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### *Anthropology*

Sand Talk - How Indigenous Thinking Can Save the World/Yunkaporta, Tyson  
Australia : Text Publishing Company, Australia 2023  
288 pages, 19cm  
9781922790514  
USD : 32.99 / PB  
215 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855916>

What happens when global systems are viewed from an Indigenous perspective? How does it affect the way we see history, money, power and learning? Could it change the world? This remarkable book is about everything from echidnas to evolution, cosmology to cooking, sex and science and spirits to Schrödinger's cat. Tyson Yunkaporta looks at global systems from an Indigenous perspective. He asks how contemporary life diverges from the pattern of creation. How does this affect us? How can we do things differently? Sand Talk provides a template for living. It's about how lines and symbols and shapes can help us make sense of the world. It's about how we learn and how we remember. It's about talking to everybody and listening carefully. It's about finding different ways to look at things. Most of all it's about Indigenous thinking, and how it can save the world.

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Close to the Subject/Browning, Daniel  
Australia : Magabala Books 2023  
348 pages, 23cm  
9781922613332  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
495 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855895>

This book is a collected works of one of Australia's most accomplished media personalities. Chronicling his career since 2007, Close to the Subject presents a selection of pieces from Daniel Browning's stellar career as a journalist, radio broadcaster, critic and interviewer. Alongside conversations with the likes of the late Archie Roach, Doris Pilkington, and Vernon Ah Kee, the book contains a series of critical essays displaying Browning's talent as an Australian cultural critic and public intellectual. A range of previously unpublished poetry, memoir, art writing and play script is also presented, highlighting his vulnerable and passionate creative side in its own right.

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*Biography/Memoirs*

My Father's Shadow/Zurbo, Sandra Goldbloom  
Australia : Monash University Press, Australia 2023  
288 pages, 23cm  
9781922979186  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
365 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855888>

My father, political activist Samuel Mark Goldbloom, was my hero and my nemesis all the days of his life. Sandra Goldbloom Zurbo grew up in thrall to her father, a prominent socialist and covert member of the Communist Party. From an early age, she adopted his political beliefs, becoming a supporter of the Soviet Union and an anti-war advocate. She travelled with him, meeting figures such as Indonesian president Soekarno, and greeting Paul Robeson and North Korean delegates at home. But Sam could be withholding and difficult. He had a fierce temper and a sharp backhand and was not always a faithful family man. When Sandra entered adulthood and began to navigate a patriarchal world of work and relationships, she came to question aspects of her father's worldview. As the communist ideals of the Left were tested and faltered over the Soviet Union, the mood of the times gradually shifted to embrace the counterculture. Sandra, working in the artistic swirl of Melbourne's Pram Factory and the lively independent publishing scene, absorbed ideas about women, family and Jewish culture that often led to tense conversations with her father. When Sam falls sick and hopes to end his suffering, his daughter's devotion undergoes a final test. My Father's Shadow is a portrait of life on the Left during a time of great social change. Lyrical, sharply observed and affecting, it is a candid exploration of the fraught dynamics between father and daughter and, ultimately, the love that underlies them.

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Roy Shepherd : golden boy – gifted pianist – master teacher/Shirley Trembath with Janet Williams  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
xv, 134 pages : black and white illustrations ; 23 cm.  
9781922952240  
USD : 39.95 / PB  
260 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855870>

Roy Shepherd's extraordinary success as a young pianist catapulted him from his hometown, Melbourne, to the studios, stages and salons of Europe, and to international fame. His story takes us on a journey to the glamorous musical scenes of London and Paris, and includes a legendary cast of musicians belonging to a bygone era. On his return to Melbourne, Roy Shepherd dedicated himself predominantly to teaching and went on to shape the Australian musical landscape for the rest of his life. This work also explores the journey of any musician: the commitment, the rigorous demands, the disappointments, and the joy. It captures the voices of some of Australia's most talented pianists and examines the unique relationship between the teacher and the student.

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Frontier Magistrate : the Enigmatic Foster Fyans/John Cary

Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
x, 283 pages, 22 unnumbered pages : illustrations, maps, portraits ; 23 cm.  
9781922952639  
USD : 54.95 / PB  
490 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855869>

Foster Fyans was a significant figure in the European settlement of Victoria and the dispossession of its Aboriginal people. Fyans, who began his career as an impecunious Irish junior officer in the Napoleonic wars, eventually made his way to Australia, where he was appointed captain of the guard at Norfolk Island. There, in response to a convict uprising, he gained in more recent times the unfortunate, likely unwarranted epithet 'Flogger Fyans'. Fyans' subsequent career in Victoria as a magistrate and Commissioner of Crown Lands shines a light on the early European settlement of the colony and the settlers' clashes with Aboriginal people. John Cary also most interestingly reveals Fyans' changing response to their dispossession.

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Four Victorian educationists : influencing change in the late 19th and early 20th century/Geoff W. Pryor

Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
xxii, 107 pages ; 23 cm.  
9781922952387  
USD : 39.95 / PB  
215 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855877>

The 1872 Education Act introduced changes that would alter the structure and operation of education in Victoria for the next hundred years. This book is about four educationists who found themselves immersed in these changes. Its focus is on their work with the Education Department in Victoria, encompassing the latter half of the 19th century and the first part of the 20th century. These four educationists are Gilbert Wilson Brown, who as Secretary of Public Instruction between 1878 to 1889 was responsible for teachers, schools and clerical staff; Herbert W. Wilson, who lectured at Melbourne Teachers College and University of Melbourne in Science and Nature Study at various times between 1908 and 1942 and was known as 'The Major' due to his WWI service; Nathan Spielvogel, a classroom teacher between 1892 and 1939, who as 'Old Eko' contributed humorous anecdotes to magazines and journals; and Julia Flynn, who was the first woman to be appointed to a senior position, as an inspector of secondary schools and later, in 1936, Chief Inspector Secondary. 'The manuscript is equally about the context in which the four educationists operated, as it is about their own biographies. I am grateful for the way Geoff dealt with G. Wilson Brown. The chapter on Herbert Wilson is masterly and the work on Nathan Spielvogel is a perfect account. The Julia Flynn account is really a most important long-term contribution to our education history.' Professor Kwong Lee Dow 'Another superb contribution to Geoff's excellent series on Victorian educational history. So well written and a joy to read.' Dr Alan Gregory

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The remarkable Mr and Mrs Johnson : Founders of Modern Australia's First Church, Schools and Charity, and Friends of Aboriginal People, 1788-1800/Toby Raeburn

Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
xv, 311 pages, 16 unnumbered pages of plates : illustrations, portraits ; 23 cm.  
9781922952790  
USD : 54.95 / PB  
545 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855868>

The British invasion and colonisation of Aboriginal Australia were brutal processes that caused immense suffering. But how should otherwise good people who contributed to such events be remembered? With this question in mind, *The Remarkable Mr and Mrs Johnson*, explores the lives of colonial New South Wales' pioneer chaplain, the Reverend Richard Johnson, and his wife Mary. Drawing heavily on eighteenth and nineteenth-century sources, the book traces early influences that led the Johnsons to join the First Fleet, then describes their pioneering work in the colony, founding the first schools, building the first church, and pioneering British charity. Amid the suffering caused by the British invasion, the Johnsons also built a remarkable friendship with a young Aboriginal girl named Boorong, who became an influential intermediary during the early years of colonisation. Their lives have something to teach us about adaptation, survival, and humility.

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*The Country Surgeon: The life and times of Arthur Andrews of Albury (1848–1925)*/Stitz, Charles & Kent, Gary  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
628 pages, 23cm  
9781922669834  
USD : 64.95 / PB  
955 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855859>

Dr Arthur Andrews, a worthy citizen of Albury, contributed greatly to the growth and development of his adopted town. He was not only exceptionally public-spirited, but also a pioneer local historian and a leader in the early study of Australasian tokens and coins. His personal story has been overlooked-and so also Albury's history, as the city's promise around the time of Federation is perhaps only now being fulfilled. However, Dr Andrew's histories of Albury and the Upper Murray, and his handbook of tokens and coins, are still used. *The Country Surgeon* is an extensive, well-illustrated biography. It illuminates the lives and everyday preoccupations of Dr Andrew's fellow citizens in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

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*Angels of Kings Cross, The - The Life and Times of Dr Fanny Reading*/605  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
384 pages, 23cm  
9781922952509  
USD : 54.95 / PB  
605 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855875>

Dr Fanny Reading arrived in Australia in 1889 as a migrant child and felt the loneliness of the newcomer. A brilliant musician and compassionate medical doctor, she created the

National Council of Jewish Women of Australia, mentoring thousands of women, bringing them out of their kitchens into the worlds of public debate and policies. A leader on Australia's home-front during World War II, she was a trailblazer, feminist and courageous activist for the disadvantaged at home and abroad.

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The intelligent Mr Kinghorne : a biography of Alexander Kinghorne (1770-1846)/Chis Maxwell & Alex Pugh

Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
xx, 432 pages : [23] pages of plates (some coloured) ; 24 cm  
9781922952059  
USD : 49.95 / HB  
840 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855857>

Alexander Kinghorne was a child of the Scottish Enlightenment, an agricultural innovator, surveyor, civil engineer and incurable romantic. But at the age of 54, driven by adversity and hope, he chose to take his family to the penal colony of New South Wales. Would he succeed in this new land? Would he rescue his children and restore them to the prominence in society he was sure was enjoyed by his shadowy forbears? Alexander's achievements extended beyond these things to a more intangible legacy of humanity and support for others.

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Ron Edwards and the Fight For Australian Tradition/McKenry, Keith

Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
ix, 362 pages : illustrations (some coloured) ; 24 cm  
9781922952042  
USD : 54.95 / HB  
1005 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855866>

Ron Edwards (1930 - 2008) had a passion for recording and safeguarding for future generations Australia's unique folk heritage. In 1950, at a time when popular wisdom had it that Australia had few folk songs, Edwards and poet John Manifold produced the Bandicoot Ballads, trailblazing broadsheets which marked the beginning of Australia's folk music revival. He also published the first book of Australian folk songs with music. Moving to far North Queensland he made his living painting nudes, horses and bush landscapes. Discovering tradition-bearers all around him he became an irrepressible field collector making Cairns the folk song, yarnspinning and bush craft capital of Australia. He also documented meticulously a wealth of ancient Aboriginal rock art. A passionately independent free spirit and sole proprietor of his Rams Skull Press for over fifty years, Edwards published over three hundred titles, mostly on Australian folklore and traditional craft, the overwhelming majority of which he wrote and illustrated himself. Over forty years on, his pivotal publications The Big Book of Australian Folk Song, The Australian Yarn and Traditional Australian Bush Crafts remain standard references. His monumental twelve volume Index of Australian Folk Song warrants recognition as a national treasure. Ron Edwards is a towering figure in the field of Australian folklore.

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Helen Fuller/Wolfe, Ross & Grbich, Sasha & Barkley, Glenn & Fuller, Helen

Australia : Wakefield Press, Australia 2023  
136 pages, 28cm  
9781923042018  
USD : 62.95 / HB  
815 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855945>

Tarntanya/Adelaide artist Helen Fuller is curious, inventive and willing to follow her compulsion to make, whatever the material. Over a long and extensive career, she has established a multidisciplinary practice encompassing a rich variety of painting, sculpture, installation and, in recent years, ceramics. Driven by intuition and materiality, she approaches ceramics in a manner she likens to painting, concerned with the characteristics of form rather than the function of the vessel. Unfailingly experimental, she describes her instinct as 'off-road'. In *Helen Fuller*, the first major publication devoted entirely to Fuller's work, the authors explore aspects of her fifty years of practice and a life of art.

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Endo Days - Life, love and laughs with Endometriosis/Parker, Libby Trainor  
Australia : Wakefield Press, Australia 2023  
336 pages, 23cm  
9781743057773  
USD : 39.95 / PB  
430 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855957>

One in ten people in Australia are living with endometriosis and countless others are supporting them, caring for them, championing various treatments and being impacted by this incurable condition. *Endo Days* is a look at the stories of those within the endo community, as told to journalist and educator Libby Trainor Parker, who was diagnosed with endometriosis aged thirty-six, and has dedicated the past seven years to finding the lighter side of chronic illness. *Endo Days* is a frank, often funny and honest memoir told in a narrative journalism style, with Libby's own story as the central narrative, drawing on interviews with others with endometriosis (both women, men and non-binary), their partners - male and female, doctors and specialists, researchers and the wider endo community.

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Sir Josiah Symon KCMG KC a biography/Ian Hancock  
Australia : Wakefield Press, Australia 2023  
398 pages, 23cm  
9781743059746  
USD : 52.00 / PB  
670 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855955>

Josiah Symon arrived in South Australia from Scotland in 1866 just before his 20th birthday. His baggage included two boxes of books, references praising his primary school teaching and a few English pounds. In 1934 he left an estate valued in modern terms at \$22 million. Symon acquired his wealth as the acknowledged leader of the Adelaide Bar for 30 years, by investments in shares and property in London and Australia, and through his highly

regarded vineyard and winery. Knighted for contributions to the federal cause, Symon served in the House of Assembly (1881-1887) and in the Australian Senate (1901-1913) and was, briefly, both a State and a Commonwealth Attorney-General. He headed a large family, owned an estate and working farm and was also a philanthropist, a bibliophile, Shakespearean scholar, president of cultural societies and a sought-after public speaker. His contemporaries knew him as a major figure, but he is now mainly remembered, if at all, as a reactionary and a master of vituperation. To restore balance requires recognition that this largely self-made Scot, composed of many allegiances and contradictions, took principled stands which placed him ahead, alongside and behind his times.

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One curious doctor : a memoir of medicine, migration and mortality/Hilton Koppe  
Australia : Wakefield Press, Australia 2023  
262 pages, 23cm  
9781743059883  
USD : 39.95 / PB  
435 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855961>

Hilton Koppe was working as a doctor in small-town Australia when he was diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder. As the fallout from the trauma of the diagnosis began to settle, he tried to work out how he ended up in this position. Was the PTSD a consequence of vicarious trauma from working as a country doctor for over thirty years? Did it come from his life-long feelings of being an outsider trying so hard to fit in? Or was it a result of trauma experienced by his parents and grandparents in their search for security across three continents? Or maybe it was all down to personality type. His nature. Did the qualities which made him a trusted doctor also make him more vulnerable to the inevitable impact of caring for people over many years? In *One Curious Doctor*, Hilton Koppe writes with curiosity and compassion of his family fleeing Europe, the lessons he learned from the patients he helped, and his sadness and relief of no longer being able to practise medicine.

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A Perilous Profession: The Dangerous Lives of Doctors/Breen, Kerry  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
169 pages  
9781923068001  
USD : 54.95 / PB  
295 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855863>

The Covid-19 pandemic led to the deaths of 50 doctors in the UK, 150 in Italy and over 700 in India. Infectious diseases are an obvious risk for medical students and doctors, but there are also many other risks that can imperil their well-being and lives. These include violent assaults; addiction to opioids and other drugs; death in motor vehicle accidents related to sleep deprivation; bullying and harassment; and burn-out, depression and suicide. Some suicides have been linked to being subject to investigation of allegations of unprofessional conduct or impairment. The book documents these dangers and explains why doctors subconsciously perceive themselves to be invulnerable and why they face obstacles in accessing medical care. It makes recommendations for improving the working conditions and lives of medical students and doctors, and pushes for major changes to the 'national scheme' for the regulation of the health professions.

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Would that be funny? : Growing up with John Clarke/Clarke, Lorin  
Australia : Text Publishing Company, Australia 2023  
288 pages, 23cm  
9781922790361  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
380 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855901>

A family memoir about the beloved comedian John Clarke by his daughter, writer Lorin Clarke. A warm, witty and uplifting book about how our families make us who we are.. When satirist John Clarke died, in April 2017, many people mourned his passing as if they had lost a friend or a member of the family. Many of us felt we grew up with him. After all, for the best part of half a century, since he burst into our lives as Fred Dagg in 1974, he was a performer, an actor, a writer, a satirist and as a commentator in both Australia and New Zealand. In this fascinating memoir, Lorin Clarke tells the story of growing up with her famous father, her art historian mother Helen, and her little sister Lucia. Much has been written about John Clarke, but this is the insider's view-of his childhood, his relationship with his parents, his decision to leave New Zealand and live in Australia, and the choices he and Helen made to create a family life that is right out of the box. *Would That Be Funny?* is a story about the almost imperceptible things that make a family what it is, from long-told folklore, in-jokes, and archetypes, to calamities like world wars, deep-seated traumas, and sudden loss. Lorin Clarke, author of the celebrated podcast *The Fitzroy Diaries* brings to life her idyllic, hilarious and deeply nerdy childhood, and in doing so reveals not only the private man behind satirist John Clarke but the sense of love and security that comes from being able to laugh at yourself.

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In the air of an afternoon almost past : a memoir of loss/Peter Goers  
Australia : Wakefield Press, Australia 2023  
104 pages, 21cm  
9781743059944  
USD : 29.95 / PB  
155 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855954>

These events, foretold, are of forty years ago. They were a surreal blur then and remain so. A fever dream that was tragically real. Even with the clarity of time, there is only distance. And the need to understand. I suppose it is a long overdue, long goodbye. Grief is a great theme of our times and this is a memoir of grief in action. On the tempest-tossed afternoon of 9 July 1982, Pan Am flight 759 crashed into a suburb of New Orleans shortly after takeoff. Eight people on the ground and all 145 passengers died, among them Peter Goers's parents, Margaret and Brian Goers, aged 50 and 52. Peter, busy with his promising career as a director, had not said goodbye. Peter left for the US the next day, summoned to identify the bodies. These are his impressions of a strange and tragic journey full of potent memory, loss, poignant candour, wisdom and family redemption.

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Confessions of an Opera Tragic/Thomas, Gillian



Australia : Wakefield Press, Australia 2023  
104 pages, 20cm  
9781743059784  
USD : 29.95 / PB  
135 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855953>

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Piano Lessons/Goldsworthy, Anna  
Australia : Black Inc. Books, Australia 2023  
240 pages, 21cm  
9781760644864  
USD : 34.99 / PB  
255 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855914>

The award-winning, much-loved memoir of renowned author and musician Anna Goldsworthy about her first steps towards a life in music. In this remarkable story, Anna Goldsworthy recalls her journey from childhood piano lessons with a local jazz muso to a successful career as a concert pianist. As she discovers passion and ambition, and confronts doubt and disappointment, she learns about much more than technique. Piano Lessons captures the hopes and uncertainties of youth, the fear and exhilaration of performing, and the complex bonds between teacher and student. An unforgettable cast of characters joins her- her family; her friends and rivals; and her teacher, Mrs Sivan, who inspires and challenges her in equal measure, and who transforms what seems an impossible dream into something real and sustaining. This is a story of the getting of wisdom, tender and bittersweet. 'An expertly spun narrative, told with wry, self-effacing charm, elegant economy and the genuine love of a student for her teacher' The Australian 'A brilliant memoir ... Goldsworthy is a fine writer.' Big Issue

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#### *Ecology/Environment*

World heritage sites of Australia/Peter Valentine ; foreword by Bob Brown  
Australia : National Library of Australia, Australia 2023  
v, 313 pages : colour illustrations, maps, portraits ; 29 cm  
9781922507587  
USD : 64.99 / HB  
1860 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855884>

Visitors to Australia marvel when they see the places recognised by the United Nations as World Heritage. From the ancient, pristine temperate rainforests in the south to the massive escarpments and tropical wetlands in the north, they are dazzling in their ecological complexity and the record they offer of life on this planet and the human experience in Australia. Peter Valentine presents Australia's World Heritage sites in a magnificent tribute to natural and cultural history. The outstanding qualities of each site are described and illustrated in exquisite detail, along with an account of how the site came to be on the World Heritage List. Rainforests that show the connections of the ancient supercontinent

Gondwana. Rock art that points to a history of human settlement reaching over 60,000 years into the past. Sandstone remnants of eighty years of convict labour and imprisonment. A marvel of twentieth-century architecture. This is Australia's world heritage. A testament to his decades of involvement in World Heritage, Valentine includes in each chapter a reflection on his observations, involvement with or connection to each site, from a conversation with the late Kakadu Elder Bill Neidjie to diving on the Great Barrier Reef and developing safe protocols for swimming with the whale sharks at the Ningaloo Coast

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### *Economics*

Eating the Earth - Eating the Earth Why We Need to Change the Way we do Business with Nature/Walsh, Justyn  
Australia : University of Queensland Press, Australia 2023  
336 pages, 23cm  
9780702266133  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
405 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855911>

Money talks, but it doesn't always tell the truth ... Fossil-fuelled capitalism, although generating riches for billions, is underwritten by a planetary pyramid scheme - one in which withdrawals from the natural world are not supported by underlying capital replenishment, resulting in global impacts such as climate change and biodiversity loss. Former investment banker Justyn Walsh argues that the failure to properly value nature is more than just a glitch in the system, but in many ways is the system - one enabling a 'cowboy economy' that relentlessly rolls forward to new frontiers of exploitation, and gives the appearance of wealth being created when in fact much of it is being destroyed. Stark in its warnings but hopeful in its prescriptions, *Eating the Earth* argues that we need to embrace a new story - one acknowledging that humankind is a part of nature rather than apart from nature, that measures how life is enriched rather than destroyed, and that lives off nature's dividends rather than eating into its capital.

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### *History*

The Catch - Australia's love affair with fishing/Clark, Anna  
Australia : Vintage Books, Australia 2023  
208 pages, 23cm  
9781761342202  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
295 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855904>

Bringing her personal passion for throwing in a line, author and historian Anna Clark celebrates the enduring pleasure of fishing. In every coastal town in Australia, there's a bait shop and a boat ramp. Fishing rods are strung up in laundries and garages around the country, waiting for their next outing. Walk over a bridge, look across to a wharf and there will be people casting a line. Many people have a special fishing spot, and families pass on

tips from generation to generation and exchange fishy tales of amazing catches and near misses. Bringing her personal passion for throwing in a line, author and historian Anna Clark celebrates the enduring pleasure of fishing in *The Catch*. She charts its history, from the first known accounts of Indigenous fishing and early European encounters with Australia's waters, to the latest fishing fads; from the introduction of trout and fly-fishing, to the challenges of balancing the needs of commercial and recreational fishers. Originally published to accompany an exhibition at the National Library of Australia, now with updated material and all new photographs.

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Looking Over the Fence: Reflections and reminiscences of an historian's journey from the Australian bush to a wider world/Moses, John A.

Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023

330 pages, 23cm

9781922669889

USD : 54.95 / PB

505 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855858>

An academic's journey is often a mixture of determination and serendipity where the ambitions of a young mind and a chance meeting of an influential scholar open opportunities that may not have been foreseen. For John Moses, "a boy from the Bush" of Queensland with mixed religious and ethnic heritage, an education for the Anglican priesthood at St Francis Theological College in Brisbane unexpectedly set him down of learning German history, when is Latin teacher, a German Jew converted to Christianity, bequeathed him his books and memoirs of his life in Wilhelmine Germany during the Weimer Republic and up to the Nazi seizure of power. As both mentor and friend, Canon Dr Wilhelm Lorenz Rechnitz (1899-1979) offered the young man a uniquely personal insight into the most shattering spiritual and political catastrophe to envelop the Western world.

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Exterminate with pride : Aboriginal-European relations in the Townsville-Bowen region to 1869/Bruce Breslin. foreword by Henry Reynolds

Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023

149 pages : illustrations, maps ; 24 cm.

9781922952493

USD : 49.95 / PB

340 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855867>

Persuasive and eloquent, *Exterminate with Pride* comprehensively re-assesses established views of Aboriginal-European relations in the Townsville-Bowen region of north Queensland to 1869. The benevolent intentions with which George Dalrymple has been credited in founding the township of Bowen are re-examined and dismissed. Contrary to the prevailing narrative, Aboriginal people were accepted into the stations and townships because armed suppression had failed to crush their patriotic defence of their homelands. Originally published in 1992, this edition includes a timely update. It links the experiences of the Aboriginal people on the north Queensland frontier in the 1860s to the present-day initiatives of the Uluru Statement from the Heart and the Queensland government's Path to Treaty.

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The Yachties : Australian volunteers in the Royal Navy 1940–45/Janet Roberts Billett  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
xxii, 201 pages, 42 unnumbered pages of plates : illustrations, maps, portraits ; 23 cm  
9781922669537  
USD : 52.95 / PB  
435 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855872>

The 'Yachties' is a unique saga of exceptional valour displayed by Australian volunteers who served in World War II as officers with the Royal Navy. Recruited under the Dominion Yachtsmen Scheme, their war service in the Northern Hemisphere was as diverse as it was dangerous. Most sailed in convoy duties in the Battle of the Atlantic and some in the Arctic run to Murmansk in Russia. A small group distinguished themselves in Rendering Mines Safe. The majority served in Combined Operations, which included daring coastal raids, the amphibious landings in the Mediterranean and Normandy, covert operations, and mine sweeping. Later in the war, Yachties also served in the Royal Australian Navy in South East Asia and the Pacific, contributing to victory with bravery, dash and loyalty to country and Empire. As a group they are the most highly decorated Australian volunteers.

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FROM GOLD TO FEDERATION Exhibitions and the Australian Quest for Modernity, 1851-1901/Hoffenberg, Peter H.  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
320 pages, 23cm  
9781922952394  
USD : 54.95 / PB  
590 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855871>

From Gold to Federation describes how huge exhibitions reflected an emerging national identity and promoted the interests of strongly growing colonial economies. Starting with the Great Exhibition in London in 1851, Australians participated keenly as organisers, exhibitors, judges and visitors at world's fairs locally and in France, India, Britain and the United States. These exhibitions were vitally important for enhancing intercolonial and international trade. And they were immensely popular, presenting eye-opening displays of Australian commercial products, natural resources, art, Aboriginal life and natural history to the public in Australia and the world at large. In the years between the discovery of gold in the mid-1850s and the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia in 1901—a period of rapid technological innovation and expansion in trade—colonial Australians understood the value of these exhibitions in Melbourne and Sydney and Paris and London. Their quest for modernity was at the core of the Exhibition experience.

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Opi - The Two Lives of My Grandfather/Pohl, Andreas  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
230 pages, 22cm  
9781922952196  
USD : 52.95 / PB

400 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855873>

In 1937, the Nazi propaganda machine feted Friedrich Wilhelm Hymmen as a literary star. A decade later, he gave up writing fiction altogether as an act of self-punishment for his complicity in the crimes of the Nazi regime. Now his grandson, Melbourne writer Andreas Pohl, tries to find answers to the question of how a talented young man from an educated middle-class family was radicalised into joining the Nazi movement. He discovers a story of how education, talent and keen ambition led to collusion with one of the most murderous regimes of the 20th century. A story about guilt, memory, and the joys and limitations of reinvention. And most of all, a story about whether the love of a grandson can withstand the revelations about his grandfather's past.

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Operation Hurricane/Grace, Paul  
Australia : Hachette Australia, Australia 2023  
368 pages, 22cm  
9780733650543  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
470 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855897>

'I remember seeing a flash, I turned around and heard a roar like a train approaching in a tunnel. Then a tremendous crack like a whiplash passed directly overhead. I saw a mushroom cloud ... There was black and white smoke, orange and red flames ascending through the centre of the mushroom.' RAN Able Seaman Vince Douglas, participant in Operation Hurricane At 8.00 a.m. on Friday 3 October 1952, Britain's first atomic bomb was detonated in the hold of a surplus frigate, HMS Plym, moored in the Montebello Islands, 50 miles off the North West Coast of Western Australia. The blast vaporised the Plym, produced a mushroom cloud 2 miles high, and covered the islands and parts of the Australian mainland with fallout. The test, codenamed Operation Hurricane, was the culmination of years of top-secret planning in London and Canberra and months of clandestine preparations at the site. One of the largest peacetime military operations in Australian history, its success shifted the balance of power in the Cold War and briefly rejuvenated the fading British Empire. Painstakingly pieced together from declassified government documents and first-person accounts by surviving participants, Operation Hurricane tells the story of Britain's first nuclear test from the point of view of the men on the ground: soldiers, sailors, airmen and civilians. It delves into the historical context of the Cold War and examines the controversial legacy of the atomic tests, including the impact of fallout on servicemen, Aboriginal peoples and the environment, and Australia's relationship with the United Kingdom.

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Tiwi Story - Turning history downside up/Kerinaiaua, Mavis & Rademaker, Laura  
Australia : NewSouth Publishing, Sydney NSW 2023  
224 pages, 23cm  
9781742238128  
USD : 44.99 / PB  
305 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855896>

□I believe history is for healing. But you need to tell the whole story, the good and the bad. Telling the truth to the younger ones, the next generation, will make them strong.□ - Mavis Kerinaiaua The Tiwi people have more than their fair share of stories that turn ideas of Australian history upside down. The Tiwi claim the honour of defeating a global superpower. When the world's most powerful navy invaded and attempted to settle the Tiwi Islands in 1824, Tiwi warriors fought the British and won. The Tiwi remember the fight, and oral histories reveal their tactical brilliance. Later, in 1911, Catholic priest Francis Xavier Gsell decided to □purchase□ Tiwi women and □free□ them from traditional marriage, so girls would grow up into devoted Catholics. But Tiwi women had more power in marriage negotiations than missionaries realised. They worked out how to be both Tiwi and Catholic. And it was the missionaries who came around to Tiwi thinking. Then there are stories of the Tiwi people's □number one religion□: Aussie Rules; Calista Kantilla remembers her time growing up in the mission dormitory; and Teddy Portaminni explains the importance of Tiwi history and culture as something precious, owned by Tiwi and the source of Tiwi strength. In *Tiwi Story*, Mavis Kerinaiaua, Laura Rademaker and Tiwi historians showcase stories of resilience, creativity and survival.

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*The Unlucky Viking: A Saga of Sealing & Shipwrecks in the Southern ocean/Harboe-Ree*, Cathrine

Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023

241 pages

9781922952738

USD : 54.95 / PB

485 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855864>

Early in the twentieth century, adventurous Norwegians were drawn to the southern hemisphere, seeking their fortune from sealing and whaling. This book tells the extraordinary tale of a young captain, Anders Harboe-Ree, who far from making his fortune was shipwrecked twice on subantarctic islands. The first shipwreck, in 1906, resulted in 14 men being stranded on the desolate and remote Crozet Islands, and to save them Anders and two companions attempted to sail a 5.8-metre whaleboat 7,300 kilometres to Australia across the wild Southern Ocean. The second shipwreck, two years later, saw 75 men stranded on the equally bleak Prince Edward Islands. These were the most dramatic, though not the only, misfortunes faced by this unlucky, modern-day Viking. Echoing the old Norse sagas, this book is a gripping story about shipwrecks and survival and an important contribution to sealing and Antarctic history.

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*The library of lost horizons : an antiquarian voyage*/Trevor Hay

Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023

xvii, 262 pages : illustrations ; 23 cm

9781922454911

USD : 49.99 / PB

430 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855861>

The author reflects on his own fifty-year voyage of discovery of Asia, culminating in a journey to far western China in 2018; to Dunhuang, the oasis town on the fringe of the Gobi and Lop deserts that for centuries gave access to the Silk Roads - and to the 'Caves of a Thousand Buddhas'. These temple-caves once concealed the world's oldest printed book, known as the Diamond Sutra, but as he contemplates the significance of the missing sutra and an empty cave, he finds himself confronted by the world's oldest question.

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Why the Enlightenment Matters: The shift in our thinking that made the modern world/Wakeling, Adam

Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023

287 pages

9781922952066

USD : 54.95 / PB

450 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855865>

For all the challenges we face in the modern world, those of us in first world democracies live lives which have seemed miraculous to our forebears of a few centuries ago. With modern medical science, we can easily treat injuries and illnesses which used to be fatal. We have plentiful food, rights to freedom of speech and religion, access to public education, and can vote for our leaders. We still have a long way to go to free ourselves of injustice, poverty and want, but no human societies have ever gone further. Why the Enlightenment Matters goes back to the seventeenth century to explore how we broke out of old ways of thinking to move towards the scientific method, industrial revolution, liberal democracy, and human rights. Looking back, it's easy to see these developments as inevitable. In reality, huge barriers stood in the path of progress. Today, with the world grappling with the rise of new forms of authoritarianism and the re-emergence of old ones, it is more important than ever to understand what makes our societies successful. And, from that, how we can confidently face the threats of the future.

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My Grandfather's Clock - Four Centuries of a British-Australian Family/Davison, Graeme

Australia : Miegunyah Press 2023

304 pages, 24cm

9780522879582

USD : 55.99 / HB

675 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855900>

British Australia- a search for family. A great-aunt's bequest - a 200-year-old grandfather clock - sends historian Graeme Davison on a journey deep into his father's family's past. From their tribal homeland in the Scottish Borders he follows them to the garrison town of Carlisle, from industrial Birmingham to Edwardian Australia, and from the Great War to his own suburban childhood. This is the story of an ordinary family's journey from frontier warfare and dispossession through economic turmoil and emigration to modest prosperity. At each step, we are led to reflect on the puzzles of personal identity and the mystery of time. Based on a lifetime of creative scholarship, My Grandfather's Clock is a moving testament to the power of family history to illuminate the present.

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Full Coverage - A History of Rock Journalism in Australia/Fell, Samuel J.  
Australia : Monash University Press, Australia 2023  
352 pages, 23cm  
9781922633934  
USD : 42.99 / PB  
395 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855906>

The first full-length history of rock journalism in Australia. For over fifty years, Australia has maintained its own rock press - a vibrant, passionate, sometimes volatile industry of dozens of papers and magazines committed to the coverage of the country's robust music scene. From the glossy and glamorous to the punk and pernicious, these publications were the medium that brought Australian music culture to international attention and launched the careers of countless musicians, as well as writers, editors and photographers. Go-Set started it all; Rolling Stone Australia, RAM and Juke defined their eras; music newspapers like Beat and Inpress brought indie music to the streets; and sites like Mess+Noise, Tone Deaf and Junkee harnessed the digital age. Drawing on comprehensive research and dozens of interviews with key figures such as Molly Meldrum, Phillip Frazer and Lily Brett, journalist Samuel Fell captures the vibrancy of music journalism in Australia with colourful anecdotes and surprising stories. Full Coverage is the tale of how the Australian rock press was born, grew and evolved to become an integral part of Australian culture.

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Sea Change - A pictorial history of the City of Holdfast Bay/Blake, Jim  
Australia : Wakefield Press, Australia 2023  
200 pages, 28cm  
9781743059029  
USD : 52.00 / PB  
1025 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855944>

Adelaide's coastal settlements have undergone mighty changes over the last 185 years. Using rare and marvellous photographs, including many from the 19th century, Sea Change showcases the history of these favourite places, including Glenelg, Brighton, Seacliff and more, that now make up the City of Holdfast Bay.

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Lights Everlasting: Australia's Commemorative Stained Glass from the Boer War to Vietnam/Hughes, Bronwyn  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
240 pages  
9781922669827  
USD : 74.95 / PB  
1045 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855856>

Almost hidden within religious buildings, hospitals, school chapels and civic buildings, stained-glass windows tell of Australians at war. Bronwyn Hughes focuses on commemorative stained glass-an overlooked art form-describing its rich artistic and architectural heritage and the artists and firms who created it. Memorial stained glass



serves to depict and illuminate the men and women who fought and died for their faith and their country. It has a tragic beauty.

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The 'Bounty' and Beyond/Fish, John A.  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
320 pages, 28cm  
9781922952783  
USD : 300.00 / HB  
1550 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855855>

Captain Bligh's Journal is the most important of all of the primary documents relating to the infamous mutiny on the Bounty. Needless to say, writers-and Hollywood in its memorable Errol Flynn and Marlin Brando movie classics-have made great use of it. Up till now, however, the relationship between the Journal's official version (at The National Archives in London) and Bligh's private version (at the Mitchell Library in Sydney) has not been explored. This surprising omission is dealt with in this meticulous comparison of the two versions by John A. Fish. Very many surprising and significant differences are thus revealed, particularly those relating to the notorious Bligh's interaction with his officers and men. A full historical and bibliographical study of Bligh's three expedition journals-of the journals of the Bounty, the Resource and the Vlydt-is included. The author also scrutinises Bligh's large manuscript account of the mutiny and the voyage in the open boat, which is in the Mitchell Library and is the forerunner of Bligh's Narrative of the Mutiny (1790). The significance of this work, which is in Bligh's own hand, had not previously been fully recognised. Based on extensive research (including several close examinations of the primary sources) and a deep understanding of the relevant literature, this book will prove to be a landmark event in the history of Bligh/Bounty scholarship.

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Alternative Reality - How Australian wine changed course/Allen, Max  
Australia : Melbourne Books, Australia 2023  
240 24cm  
9781922779069  
USD : 54.99 / HB  
885 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855899>

This book is for anyone who wants to deepen their understanding of why the Australian wine scene is the way it is today and get more enjoyment out of a wider range of delicious wines. Australian wine has been through a revolution over the last two decades. New grape varieties, new wine styles, new winemaking personalities and cultures have emerged, dramatically changing how this country thinks about and enjoys wine. And much of this change can be traced to a wine competition in Mildura, in the remote northwest of Victoria. Since 2001, the Australian Alternative Varieties Wine Show has examined and championed exciting new non-mainstream grapes (anything but chardonnay and shiraz ...), with a roll call of leading winemakers, sommeliers, writers and viticulturists travelling from all over the country each November to talk and taste, to swap ideas, and to imagine a different wine landscape. This book tells the story of those last two decades; not just of the show, but also of the wider world of Australian wine, through profiles of the key people who made it happen. It also includes comprehensive information about more than 150 different

alternative grape varieties currently grown in Australia - what the wines made from these grapes taste like, and who the key producers are.

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Southern signals : a history of innovation, challenge and triumph in Australia's communication history/Hugh Tranter

Australia : National Library of Australia, Australia 2023

vii, 280 pages : illustrations (some colour), portraits, facsimiles ; 24 cm

9781922507563

USD : 54.95 / HB

885 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855886>

From sea-stained dispatches to data sent back from deep space, Southern Signals is the story of Australia's use of communications to bridge vast distances through war and peace, exploration and growth. Communications have been vital at every stage of Australia's history. From the time the First Fleet transport ship Prince of Wales limped back into port eight months after leaving Sydney Cove, to the breakneck rush during the 1970 Apollo 13 crisis to bring Parkes' famous radio telescope on line, this book shows how adoption (or not) of emerging communication technologies has influenced key events, and formed the backbone of Australia's development as a society and relationship with the world. Chapter topics include: dispatching mail to Britain from a convict colony, and then around a big country; the arrival of telegraph, telephone, and television; wireless radio and Antarctic exploration; wireless radio entering Australian homes; the coming of airmail; Australia's role in televising the moon landing; communications in search and rescue, Australian newspapers; the internet and the opportunities and risks of the future.

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Survival and Sanctuary - Testimoines of the Holocaust and Life Beyond/Hodge, Freda (translator)

Australia : Monash University Press, Australia 2023

256 pages, 23cm

9781922979155

USD : 39.99 / PB

245 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855892>

When Jewish survivors of the Holocaust arrived in Australia after World War II, they were filled with hope that they could build a new life. These survivors found themselves in a country not only blessedly far from the chaos of post-war Europe but also on the periphery of the political changes taking place in the West, such as the stirrings of a Cold War. Australia offered the peace so necessary to those who had been through unspeakable tragedy. With their arrival, Australian Jewish communities would change dramatically. The survivors brought with them Yiddish, the lingua franca of East European Jewry, and their distinct European culture. A new era began as Jewish culture flourished and Jewish society developed in Australia. Yet these survivors continued to live with their searing memories. They were appreciative of the sanctuary Australia offered, but their nightmares still haunted them. Many carried with them the scars of their traumatic experiences in the camps and in hiding from the Nazis. Some were unable to forge loving relationships with their children or spouses - whom they married to create a new family to replace those they may have lost - resulting in fraught family dynamics. Many were never fully free of the ghosts of their

terrible suffering under German occupation. Translated into English for the first time, these seven testimonies provide a window into the experiences of these survivors. Introduced by acclaimed Australian scholar Professor Paul Bartrop, *Survival and Sanctuary* is an exploration of the tension between hope and despair in the aftermath of war, and ultimately a demonstration of the power of the human will.

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Years of Terror, The/Stephens, Marguerita & Stewart-Muir, Fay  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
520 pages, 23cm  
9781922669841  
USD : 64.95 / PB  
800 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855862>

Why did Billibellary and Wurundjeri and Boonwurrung clansfolk parley with the coloniser John Batman on the banks of the Merri Creek in June 1835? And what befell the clans in the decade and a half that followed? Based on the daily journal of Assistant Protector William Thomas, this work meticulously documents the lives and deaths of those who struggled to hold their Country as the nascent colonial administration unleashed 'the terror of British law' on them. Thomas, both a defender of Kulin rights and an agent of empire, witnessed the devastation of the Kulin, recording their heartbreak and defiance as they succumbed to dispossession, domination, disease and hunger. *Banbu-deen: The Years of Terror* is a new history of colonisation at Port Phillip.

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#### *Linguistics*

Kurna warrapiipa = Kurna dictionary : Kurna to English, English to Kurna/produced and written for Kurna Warra Pintyanthi and Kurna Warra Karrpanthi ; by Rob Amery, Susie Greenwood and Jasmin Morley  
Australia : Wakefield Press, Australia 2023  
176 pages, 28cm  
9781743059210  
USD : 49.95 / PB  
555 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855946>

Kurna to English and English to Kurna translations give learners quick access and the ability to identify the creative processes used to translate and adapt old words to new for modern day application that is rooted in ancient integrity. This simple, comprehensive and insightful dictionary is easy to navigate and is grounded with ancient and modern Kurna voices and robust historical and contemporary sources.

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#### *Literature*

Burn/Saward, Melanie

Australia : Affirm Press 2023  
304 pages, 23cm  
9781922848482  
USD : 42.99 / PB  
375 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855908>

'A great book - storytelling with heart, and a testimony to truth.' □ Tony Birch When a tragic bushfire puts two kids in hospital, Indigenous teenager Andrew knows the police will come after him first. But Andrew almost wants to be caught, because at least it might make his dad come and rescue him from suburban Brisbane and his neglectful mother. Growing up in small-town Tasmania, Andrew struggled at home, at school, at everything. The only thing that distracted or excited him was starting little fires. Flames boosted his morale and purified his thoughts, and they were the only thing in his life he could control. Until one day things got out of hand, and Andrew was forced to leave everything behind. Now as the police close in and Andrew runs out of people to turn to, he must decide whether he can put his faith in himself to find a way forward. Burn is an affecting, powerful novel about prejudice and growing up on the margins from exciting new Australian voice Melanie Saward.

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Never Look Desperate/Matthews, Rachel  
Australia : Transit Lounge, Australia 2023  
291 pages, 23cm  
9780645565393  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
380 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855907>

Never Look Desperate is Sedaris meets Fleabag, a tragi-comedy romance set in Melbourne 2023. It features cremation bling, pineapple underwear, grief and vaccinated cruise ships. The central characters Bernard, Goldie and Minh are everything TED Talks tell you not to be. The story tackles the absurdity of despair in a recovering world, the liberation from isolation and the wild frontier of middle-aged Tinder.

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The Disorganisation of Celia Stone/Young, Emma  
Australia : Fremantle Press , Australia 2023  
352 pages, 23cm  
9781760992040  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
470 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855903>

Every woman should have reading this book on their to-do list. Meet Celia Stone, the ultimate hyper-organised, journal-obsessed thirty-something with a life that is perfectly planned out and running like clockwork. From her promising writing career to her devoted partner and rigorous fitness routine, Celia has it all - and she's right on track with her early retirement plan. But when her husband suggests it's time to start a family, Celia begins to question whether a new addition might just throw off-course everything she's worked so

hard to achieve. Follow Celia's diary entries on a year-long journey of self-discovery as she navigates the ups and downs of trying to have it all.

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Me, Her, Us/Wong, Yen-Rong

Australia : University of Queensland Press, Australia 2023

256 pages, 22cm

9780702266201

USD : 39.99 / PB

305 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855905>

Memoir-essays from an award-winning writer, exploring race, sex, familial expectations, and identity. Raised by strict, religious, Malaysian Chinese parents in Brisbane's southern suburbs, Yen-Rong Wong internalised an idealised image of a Chinese-presenting girl at a young age. As she grew into young adulthood, she began to bristle against the weight of these expectations and the pressure to conform to cultural notions of family and future. However, there was a clear absence of stories around her that could provide insight into the ways in which she could forge her own path - so she decided to make one for herself. In this compelling collection of essays, Wong blends memoir and cultural criticism to interrogate perceptions around sex, racism, and familial dynamics. Laying bare her own life, she examines the joys and difficulties that lie at the intersections of her identity. Brave, unflinching, and with a dash of wry humour, Me, Her, Us is a provocative book for our times.

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Doll's Eye/Kaminsky, Leah

Australia : Vintage Books, Australia 2023

256 pages, 23cm

9781761043741

USD : 39.99 / PB

315 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855887>

Sometimes there may be more to things than meets the eye. Germany, 1933. Anna Winter returns home to find a note from her father, warning her of grave danger. She flees overnight, taking her precious doll collection with her, and sets sail for Australia. She lands a job at the Birdum Hotel and carves a new life, hiding her past from the world - until a chance encounter with an eccentric stranger, Alter Mayseh, changes everything. Australia, 1938. A Yiddish poet fleeing persecution, Alter has seen the writing on the wall for his people. Armed with a letter of introduction from Albert Einstein, he manages his own escape from Europe and arrives in Australia in search of a safe place to call home. When fate leads him to Anna, he's convinced he's found his future with her. But a disturbing clue to her dark past threatens to unravel the delicate life she has built on top of the secrets left behind. Shifting in time and place, Doll's Eye weaves an intriguing story of love, loss and survival against a backdrop of war and displacement. Evocative and compelling, it brings into question the gap between what we see, and what we don't.

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Southern aurora/Mark Brandi

Australia : Hachette Australia, Australia 2023  
276 pages ; 24 cm  
9780733649325  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
360 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855889>

The unforgettable new novel from the Dagger award-winning author of Wimmera, Mark Brandi. A novel that shows small-town life is unforgiving if you're from the other side of the tracks. We always listen out for the train when we're down in the cutting because sometimes they come quicker than you expect. There aren't as many trains as there used to be. Mostly just the freight ones, like the one that nearly killed us on the bus . . . The best train is the Southern Aurora. It goes all the way from Melbourne to Sydney, and from Sydney to Melbourne. It stops in Mittagunda because we're pretty much exactly halfway between.' Jimmy is a kid growing up fast on the poorest street in town. He tries to do everything right and look out for his mum and his younger brother. His older brother is in jail, so it's up to Jimmy to hold things together. But small-town life is unforgiving if you're from the other side of the tracks. If only his mum didn't drink so much. If only he could win the school billycart race. If only his best friend understood. If only he could stop his mum's boyfriend from getting angry. If only he was there. Jimmy soon learns that even when you get things right, everything can still go wrong.

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The Cyprian/Crutchfield, Amy  
Australia : Giramondo Publishing Company, Australia 2023  
62 pages, 21cm  
9781922725776  
USD : 32.00 / PB  
100 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855917>

Powerful debut which interrogates the nature of love in its various forms. From poems of desire and sexual longing to poems of love in the face of death, *The Cyprian* explores the joy and heartbreak love weaves into our lives. The collection confronts some of our primary questions about love: how is it possible to accept the death of the beloved? What role does deception play in love? When does love become a force of exploitation? The collection is composed of five parts, reflecting the different aspects of Aphrodite, the goddess of love and beauty - a complexity which is also implicit in the ambiguity of the book's title, 'the Cyprian'. Crutchfield trained as a classicist, and her poetry combines conversational idioms with mythic visions of human relationship, 'longing and its/ fierce metamorphosis'. Elegies, love poems and imagistic snapshots mix with wide open epistolary verse. Her poetry reclaims the linguistic power and range of allusion found in late romantic poets like Christopher Brennan and Francis Webb, bringing them to bear on contemporary female experience.

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Anxious in a Sweet Store/Jacobson, Anna  
Australia : Upswell Press 2023  
96 pages, 21cm  
9780645536843  
USD : 32.99 / PB

130 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855913>

Anna Jacobson mixes up the fiercely serious with the whimsical in her second book of poems, exploring a daily life of navigating small rituals and routines along with anxiety, a crippling companion. *Anxious in a Sweet Store* is Anna Jacobson's second illustrated poetry collection where the 'sweet', whimsical, humorous, and quirky is juxtaposed with the 'anxious' forces of mental illness within the disabling mental health 'care' system. Dip into this collection as you please, pick and choose, or devour the whole lot from start to finish. You are invited to take lessons in anxiety, play a French horn, learn how to photograph poets, and haunt a seclusion room in a psychiatric ward. Themes of food, family, dreams, and culture crystallise, while the poet's mind is fizz bang sherbet on the tongue. *Anxious in a Sweet Store* is an inventive collection of poems that build and enrich each other across threads of music, anxiety, and observation from a writer who wants her voice heard so others feel less alone in their experiences. 'Unfolding tenderly and peppered with observational humour, *Anxious in a Sweet Store* is an intimate and insightful collection about the mind, about family, and about the beauty and complexity in daily life. Anna Jacobson lights up the dark. This gift of a book had me smiling and tearing up.' -Ellen van Neerven

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Body Friend/Brabon, Katherine  
Australia : Ultimo Books 2023  
256 pages, 23cm  
9781761151781  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
330 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855950>

'Body Friend is a deeply intimate tribute to the fragile and porous self, written in prose of rare clarity and tenderness. I felt everything reading this book.'—Claire Thomas, author of *The Performance and Fugitive Blue* 'Body Friend is a novel that clings to the mind long after it finishes.' —ArtsHUB 'a tender and raw novel about friendship, chronic pain and the healing power of water.' —Harper's Bazaar 'Katherine Brabon distinguished herself with her first novels, *The Memory Artist* and *The Shut Ins*, but she has surpassed these and reached an early career pinnacle with her enigmatically titled novel, *Body Friend*.'—Books + Publishing Late in the summer five years ago, when I was recovering from a surgical procedure, I met two women within a few weeks of each other and I saw both of them regularly, always separately, for some months afterwards. Summer did not give way easily that year, and even so we must force our bodies down to sleep in the heat, and even if experience does not give itself up easily to representation, I will lay it down anyway; frame the raw and exigent weeks, the untrustworthy months after the hospital, render it and them, Frida and Sylvia, as closely as possible to reality—or whatever is the feeling of a life and mind lived inside a body. A woman leaves the hospital after an operation and starts swimming in a pool in Melbourne's inner suburbs. There she meets Frida, who is uncannily like her in her experience of illness. Soon after, she meets another woman in a local park, Sylvia, who sees her pain and encourages her to rest. The two new friends seem to be polar opposites: Frida adores the pool and the natural world, Sylvia clings to the protection of interior worlds. What begins as two seemingly simple friendships is challenged by what each woman asks of her, of themselves, and their bodies. From the acclaimed author of

The Memory Artist and The Shut Ins comes a new novel about the relationship between body and self, and how we must dive beneath the surface to really know ourselves.

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Bound to Happen/Shannon, Jonathon  
Australia : Ultimo Books 2023  
336 pages, 23cm  
9781761151729  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
415 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855949>

Accidental strangers or star-crossed lovers? Tom and Sophie are about to find out. Tom and Sophie have never met. Tom is a music student and aspiring songwriter. He wholeheartedly believes in meant to be and, more specifically, in his turbulent relationship with a far more successful recording artist. Even when her sudden overseas tour threatens to up-end everything. Sophie is an astrophysics PhD candidate. To her, the vast mysteries of the universe can be reduced down to cold, hard science. She knows there's no such thing as fate or destiny, and not even the handsome undergrad assigned to her research project will change her mind. Sophie doesn't know it, but she's been orbiting Tom all year. They might be destined for each other, if only their meet-cutes were not a series of near misses...

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The Visitors/Harrison, Jane  
Australia : Fourth Estate, Australia 2023  
304 pages, 23cm  
9781460761984  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
375 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855951>

The most exciting debut in 2023, *The Visitors* is an audacious, earthy, funny, gritty and powerful re-imagining of a crucial moment in Australia's history — an unputdownable work of fiction. On a steamy, hot day in January 1788, seven Aboriginal men, representing the nearby clans, gather at Warrane. Several newly arrived ships have been sighted in the great bay to the south, Kamay. The men meet to discuss their response to these visitors. All day, they talk, argue, debate. Where are the visitors from? What do they want? Might they just warra warra wai back to where they came from? Should they be welcomed? Or should they be made to leave? The decision of the men must be unanimous and will have far-reaching implications for all. Throughout the day, the weather is strange, with mammatus clouds, unbearable heat and a pending thunderstorm ... Somewhere, trouble is brewing. From award-winning author and playwright Jane Harrison, *The Visitors* is an audacious, earthy, funny, gritty and powerful re-imagining of a crucial moment in Australia's history — and an unputdownable work of fiction.

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Open Day/Kilmartin, Leslie  
Australia : Wakefield Press, Australia 2023  
328 pages, 23cm  
9781923042032  
USD : 39.95 / PB



570 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855959>

Batman University, a struggling higher education institution on the outskirts of the city, plans an open day to impress its new President, an eminent British academic whose dubious past is catching up with him. The marketing team goes into overdrive. By the end of this farcically catastrophic open day - the highlight of which is a parade by the University Regiment - the bodies of a VIP and a senior government minister lie on the regimental parade ground. After a series of other calamitous events including arson, a student assault on the North Korean consul and a furtive sexual encounter, the careers of the President and his senior staff end in tatters. Media reports of these disastrous events go viral and Batman University becomes internationally famous for all the wrong reasons.

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A Light in the Dark/Richards, Allee  
Australia : Hachette Australia, Australia 2023  
288 pages, 23cm  
9780733645495  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
360 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855890>

Iris doesn't remember the first time she met Nina. But she remembers the first time she paid attention to her. It was when he did. The first year of high school brought Iris into a type of privilege she'd never felt part of. But then she found her place. The magic of performing in school musicals and the freedom of the stage opened her up to a new world. Her drama teacher gave her a glimpse of the adult she wanted to be. But, just like in the theatre, when the spotlight is off you, it can be a lonely and neglected existence. For Iris, jealousy and bitterness will grow. For Nina, something more dangerous. Reckless anger and rumours will come to a head. And, years later, there is a reckoning for them all. A Light in the Dark is a compelling novel that distils the magic of theatre as the backdrop for an unforgettable examination of friendship, vulnerability, power and abuse.

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Sunbirds/Riwoe, Mirandi  
Australia : University of Queensland Press, Australia 2023  
288 pages, 23cm  
9780702265860  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
385 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855912>

1941, West Java. Love and revolution are in the air. And war is on its way. Shortly before the Japanese invade, the van Hoorn family throws their famous Sinterklaas party at their tea plantation. One of their guests, Mattijs, a Dutch pilot, hopes to forge a future in the Dutch East Indies, possibly with the family's daughter, Anna, but she is torn between her dreams of Holland and her desire to belong. Meanwhile the housekeeper, Diah, keenly observes the goings-on around the plantation, wondering how much to tell her freedom-fighter brother. When the Japanese forces finally arrive on Java's doorstep, they all have to make decisions that will affect the rest of their lives, especially those who must evacuate to

Australia. *Sunbirds* depicts the intricate web of identities and loyalties created by war and imperialism, and the heartbreaking compromises that so often ensue.

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The Idealist/Jose, Nicholas

Australia : Giramondo Publishing Company, Australia 2023

281 pages, 21cm

9781922725783

USD : 39.99 / PB

315 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855898>

Set in Australia, East Timor and Washington in the lead up to the independence referendum in East Timor in 1999, *The Idealist* is a novel which explores the entanglement of private and public life. It is a political mystery, the portrait of a marriage, a reflection on friendship, and a study of a personality as it breaks down under pressure. Jake, an Australian defence analyst, is torn between his support for the people of East Timor, whose commitment to independence in the face of mounting violence, he has experienced personally, and his sense of responsibility for, and complicity in, the actions of his government. When he is found dead in the garage of his Washington home, after passing secret intelligence to his American counterpart, his wife Anne wants justice. The narrative is told from changing perspectives, moving through time and memory, in search of what really happened. It is a story, above all, about the formation, necessity and human cost of idealism.

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Temperance/Lefevre, Carol

Australia : Wakefield Press, Australia 2023

320 pages, 20cm

9781743058695

USD : 39.95 / PB

475 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855965>

Their mother takes a wrong turn as she drives out of the southern New South Wales country town of Hay. As she spins the wheel there is no way of knowing that this is a bend in their lives, a fatal kink. Theo monitors the flutter of his mother's hands crossing and re-crossing the steering wheel before they are all thrown sideways - it is the distracting move of a magician, or of a bullfighter twirling the red cape. December, 1963: widowed cafe owner Stella Madigan, with her two young children Fran and Theo, and the free-spirited artist Mardi Rose, embark on a road trip to Byron Bay. But a night spent in the tiny outback town of Temperance will alter all their lives, and ignite a chain of events the children will struggle to both conceal and resolve, long into adulthood. *Temperance* explores the discrepancies between what children see and what adults allow them to believe. Its mystery unravels against a background of early 1960s Australia, where religious wars are fought in suburban living rooms, and feminism has made so little headway that a relationship between two women can be seen as perverse, even dangerous. This haunting novel vividly inhabits its suburban beachside setting, while sensitively exploring through its characters the corrosive effects of ambiguous loss, and of tightly held family secrets.

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The Murder Rule/McTiernan, Dervla

Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023  
304 pages, 20cm  
9781460760130  
USD : 29.99 / PB  
230 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855952>

No one is innocent in this story ... The unmissable no.1 bestselling New York Times thriller of the year 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.

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The Healing Party/Lee, Micheline  
Australia : Black Inc. Books, Australia 2023  
304 pages, 21cm  
9781760644857  
USD : 34.99 / PB  
295 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855915>

Evocative, taut and wryly funny, this stunning novel is about faith and lies, the spirit and the flesh 'The Healing Party succeeds in the aim all novels share- it suggests new ways of seeing.' -The Monthly Estranged from her family, Natasha is making a life for herself in Darwin when her sister calls with bad news. Their mother is ill, with only a few months to live. Confused and conflicted, Natasha returns home. But her father, an evangelical Christian, is still the domineering yet magnetic man she ran from, and her sisters and mother are still in his thrall. One night her father makes an astonishing announcement- he has received a message from God that his wife is to be healed, and they must hold a party to celebrate. As Natasha and her sisters prepare for the big event - and the miracle - she struggles to reconcile her family's faith with her sense that they are pretending. Is she a traitor or the only one who can see the truth? And what use is truth anyway, in the face of death? Taut, funny and poignant, The Healing Party is an electrifying debut novel about faith and lies, the spirit and the flesh. 'A striking fictional debut and contemporary parable of religious salvation at all costs' -The Sydney Morning Herald 'A compelling portrait of religious zealotry but also of true goodness. The portrait of the family is wonderfully realised, especially the mother, whom Lee has imbued with warmth and grace, and her own inner mystery.' -Amanda Lohrey 'A wild family drama, shot through with a furious, pure and grieving love.' -Helen Garner 'I couldn't stop till I finished. Horrifying and wonderful.' - David Marr 'Incredibly gripping, highly recommended' -Leigh Sales Shortlisted for the Victorian Premier's Literary Awards and the Dobbie Literary Award; Longlisted for the Voss Literary Prize

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She is the Earth/Eckermann, Ali Cobby  
Australia : Magabala Books 2023  
91 pages, 20cm  
9781922613202  
USD : 37.99 / PB

110 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855918>

*She Is the Earth* is the luminous new verse novel from celebrated poet Ali Cobby Eckermann. It charts a journey through grief and celebrates the healing power of Country. We follow Eckermann's soft footfalls in the open (but far from empty) spaces between earth and sky; from sandstone to wetlands, from plains to mountain ranges. Eckermann's writing soars in this meditative and transformative piece. Soaked in lightness and dark, history and dreaming, her words will move you, shake you, devastate you and uplift you. This book is full of unexpected beauty in slow, contemplative moments. Read it to see the 'She' in and around all of us.

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*The Settlement/Serong*, Jock  
Australia : Text Publishing Company, Australia 2023  
320 pages, 20cm  
9781922790521  
USD : 29.99 / PB  
220 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855919>

A career-defining masterpiece by internationally award-winning Australian storyteller Jock Serong. On the windswept point of an island at the edge of Van Diemen's Land, the Commandant huddles with a small force of white men and women. He has gathered together, under varying degrees of coercion and duress, the last of the Tasmanians, or so he believes. His purpose is to save them from a number of things, but most pressingly from the murderous intent of the pastoral settlers on their country. The orphans Whelk and Pipi, fighting for their survival against the malevolent old man they know as the Catechist, watch as almost everything proves resistant to the Commandant's will. The wind, the spread of disease, the strange black dog that floats in on the prow of a wrecked ship...But above all the chief, the leader of the exiles, before whom the Commandant performs a sordid dance of intimacy and betrayal.

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#### *Music*

*Australasian music : at home and abroad*/edited by Sarah Kirby & John Gabriel  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
xiii, 277 pages : illustrations, portraits ; 23 cm.  
9781922952233  
USD : 109.95 / PB  
455 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855874>

Combining approaches from Western art music, First Nations music, pop music, studies of contemporary community practice, and anthropological and ethnomusicological field work, *Australasian Music, At Home and Abroad* presents peer-reviewed chapters that critically reflect on Australasian music-making in the last 125 years. As the first interdisciplinary consideration of music in the Australasian region in 15 years, this book advances

Australasian music as a dynamic area of interdisciplinary research in the 21st century. Its themes range from institutional histories of music, composer biography, music and migration, in diaspora, and cultural exchange and collaboration.

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#### *Philosophy*

What are they thinking? : conversations with Australian philosophers/Daniel Nellor  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
xiv, 219 pages ; 23 cm.  
9781922952745  
USD : 49.95 / PB  
370 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855860>

This book invites ten philosophers to share their thoughts. What indeed are they thinking? In this collection of conversations Daniel Nellor meets philosophers working in universities across Australia today. They discuss the nature of philosophy and why it's valuable, and dig deep into some of the big questions on their minds. Logic, morality and the nature of time; technology, the mind, the environment and the economy: this book is a glimpse into the world of some of Australia's leading thinkers as they wrestle with the most important questions we can ask. What Are They Thinking? is for anyone who would like to know more about philosophy from the people who practice it.

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#### *Politics*

The voice, your choice : essays in persuasion for yes, no and undecided voters/Tor Hundloe  
Australia : Australian Scholarly Publishing, Australia 2023  
ix, 213 pages ; 23 cm.  
9781922952752  
USD : 49.95 / PB  
360 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855876>

Read this book before you vote in The Voice to Parliament referendum. Whether a No or a Yes voter, it may transform the way you think and influence your reasons. Tor Hundloe draws widely on evolutionary psychology, pre-history, history, anthropology, geography, economics, biology and environmental science to provide an informed context for considering the consequences, good and bad, of the collision of ancient and modern cultures. Few would deny the material benefits of modernity, yet descendants of the First Australians were most severely affected by it. For Australians who believe in a fair go and a humanist ideal this is still to be rectified. Be prepared for provocative insights, and a smattering of dry humour

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The Echidna Strategy - Australia's Search for Power and Peace/Roggeveen, Sam  
Australia : La Trobe University Press, Melbourne Australia 2023  
240 pages, 23cm

9781760643683  
USD : 39.99 / PB  
335 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855910>

In the wake of a shift in the global power balance, how can Australia best protect itself? The Echidna Strategy overturns the conventional wisdom about Australia's security. Australia will need to defend itself without American help, but this doesn't need to cost more. The truth, which no Australian political leader is willing to confront, is that America's security is not threatened by China's rise. Once we accept that conclusion, the entire edifice on which our security has been built crumbles, and we need to start afresh. Yet, despite the rapid growth of China's military, defending Australia need not be particularly difficult. Our leaders insist on making it expensive and hard. Even worse, in the name of the US alliance, they expose our country to more danger. The Echidna Strategy sheds new light on the contest for leadership in Asia and the strategy Australia needs to thrive. This includes a radically different approach to defence. Above all, it means a bolder Australian foreign policy, with three goals- leadership in the Pacific; a much stronger relationship with Indonesia; and a regional order centred on a gathering of its great powers. 'Essential reading for anyone interested in our nation's security in an uncertain world where the enduring supremacy of the United States cannot be assumed or assured.' --Malcolm Turnbull 'Here is a voice, bold in its conclusions and forensic in its logic, which defies the echo chamber of current strategic policy.' --Peter Varghese

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Our Voices From The Heart - The authorised story of the community campaign that changed Australia/Patricia Anderson AO & Professor Megan Davis  
Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023  
192 pages, 25cm  
9781460764787  
USD : 44.99 / HB  
915 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855947>

A behind-the-scenes book about the Uluru Statement From The Heart, from the co-chairs of the Uluru Dialogue, Professor Megan Davis and Patricia Anderson, AO. The Australian story began long before the arrival of the First Fleet. We Australians all know this. We have always known this. Australia finds itself standing on the edge of a 60,000-year-old precipice. The Uluru Statement From The Heart respectfully asks for First Nations people to finally be given a Voice - but what path led us here? The story of the twelve Regional Dialogues and the Uluru National Constitutional Convention has never been told. It is a yarn borne from centuries of struggle, full of vision, determination and courage. These community gatherings, led and attended by fifteen hundred everyday First Peoples, represent the largest ever consultation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders in history. The unanimous result was the Uluru Statement From The Heart, and its call for Voice and Makarrata. Our Voices From The Heart is the official celebration of the grassroots campaign that guided us to this inspiring moment in Australia's history. It is a profound call to action for the nation, but is also an offering of peace and unity that recognises the past and reconciles it with the truth. Filled with powerful never-before-seen photography and helpful information to share with friends and family alike, this book charts the world's oldest living civilisation's ongoing fight for constitutional recognition and is destined to become a treasured keepsake for years to come. It's time, Australia. History is calling.

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The Liberal Story/Teague, Baden  
Australia : Wakefield Press, Australia 2023  
338 pages, 23cm  
9781743059975  
USD : 39.95 / PB  
575 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855964>

'This book is a significant study of the Liberal Party. It has compelling interpretations of political developments over the last 120 years and more. It is an encyclopaedic reference for decades to come. Written with vigour and enthusiasm, this volume never flags. It is a pleasure to read.' - Professor Don Markwell, Adelaide

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Time to Listen An Indigenous Voice to Parliament/Castan, Melissa & Russell, Lynette  
Australia : Monash University Press, Australia 2023  
96 pages, 17cm  
9781922979124  
USD : 24.95 / PB  
80 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855920>

In 2023, debate about an Indigenous Voice to Parliament swirls around us as Australia heads towards a referendum on amending the Constitution to make this Voice a reality. The idea of a 'First Nations Voice' was famously raised in 2017, when Indigenous leaders drafted the Statement from the Heart also known as the Uluru Statement. It was envisioned as a representative body, enshrined in the Constitution, that would advise federal parliament and the executive government on laws and policies of significance to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. But while Indigenous people may finally get their Voice, will it be heard? In *Time to Listen*, Melissa Castan and Lynette Russell explore how the need for a Voice has its roots in what anthropologist WEH Stanner in the late 1960s called the 'Great Australian Silence', whereby the history and culture of Indigenous Australians have been largely ignored by the wider society. This 'forgetting' has not been incidental but rather an intentional, initially colonial policy of erasure. So have times now changed? Is the tragedy of that national silence a refusal to acknowledge Indigenous agency and cultural achievements finally coming to an end? And will the Makarrata Commission, which takes its name from a Yolngu word meaning 'peace after a dispute', become a reality too, overseeing truth-telling and agreement-making between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians? The Voice to Parliament can be a transformational legal and political institutional reform, but only if Indigenous people are clearly heard when they speak.

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### *Psychology*

Troubled Minds - understanding and treating mental illness/Bloch, Sidney, & Haslam, Nick  
Australia : Scribe Publications, Australia 2023  
384 pages, 23cm  
9781922585875

USD : 42.00 / PB  
435 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855909>

An authoritative resource for understanding the nature of mental illnesses and for pointing the way to recovery, written by two eminent mental health professionals with almost a century of academic achievement and clinical experience between them. Many of us take our mental health for granted. But we can feel overwhelmed when confronted by mental illness in ourselves, a family member, or a friend. *Troubled Minds* is an invaluable guide for anyone whose life has been touched by mental ill-health and who wants to understand and deal effectively with it. It serves as an ideal introduction to common mental illnesses, developmental disorders, and neurological variations that can lead to distress such as autism, anorexia nervosa, anxiety, depression, alcoholism, post-traumatic stress disorder, and dementia. Innovative chapters cover mental health problems of children and adolescents, and how we have the potential to promote our own mental health and wellbeing. Bloch and Haslam tell illuminating stories of people they have treated, discuss public figures who have wrestled with mental ill-health, and share their personal experiences. Their book is informed by the latest research, warmed by lived experience and empathy, and seasoned by the insights of philosophers, writers, and artists. *Troubled Minds* is essential reading for anyone who seeks deeper psychological insights to help deal with the challenges of contemporary life. It is a balanced and accessible account of a subject that is of profound significance in everyone's life.

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#### *Science*

Beyond DNA - How Epigenetics is Transforming our Understanding of Evolution/Oldroyd, Benjamin  
Australia : Melbourne University Press, Australia 2023  
304 pages, 23cm  
9780522878868  
USD : 42.00 / PB  
375 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=855902>

Uncover how a new approach to epigenetics affects the basis for our understanding of evolutionary biology. *Beyond DNA* is a journey through uncharted territory, advancing new ways of thinking about evolution and adaptation. For nearly a hundred years evolutionary biologists have understood that evolution proceeds by substituting better genes for less good ones. But consensus is growing that this is not the whole story- geneticists are now revealing that spores, sperm, pollen and ova are packed with personalised genetic information that plays an important role in offspring development and has lifelong effects. This epigenetic - or 'extra-genetic' -inheritance therefore makes significant contributions to evolutionary processes. In this highly accessible book, packed with instructive examples, Benjamin Oldroyd explains how a greater appreciation of the role of epigenetics is helping to solve a multitude of previously intractable problems in evolutionary biology - puzzles as varied as why invasive plants and animals can rapidly adapt to changes in their environment, how worker bees and queen bees can develop from the same egg, and why cancer becomes more common as we age. *Beyond DNA* concisely explains the mechanisms that underlie epigenetics, shows how epigenetic processes can lead to adaptation, and



speculates on meaty issues such as the role that epigenetics plays in human health and happiness.

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