANLEY ROBINSON

\$38 - pb - Orbit

Robinson is one of the living greats of modern science-fiction - visionary, intriguing, and always relevant. *Red Moon* takes us 30 years into the future where dangerous politics, power, and revolution are at the centre of the lunar colony, the consequences of which will change everything - on the Moon and Earth - forever.

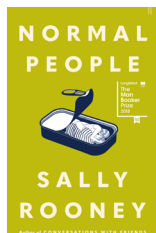


Thin Air - RICHARD MORGAN

\$38 - pb - Gollancz

From the author of the Takeshi Kovacs trilogy comes an atmospheric and fast paced tale of corruption and abduction set on Mars. No one does hard-boiled sci-fi thrillers like Morgan; hard characters, hard decisions, and hard science. This return to sci-fi after 10 years promises to be as exciting as it will be explosive.

IMAGINATION



Normal People - SALLY ROONEY
\$33 - pb - Faber & Faber

An expert, empathetic and energising look at young love. Connell and Marianne are in love but cannot work out how to be together. Playing out over the course of several years, *Normal People* is one of the most widely loved books to come out this year and firmly cements Sally Rooney as the author of the moment.



All Among the Barley - MELISSA HARRISON
\$27 - pb - Bloomsbury

Rural Suffolk of 1930s England provides the backdrop for Harrison's finely wrought novel of nature, nostalgia and creeping nationalism. Toiling in the shadow of war, our naïve teenage narrator Edie lives a provincial existence mired in mysticism and political pessimism. As seasons change, pastoral traditions are challenged by outside influence, and Edie must decide what path her life will take.



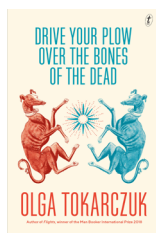
Hostages - OISÍN FAGAN
\$23 - pb - Head of Zeus

Short stories are such a blessing at this hectic time of year, and Oisín Fagan has constructed five startling stories with outlandish plots which illustrate the triumph of hope over experience. They're dystopian and dysfunctional, but demand the reader's full attention. Superb, beautifully written and disturbing Irish noir.



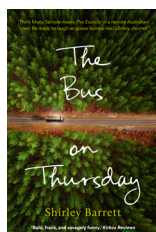
Love is Blind - WILLIAM BOYD
\$37 - pb - Viking

Boyd's 15th novel is an unpredictable tale of passion, as piano tuner Brodie Moncur journeys through Europe's parlours, showrooms and back-stages in the 1880s. Moncur is a genius of subtlety, tuning and performance, and Boyd brilliantly evokes a sense of his moral turmoil against the vibrant spirit of turn-of-the-century Europe.



Drive Your Plow Over the Bones of the Dead - OLGA TOKARCZUK
\$37 - pb - Text Publishing

From the winner of the 2018 International Man Booker prize for *Flights* comes an astonishing amalgam of murder mystery, dark feminist comedy, and paean to William Blake. An unconventional crime story, the novel offers some fascinating ideas on our perceptions on madness, social injustice, animal rights, traditional religion and fate, and asks what does it take to get away with murder?



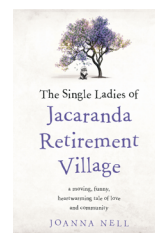
The Bus on Thursday - SHIRLEY BARRETT
\$33 - pb - Allen & Unwin

Freshly single, cancer-free, and not one to fit into support groups or hand-knitted sweaters, Eleanor finds that Talbingo, a remote little town, needs a primary-school teacher. However, Talbingo is a bit eerie. A missing teacher. A communion-wine-swigging priest. A remote cabin with many locks on the door, and who is knocking on it at night? Funny, unsettling, and surprisingly poignant.



Melmoth - SARAH PERRY
\$33 - pb - Serpents Tail

In this contemporary gothic tale, British expat Helen Franklin lives a solitary life in Prague, in self-prescribed atonement for actions taken twenty years ago. Into her possession comes a strange manuscript, filled with testimonies from the darkest chapters of human history, the sinister figure Melmoth lurking throughout the pages. As Helen reads, she has the unsettling feeling that she is being watched, and that past events may soon be catching up with her...



The Single Ladies of Jacaranda Retirement Village - JOANNA NELL
\$35 - pb - Hachette

A single woman in old age, Peggy Smart's life is one of unremitting blandness. Meeting a friend from her past, a time of youth, vigour, potential and risk-taking flips Peggy onto another track where colour and love might just be possible. The perfect read for hammock days.



Sport 46 - FERGUS BARROWMAN, KIRSTEN MCDUGALL & ASHLEIGH YOUNG (Eds.)
\$30 - pb - Victoria University Press

More fabulous local talent in one volume is hard to imagine. Though we always say that, it's true every time. The new *Sport* presents essays, comics, fiction and poetry by the latest, the award-winning, the new talent on the scene and some of our best writers in various genres offering decades of precious perspective. Dig the cover by Elliot Elam!



The Winter Soldier - DANIEL MASON
\$35 - pb - Mantle

At the outbreak of World War I, ambitious medical student Lucius enlists in the war effort, wooed by romantic tales of battlefield surgery. However, upon arriving at his remote post, Lucius finds himself out of his depth, with not nearly enough practical experience to get by, and only the guidance of the mysterious nurse Sister Margarete. A shimmering novel of war, medicine and love.



Future Popes of Ireland - DARRAGH MARTIN
\$33 - pb - Fourth Estate

A big-hearted novel that is funny, sad, nostalgic, and surprisingly politically relevant. The amazing characters reflect the social and political changes of Ireland from the Papal visit of '79 to post global financial disaster, but its comedy belies some of the more serious themes. *Future Popes of Ireland* is utterly brilliant in the best tradition of Irish novels.



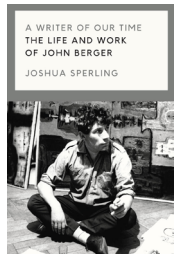
Short Poems of NZ - JENNY BORNHOLDT (Ed.)
\$35 - hb - Victoria University Press

This new anthology from Victoria University Press features all of the wonderful New Zealand poets we all know like old friends, as well as new and emerging voices. It has been beautifully curated by poet Jenny Bornholdt, who has created a perfect collection to dip in and out of, with a gem on every page.



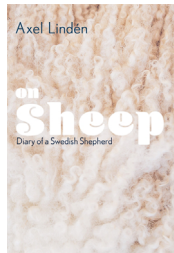
Beastie Boys Book - ADAM HOROVITZ & MICHAEL DIAMOND
\$55 - hb - Faber & Faber

In this immensely enjoyable illustrated biography, Beastie Boys members Michael Diamond and Adam Horovitz share the band's history from the release of their debut album in 1986 to band member Adam Yauch's death in 2012. Packed with hilarious anecdotes, this entertaining look at the Beastie Boys' history is as innovative and raucous as the band's music, and a great tribute to Adam.



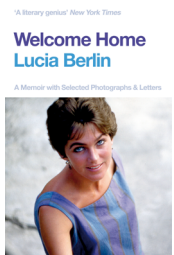
Writer of Our Time: The Life & Work of John Berger - JOSHUA SPERLING
\$43 - hb - Verso

John Berger was a remarkably complex and controversial post-war cultural innovator, writer and activist up to his death in 2017. Enthralling from the beginning, he wrote in 1953 "Far from dragging politics into art, art has dragged me into politics." Joshua Sperling draws on first-hand interviews and new archival sources, is occasionally critical but as passionately observant, rigorous, profound and entertaining as Berger himself.



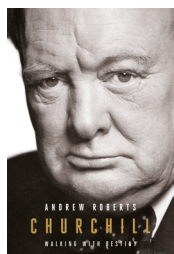
On Sheep: Diary of a Swedish Shepherd - AXEL LINDÉN
\$25 - hb - Quercus

Axel Lindén, a greenhorn shepherd, records the harsh realities and unexpected revelations of farm life in rural Sweden. Think James Herriot blended with Chekhovian deadpan humour. These fantastic sheep ruminations are perfect for fans of *The Secret Life of Cows*.



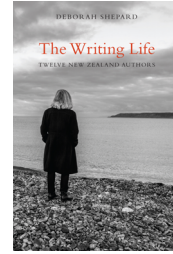
Welcome Home - LUCIA BERLIN
\$40 - hb - Picador

Readers were bewitched by Berlin's collection of short stories *A Manual for Cleaning Women*, published posthumously in 2015. This year, we welcome another collection of previously unpublished stories, *Evening in Paradise*, and *Welcome Home*, a memoir of her first thirty years. Her son has filled in the gaps with photos and letters from her eventful life, which was as richly textured as her stories.



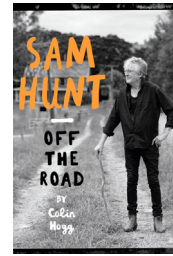
Churchill: Walking with Destiny - ANDREW ROBERTS
\$85 - hb - Allen Lane

Following 1,000 previous biographies on the most compelling and memorable figure in public imagination, acclaimed historian Andrew Roberts depicts Churchill in a more intimate light than any of the predecessors. Drawing on over 40 new sources, including the private diaries of King George VI, *Churchill: Walking with Destiny* is bursting with character, humour and incident on every page.



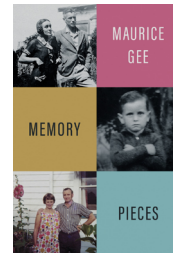
Writing Life: Twelve New NZ Authors - DEBORAH SHEPARD
\$50 - pb - Massey University Press

Oral historian Shepard interviews twelve of our most acclaimed writers - Grace, Duder, Marshall, Temple, Hill, Cowley, O'Sullivan, Wendt, Duckworth, Else, Kidman and Ihimaera - the 'elders' of New Zealand literature. Accompanied by candid photographs by John McDermott, the book reveals fruitful and fascinating links between individuals who have negotiated the same literary terrain for more than sixty years.



Sam Hunt: Off the Road - COLIN HOGG & SAM HUNT
\$50 - hb - HarperCollins

Hogg and Hunt threw caution to the wind to create "version two" of the now-legendary 30-year-old *Angel Gear: On the Road*. This is a wild, hilarious and serious backstage pass into Hunt's private life. Part conversation, part story-telling, part poems both old and new, it's a book about friendship, solitude, love, death and endurance.



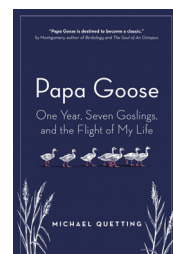
Memory Pieces - MAURICE GEE
\$35 - pb - Victoria University Press

Gee's latest is an intimate and evocative memoir in three parts. 'Double Unit' tells the story of Maurice Gee's parents, Lyndahl Chapple Gee and Len Gee, 'Blind Road' is Gee's story until he began writing at 18, and 'Running on the Stairs' details his wife Margaretha Garden leaving Nazi-sympathising Sweden through to their meeting in 1967 when working in the Alexander Turnbull Library. Brilliant from start to finish.



I Have Loved Me a Man: The Life & Times of Mika - SHARON MAZER
\$60 - hb - Auckland University Press

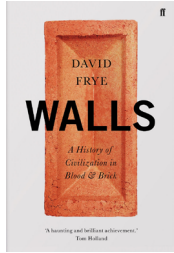
This highly visual and brutally honest collection captures the social history of New Zealand from the 1960s to the present day. Containing over 200 hand-selected images from Mika's extensive personal archive, this book chronicles the gay and Māori rights movements by spotlighting the life of an iconic gay Māori performance artist.



Papa Goose - MICHAEL QUETTING
\$37 - pb - Black Inc.

Intrepid scientist Michael Quetting takes us through his incredible journey of raising, training and flying with a gaggle of geese. Ostensibly an experiment to gather important data on flight and weather patterns, it became a heart-warming story that goes from gosling to goose, land to air, and reveals as much humanity as it does science.

AUTHENTICATION



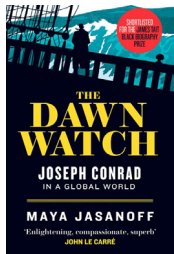
Walls: A History of Civilisation - DAVID FRYE
\$45 - hb - Faber & Faber

This survey of the great walls of ancient history through to the present-day proliferation of barriers examines the fears that drive us to wall ourselves in and suggests how those structures have, in turn, shaped our psyche. Frye's balanced account renders deep history accessible and tackles big ideas with humanity and wit.



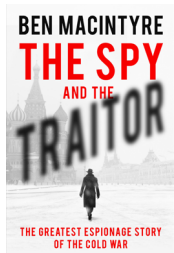
Napoleon: The Man Behind the Myth - ADAM ZAMOYSKI
\$55 - hb - William Collins

Few readers of history are neutral about the dynamic Frenchman Napoleon Bonaparte, whose name is reflexively attached to the incessant wars that lay waste to Europe. Was he a military genius, charismatic icon, war-obsessed tyrant or just a nasty little dictator? Join Zamoyski as he strips away two centuries of mythology in this new landmark biography, endorsed by Beevor and Applebaum.



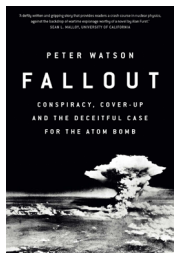
The Dawn Watch: Joseph Conrad in a Global World - MAYA JASANOFF
\$28 - pb - William Collins

In this new interpretation of one of the great voices in modern 20th century literature, award-winning author Maya Jasanoff recognises Conrad as a prophet of globalisation. Travelling from Poland to England, Malaysia, the Congo and the Caribbean, Conrad navigated an interconnected world, capturing it in a literary oeuvre of extraordinary depth.



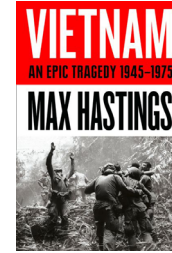
The Spy & the Traitor: The Greatest Espionage Story of the Cold War - BEN MACINTYRE
\$40 - pb - Viking

From ancient royal courts to modern halls of power, spies have played a deadly game to help others gain power and cause chaos. Towards the end of the Cold War, a spy for MI6 within the KGB wishes to 'come in from the cold'. McIntyre's tension-filled account of courage and betrayal reads like thriller; it is all the more so for being factual.



Fallout: Conspiracy, Cover-Up & the Deceitful Case for the Atom Bomb - PETER WATSON
\$38 - pb - Simon & Schuster

With new found documents shedding light on the Allied Powers' relationship with the atomic bomb, a web of deceit and subterfuge is explored, revealing the dark secrets behind history's most destructive weapon. *Fallout* dives deep into the political, personal and moral conflicts that brought about the first atomic weapons and the ensuing global tensions.



Vietnam: An Epic Tragedy 1945-1975 - MAX HASTINGS
\$40 - pb - HarperCollins

Max Hastings delivers a modern analysis of the Vietnam War, assessing the different (and indifferent) failures of all sides, as well as the horrific and ongoing impact on Vietnam itself. Based on extensive interviews of French, Vietnamese and American participants, a wealth of documents and memoirs, Hastings delivers an epic narrative and extraordinary historic cautionary tale.



Living with the Gods - NEIL MACGREGOR
\$70 - hb - Allen Lane

Following the popular BBC Radio 4 documentary series, MacGregor delivers another fascinating perspective on human history - this time through the lens of the belief systems that have shaped our societies and our collective identities. Accompanied by photographs and images of art and artefacts, this is a book steeped in the myths that made us.



The Cuba Street Project: Place, Food, People - BETH BRASH & ALICE LLOYD
\$55 - hb - Random House

A celebration and tribute to all of the little haunts and institutions, past and present, that make Wellington's Cuba Street so iconic. Explore the interesting backstories behind each beloved café and restaurant, and recreate your favourite dishes from the places you love with gorgeous recipes.



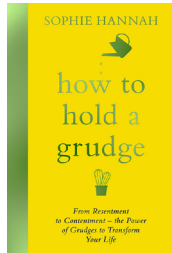
New Zealand & the Sea: Historical Perspectives - Frances Steel (Ed.)
\$60 - pb - Bridget Williams Books

We are people with varied strong connections with the sea. While we have continually shaped and altered the marine environment, the ocean has also shaped our lives. This is a richly illustrated and multi-disciplinary work including history, marine science, archaeology and visual culture by leading and emerging scholars. It offers fascinating new ocean-centred perspectives on New Zealand's past.



Filming the Colonial Past: The New Zealand Wars on Screen - ANNABEL COOPER
\$50 - pb - Otago University Press

How we explore the past plays an important role in how we view ourselves in the present. Annabel Cooper recounts how New Zealand film and television has approached the subject of the New Zealand Wars, combining thoughts on race, colonialism and cinema in this thoughtful and exciting book.



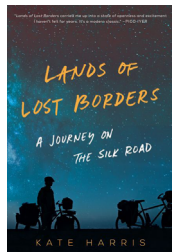
How to Hold a Grudge - SOPHIE HANNAH
\$38 - pb - Hodder & Stoughton

Tired of not giving a f*ck as a pathway to happiness? Or being super-tidy or minimalist for deep life/soul clarity? This book offers an honest, serious alternative - grudges. Let grudge guru Sophie Hannah teach you how to embrace and harness your extensive catalogue of grudges to transform your life for the better.



Dare to Lead: Bold Work. Tough Conversations. Whole Hearts - BRENE BROWN
\$38 - pb - Vermilion

Brené Brown taught us what it means to dare greatly, rise strong and brave the wilderness. Now, based on new research conducted with leaders, change makers and culture shifters, Brown shows us how to put those ideas into practice so we can step up and lead. It's an absorbing handbook on creating a space for better work and becoming more fulfilled people.



Lands of Lost Borders - KATE HARRIS
\$40 - hb - HarperCollins

Harris always wanted to be an explorer, like Magellan or Marco Polo, so she harnessed her life toward that end. On one expedition she cycles the Silk Road, a journey that beautifully reveals much about the history and nature of exploration itself. A travelogue so full of history, adventure and passion, it carries you into the atmosphere and space it describes.



East of Croydon: Blunderings Through India & Southeast Asia - SUE PERKINS
\$38 - pb - Michael Joseph

British comedian Sue Perkins does not disappoint with this laugh-out-loud funny account of travels through Southeast Asia. For those unfamiliar, Perkins is, in short, an anxious hypochondriac who hates flying, so naturally she takes on the task of travel guide. What she lacks in practical skills, Perkins makes up for in razor sharp wit and charm.



Why Women Have Better Sex Under Socialism - KRISTEN GHODSEE
\$40 - pb - The Bodley Head

In an op-ed that went viral, Ghodsee told women what they've known all along: capitalism is crippling their sex lives. In her book she elaborates, calling out labour inequalities, the gender wage gap and other issues prevalent in capitalist society. Meticulously researched, tightly argued and laced with humour, this book embraces socialism and highlights capitalism's anti-climactic tendencies.



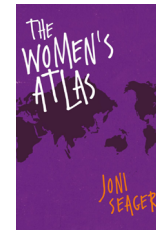
Equality for Women = Prosperity for All - AUGUSTO LOPEZ-CARLOS & BAHIIYIH NAKHJAVANI
\$45 - hb - St. Martin's Press

Can a woman apply for a passport? Can she travel outside the country? Can she sign a contract? These were some of the 40 questions asked in a survey in 173 countries, and the results published in this ground-breaking book show unequivocally that women's rights still have a long way to go, but that freedom for women equals prosperity for all.



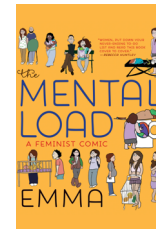
Call Them by Their True Names : American Crises (& Essays) - REBECCA SOLNIT
\$28 - hb - Granta

Solnit has never disappointed us before, and this new collection of essays is a knockout. *Call Them by Their True Names* takes on the age-old truth of folklore and legend — names have power. She confronts crises of police violence, misogyny, gentrification, capitalism and homelessness with fearless criticism. Solnit's book addresses our politically turbulent year and yet still carries a note of hope.



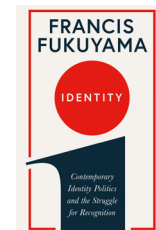
The Women's Atlas - JONI SEAGER
\$35 - pb - New South Books

In this invaluable, completely revised fifth edition, Seager provides the most up-to-date global perspective on how women are living today across the planet. Seager muses on equality, motherhood, feminism, the culture of beauty, women in the global economy, domestic violence, lesbian rights, women in government and much, much more!



Mental Load: A Feminist Comic - EMMA
\$33 - pb - Murdoch Books

A scorching collection of graphic stories that is incisive, funny and fiercely feminist, *Mental Load* takes aim at the way women's unpaid caregiving and labour even now remains invisible, undervalued and yet expected; and how it shapes and limits their experiences and employment trajectories at work. Full of fire, fun and humour, Emma is a political cartoonist for our times.



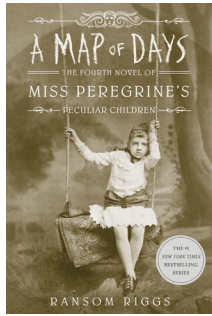
Identity: Contemporary Identity Politics & the Struggle for Recognition - FRANCIS FUKUYAMA
\$40 - hb - Profile Books

In a world where Big Data has made us monetisable, exploitable assets, little room is left for the recognition of personal or cultural identity that tries to integrate instead of divide. In *Identity*, Fukuyama presents a fascinating and cogent analysis of our current and historical political philosophy, while never shying away from potential and practical solutions that could yet pull us back from the brink.



The Fifth Risk - MICHAEL LEWIS
\$45 - hb - Allen Lane

More critical scrutiny from perceptive and edgy Michael Lewis. This time he's addressing that charm of democracy: ill-informed elected politicians controlling systems upon which lives of vulnerable people are dependent. In Trump's world, the unrepentantly ignorant are kings and civil servants with institutional knowledge fight a rear-guard action, endeavouring to keep core government services intact.

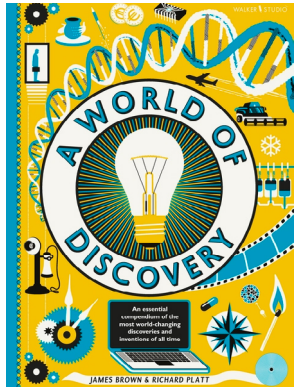


A Map of Days - RANSOM RIGGS
\$26 - pb - Puffin

A Winter's Promise - CHRISTELLE DABOS
\$26 - pb - Text Publishing

Winterhouse - BEN GUTERSON
\$15 - pb - Square Fish

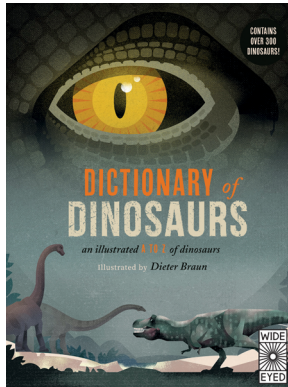
For teen and middle readers there are some stunning novels on offer. For YA readers, *A Map of Days* takes us back to the world of Miss Peregrine's children who have moved to the deeply peculiar Florida, a place full of deeply peculiar Floridians, doing sinister and thrilling things. Another standout YA novel of the year is *A Winter's Promise*. Ophelia is a softly spoken powerhouse of a leading character, navigating intrigue and menace while using her unique skills of mirror travel and reading. For the middle readers there's *Winterhouse*, where a malevolent aunt and uncle banish Elizabeth Somers to the cursed and ominous Winterhouse Hotel, which brings mystery and danger but also charm and adventure.



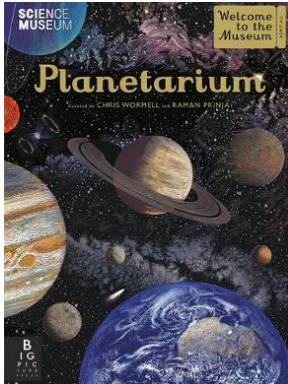
A World of Discovery
RICHARD PLATT & JAMES BROWN
\$35 - hb - Walker Books



Endangered Animals
MARTIN JENKINS
\$33 - hb - Walker Books



Dictionary of Dinosaurs
DIETER BRAUN
\$33 - hb - Wide Eyed



Planetarium
RAMAN PRINJA & CHRIS WORMELL
\$45 - hb - King's Road Press

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There are many incredible pictorial books this year for the curious of mind (of all ages!) *A World of Discovery* offers fascinating facts and figures, and shows a stunning collection of the world's most important discoveries for all the family to enjoy. *Endangered Animals* is a timely book which introduces some of the world's most threatened species and explores why they are endangered. *The Dictionary of Dinosaurs* describes every dinosaur that's ever been discovered, from the Aardonyx to the Zuniceratops. Finally, step inside the pages of *Planetarium* to discover galleries of galactic matter, boundless space, the lives of the stars, our Solar System and the Universe beyond. All of these wonderful books are beautifully illustrated and are sure to delight as well as inform.

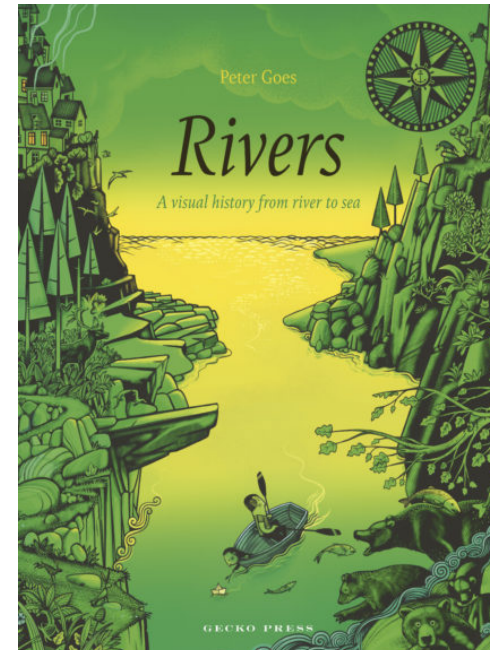
UNITY BOOKS



Ocean - HELENE DRUVERT
\$45 - hb - Thames & Hudson
Inside the Villains - CLOTILDE PERRIN
\$35 - hb - Gecko Press

Bodies of water, New Zealand and storybook villains are brought to life through a beautiful array of books. *The Bomb* takes us back to a particularly kiwi childhood as a boy searches for the secret to a perfect bomb, seeking advice from his family but especially his amazing Nan. Lyrical, beautiful and uniquely New Zealand. *Rivers* is a thrilling journey along the world's most important rivers, a non-fiction book for all ages. *Ocean* is a gorgeous, large-format book filled with clever cut-outs exploring the ocean, from the shoreline to the murkiest depths. Finally, *Inside the Villains* has a stunning array of internal trickery and paper engineering, creating an icky and surprising exploration from the inside out!

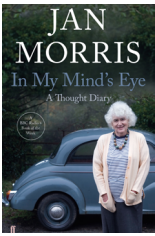
Rivers: A Visual History from River to Sea - PETER GOES
\$40 - hb - Gecko Press



The Bomb - SACHA COTTER & JOSH MORGAN
\$23 - pb - Huia



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OWNER MANAGER - In My Mind's Eye: A Thought Diary - JAN MORRIS

\$37 - hb - Faber & Faber

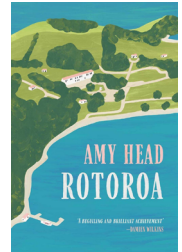
As a historian and travel writer (and ex-soldier, ex-spy, ex-man), Morris is celebrated as one of the greatest descriptive writers of her time. She delivers a year's worth of digressive observations on world and domestic issues in her latest offering. As always, she's poised, piercing and quippy, with deceptively languid passages preceding a good sting.

BUYERS' PICKS

NZ BUYER - Rotoroa - AMY HEAD

\$30 - pb - Victoria University Press

Rotoroa Island is a sister island to Waiheke. Before 2005, for nearly 100 years it was owned by the Salvation Army as a rehabilitation centre for male inebriates, rarely successful - it was the Alcatraz of Alcoholics. Set in the 50s, Head's novel focuses on the intersection of three burdened characters, their vulnerabilities and potential renewal within a changing culture. Head subtly describes how the upheavals of post-war society has strait-jacketed these people - broken by the country that made them. Head's writing is intelligent, empathetic, taut and ultimately hopeful. Just wonderful.



INTERNATIONAL BUYER - The Dark Dark - SAMANTHA HUNT

\$25 - pb - Little, Brown

The first time I read Samantha Hunt I wondered where she had been all my life. You should let her into your life too, as she is one of the best authors you've never heard of. This story collection, *The Dark Dark*, is full of people living lives of uncertainty but looking for purpose, or at least control. Full of unreliable narrators you should trust absolutely, this nuanced and achingly beautiful collection of vibrant renditions of people on the brink has somehow managed to fly under the radar - do not let it fly under yours.

SHITS & GIGGLES

Join Mummy, John and Susan for Christmas. Interrogating Santa Claus and exposing his 'vicious programme of indoctrination,' Mummy, for the benefit of mankind, strips Christmas of all magic and meaning. A book to joyfully ruin the Yuletide period.

Sharon Murdoch, the only woman to be named New Zealand's Cartoonist of the Year, dedicates a pocket-sized collection to Munro, the tangerine tabby who launched her cartooning career.

Based on the wildly popular Facebook page, *Shit Towns of New Zealand* tours the best, but mostly the worst, towns and cities in New Zealand. Each scathing review is an entertaining insight into the heart of these wonderfully weird places we all know and love.



We Do Christmas - MIRIAM & EZRA ELIA

\$26 - hb - The Dung Beetle



Munro - SHARON MURDOCH

\$20 - hb - Potton & Burton



Sh*t Towns of NZ - ANONYMOUS

\$25 - pb - Allen & Unwin

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