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Biography/Memoirs

Blood, sweat, & fears : true stories of Aussies in Africa/Brian J Bassett ; photographs, Sue Bassett

Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023

344 pages, 22cm

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520 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854867>

Nurturing a lifelong desire to visit Africa? Yearning to hear a lion roar? Climb aboard. Previous experience ... not essential. These captivating wildlife stories document extraordinary real-life escapades experienced in remote locations in different countries throughout Africa. Written with great enthusiasm, this book includes amusing incidents and tantalising descriptions. The knowledgeable Australian husband and wife team, Brian and Sue Bassett, progress from respectful visitors, to deeply committed volunteer researchers, trained as level-one rangers, engaged in the conservation of the natural environment. The author, Brian, shares his fascinating educational journey, with insights into some unique African wildlife and initiatives being undertaken to conserve them and their habitats. All photographs were shot on location by Sue. These images provide an excellent visual stimulus enabling you to truly transport yourself to Africa and to journey with the author as he regales readers with some of their amazing adventures. Immerse yourself in the sights and sounds of Africa as you embark on a series of exhilarating experiences-some life-threatening-which will have you on the edge of your seat, wondering how it will all end.

Unshakeable Will/Siyad, Yahye

Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023

154 pages, 22cm

9781922956064

USD : 34.99 / PB

210 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854880>

Born as the third blind child to an impoverished family in Somalia, Yahye Siyad's story is full of triumphs and tribulations that allowed him to embrace his life to the fullest. The story begins before he was even born, travels abroad alone at the age of seven, and endures over twenty years of family separation due to war. In this fascinating story, Yahye reveals in his own words, mesmerising incidents of resilience, exclusions and inclusions, identity crisis,

divine-connection and an unparalleled zest for a purposeful life, all through a captivating, humorous and candid style. Yahye ends his story with his own ten valuable learnings on an individual and organizational level. 20% of proceeds will be donated to initiatives to honor his mother who was the catalyst of his life's achievements.

When The Truth Comes Calling/Wedrien, Loren
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
152 pages, 22cm
9781922956903
USD : 49.99 / PB
210 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854881>

A gripping tale that talks about a real-life journey of a mother who has walked through the traumas of Domestic Violence within her marriage. A true heartfelt testimony of the journey that Loren has walked through and how she has overcome her experiences, fought one of the biggest battles of her life and protected her children along the way all while allowing God to work through her in bringing her into full healing. As she tells her story, allow it to speak to you as you read through each page and how it can help you also walk out your own journey. Through walking through adversity, remember that you are stronger than you give yourself credit for and if you allow God to meet you where you are, He can help bring you true healing that will last a lifetime.

Tears of Strangers/Grant, Stan
Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023
320 pges, 19cm
9781460765326
USD : 29.99 / PB
245 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854944>

Where do I belong? Who am I? The blood of my fathers links me to a much older place and time. I've walked in the footprints of my ancestors: I've sat by the riverbank at night and imagined them around me. I am all that they have made me. Journalist Stan Grant was born in 1963, a son of the Wiradjuri people. By the early sixties these once proud warriors were scattered onto mission camps and the fringes of rural towns. Growing up a Wiradjuri, a tribe ravaged by alcoholism, poverty, abuse and neglect, the young Stan was more familiar with broken glass and mangy dogs than with dot paintings and corroborees. Yet, while acknowledging the cliched bleakness that was part of his childhood, Grant celebrates the resilience of his family. He champions his sawmiller father - a man whose life is written on his body. A man who lumped logs three times his size at any mill where he could find work and whose missing fingers were a sign of escape not carelessness. He proudly describes his mother - a wiry and tough woman who fell in love with a wild black man, had three children under three years old and who made sure her children's plates were full by keeping hers empty. The Tears of Strangers takes us to a world of dusty roads, run-down sawmill shacks and rats so big they'd scrape the enamel off dinner plates. It is a world revealed as sad, courageous, joyous and humorous. Stan Grant has confronted the ugliness of his childhood, where violence became a habit, and embraced the good, where blood and love are

intertwined, to paint a true picture of what it meant to be born into the Wiradjuri people and to grow up caught between two cultures - a boy who would try to scrub his skin white.

Unheard Voices/Mauldon, Dawn
Australia : Fremantle Press , Australia 2023
336 pages, 20cm
9781760992347
USD : 39.99 / PB
365 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854942>

A daughter's telling of finding language and belonging in the Deaf and hearing worlds. In this poignant and powerful memoir, the author tells the story of both her mother's childhood - growing up deaf in the 1920s in rural Victoria - and her own childhood with Deaf parents. Through intimate and evocative prose, Dawn explores the challenges and joys of living in a world of difference, navigating the difficulties that come with being a child of Deaf parents as well as the strength and resilience that comes with love and belonging. She shares her unique and deeply personal perspective on what it means to be a part of the diverse and vibrant Deaf culture. Beautifully written and deeply moving, Unheard Voices is an exploration of what it means to be a part of a diverse and vibrant culture.

Teachers Cry Too/Webb, S.K.
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
216 pages, 23xcm
9781922644732
USD : 44.99 / PB
295 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854904>

What started as a typical weekend took an unexpected turn when the author suffered a paralysing panic attack on a busy Sunshine Coast motorway. Spiralling into emotional chaos, but desperate to protect her professional life, she hid her illness. As her mental health declined, she got lost in a secret that became harder to tell. Teachers Cry Too explores a teacher's harrowing journey through the emptiness of fear, isolation and shame, and the realisation that the career she blamed for making her sick, also had the power to pull her out of the abyss. Offering a deeply personal insight into the teaching profession, this is a story of heart, hope and the willingness to fall. Because it is in falling that we find our strength-and give others permission to find theirs.

Like It or Lump it/Marwood, Grahame
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
384 pages, 22cm
9781922956583
USD : 49.99 / PB
565 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854876>

Desperate to find reliable employment during the 1970s, author Grahame Marwood impulsively joined the Queensland Police Force. Within nine months of being sworn in, he rejects the noble offer to join the CIB, citing his desire to be transferred to 'the bush' in order to toughen up and see what it was like on the other side—a request readily granted. The city-slicker constable didn't understand what he was taking his family into, and neither will you. An in-depth, truly enlightening account as to the reality of living as a police officer in two extremely remote outback Queensland locations. Join the journey on which many unimaginable events occur and see how they were addressed and, in some cases, why certain actions were considered. Also meet the people, of the time, who made up the outback, including one of Australia's last great Aboriginal trackers. Grahame Marwood was a Queensland police officer for in excess of twenty-six years, attaining the rank of senior sergeant, and is the recipient of several police service medals and awards. Grahame now lives on Queensland's Gold Coast with his wife, Kyra. His sons, Karl and Matt, together with their families, reside nearby. Think policing in 'the outback' during the 1970s would be 'a walk in the park'? You're about to receive a reality check.

Under the Boab Tree/Jordan, Franceska
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
310 pages, 22cm
9781922757661
USD : 44.99 / PB
470 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854888>

Boaboa - pronounced 'Bow-a-Bow-a' - is the name given to a real tree—the Baobab—that imparts wisdom to a growing child in a South African garden. This stirring memoir traverses Africa and Australia following the Speer-Jordan family, who fled persecution and poverty in Varniai, Lithuania, to South Africa. The political machinations they witnessed in that time in South Africa changed the women forever in this unusual family. As the story unfolds, Isabella and Franceska's tenacity and courage surface as they prove to be hardy and, at times, seemingly indestructible with their strong roots. Under The Boab Tree is a tale about the souls of these women connecting to the people they meet—like Princess Yasmin Aga Khan, Rita Hayworth's daughter—and the richness of their hearts. The mother and daughter's spiritual, political, and humanitarian awakenings in this chronicle give them power and purpose in finding truth and justice for others and themselves through adversity. This is a story about how Isabella and Franceska came to a place of acceptance and stillness, finding their ultimate saviour: love. A love that unravels and transcends exploitation and fear.

Shear Will/Henderson, Linda
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
224 pages, 22cm
9781922644558
USD : 52.99 / PB
300 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854870>

Does the sheep bolting down the shearing board collide with the unknowing rousie? Short answer: yes. Having taken many workers to hospital, this incident was a first for Viki. Have you ever wondered about the term 'full sheep'? Does this traditional, feisty,

Chinese-Maori mix woman find acceptance in an industry that at the time choose mostly male-dominated ideas? A product of a dad who taught that you were equal to all if you had a job and worked at it hard, she did not change to that dominance. Viki's biography takes you back to a time that no longer exists. Browse through a photo collection that reflects her desire to honour the mates photographed long ago. Most don't include her, as she was the photographer. These are photos she kept in pristine condition. A few shearing sheds feature, but mostly the people who meant the world to her. The traditional industry of shearing sheep laid bare. Curiosity and sheer will were her super power (or got her through when others saw problems). Traveling barren roads for hours, unsure of what lay at the end, the only firm plan was to be away for weeks at a time.

Prehistoric Joy/Sneddon, Andrew
Australia : University of Queensland Press, Australia 2023
256 pages, 22cm
9780702266157
USD : 39.99 / PB
315 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854955>

If being powerless makes you jumpy, then being poor makes you envious. You notice when other people are happy and you become keenly aware of those things that they have, that make them happy, that you do not have. Sometimes, you know better than they do about what brings them joy. Andrew Sneddon has made a name for himself in Australia and internationally as a successful archaeologist and heritage consultant. But his success belies his childhood: at the age of eleven, Sneddon finds himself living in the criminal underbelly of Queensland's Gold Coast. His conman stepfather has moved the family from suburban Canberra to chase his next scam. But in the 1980s, there is scant help for a woman and her three children who are ricocheting between domestic violence and homelessness. As Sneddon charts the often frightening and sometimes farcical journey of his teenage years, he also reflects on them through contemporary eyes as an archaeologist. Told with candour and refreshing humour, Prehistoric Joy explores the importance of family and the timeless search for happiness.

Love, Dad/Steed, Laurie
Australia : Fremantle Press , Australia 2023
304 pages, 20cm
9781760992064
USD : 39.99 / PB
365 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854959>

A must-read for all parents, Love, Dad explores what it means to be a father in the twenty-first century. The father of two young boys, Laurie reflects on how his own experiences have defined the kind of man he is and the kind of parent he would like to become. His stories - triumphant, funny and sad - draw on Laurie's own childhood experiences and important relationships with family and mates, alongside the challenges of trauma and mental health shared by many men. This memoir openly discusses how Laurie strives to overcome challenges - from breaking generational cycles to maintaining joy in work and

parenthood - and how others new to parenting can learn from this authentic story of a first-time dad and his family.

Resurrected: A story of Hope/Cullen, Zoe & Andy
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
332 pages, 22cm
9781925833911
USD : 44.99 / PB
505 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854890>

Resurrected - A story of hope For those suffering from PTSD and the loss of identity that comes with it. For those who want to overcome the life sentence of mental illness and have the courage to step out on the journey of coming to terms with finding their new identity. This story is a raw account of Andy, a man whose love of adventure and loyalty to his country leaves him broken and of Zoe, his beloved wife and, their journey through the dark times, the hurt, the fears and the challenges that are very real for a couple and a family dealing with the trauma of modern warfare and the continued battle that rages on at home.

Jali/Twist, Oliver
Australia : Penguin Books, Australia 2023
240 pages, 23cm
9781761047534
USD : 42.00 / PB
305 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854939>

'Twist is a star.' The Sydney Morning Herald Comedian Oliver Twist was four years old when he and his family fled the aftermath of genocide in Rwanda for Malawi, their exile for the next fourteen years. Twist has turned the turmoil he and his family endured into a thrilling adventure of a hero's journey. A natural born storyteller, propelled from the cold alleys of a Malawian refugee camp to the warm spotlight of the Australian stage, he vividly describes what it's like to leave your homeland behind and to have to wait your whole childhood for life to begin. Powerful, heartbreaking and full of humour, Jali marks the arrival of a dazzling new voice.

I am Tim : Life, Politics and Beyond/Rees, peter
Australia : Melbourne University Press, Australia 2023
400 pages, 23cm
9780522878745
USD : 50.00 / PB
650 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854938>

A heartfelt look at the life of a man who placed his role as a father, with an autistic son above his service to the country as deputy Prime-Minister 'My name is Tim, and that is what I want you to call me, except if another officer is present and especially if it is the CO,

Lt Col Bennett, then I am Sir. At all other times I am Tim.' When Tim Fischer's elder son was diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder, it triggered Tim's resignation as federal National Party leader and deputy prime minister of Australia. An outpouring of emotion across the political divide greeted his decision, a rarity in a political environment where few leaders choose to give up power and prominence. In *I am Tim*, Peter Rees uncovers the influences that shaped a key figure of twentieth-century Australian political life, from a Jesuit boarding school to the rigours of officer training and the battlefields of Vietnam, time in state and federal politics, marriage to Judy Brewer and life at home. Fischer's interests and activities after politics were many and varied, spanning a diplomatic posting to the Holy See, new historical studies, and chairing the Global Seed Vault in Svalbard, Norway. Tim Fischer emerges as a man of energy and ambition but also of humanity, courage and love.

Secrets and Lies/Meagher, David
Australia : Vintage Books, Australia 2023
288 pages, 22cm
9781761045738
USD : 39.99 / PB
365 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854940>

I was a victim of child sexual abuse. It occurred more than forty years ago, when I was just thirteen years old. This is the story about what happened to me when I was a young teenager, how I coped with it, how I kept it to myself, how I eventually fought back and how - after decades of living with the impact of the abuse - I decided one day, four decades after the events, to finally seek justice. It's also about what happened next. This story has a happy ending. For forty years David Meagher harboured a secret. Then, in mid 2018, a text message from an old school friend forced him to confront his past and finally deal with it. *Secrets and Lies* is a story about child sexual abuse. The culture that enabled it. How the perpetrator groomed his victims. How it finally came to an end. And how four decades after the crimes were committed his victims embarked on a successful two-year journey to bring the offender to justice. David Meagher delivers an intimate account of the lasting impact of child sexual abuse on survivors. From growing up gay in a censorious and very Catholic suburban environment to struggles with mental health and substance use - *Secrets and Lies* tells the full account of child sexual abuse. Meagher's story, however, is ultimately one of hope and even a bit of humour. After all, it has a happy ending, or as near to one as is possible under the circumstances.

Young Rupert/Marsh, Walter
Australia : Scribe Publications, Australia 2023
352 pages, 23cm
9781761380044
USD : 42.00 / PB
465 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854933>

For half a century, the Murdoch media empire and its polarising patriarch have swept across the globe, shaking up markets and democracies in their wake. But how did it all start? In September 1953, 22-year-old Rupert Murdoch landed in Adelaide, South Australia. Fresh from Oxford with a radical reputation, the young and brash son of Sir Keith Murdoch had

arrived to fulfill his father's dying wish- for Rupert to live a 'useful altruistic and full life' in the media. For decades, Sir Keith had been a giant of the Australian press, but his final years were spent bitterly fending off rivals and would-be successors. When the dust settled on his father's estate, Rupert was left with the Adelaide-based News Ltd and its afternoon paper The News - a minor player in a small, parochial city. But even this inheritance was soon under siege, as the left-wing 'Boy Publisher' stared down his father's old colleagues at the city's paper of record, The Advertiser, and a conservative establishment kept in power by a decades-old gerrymander. Led by Rupert's friend, ally, and editor-in-chief Rohan Rivett, the fledgling Murdoch press began a seven-year campaign of circulation wars, expansion, and courtroom battles that divided the city and would lay the foundations for a global empire - if Rupert and Rohan didn't end up in custody first. Drawing on unpublished archival material and new reportage, Young Rupert pieces together a paper trail of succession, sedition, and power - and a fascinating time capsule of Australian media on the cusp of an extraordinary ascension.

Line of Blood/Horne, Craig
Australia : Melbourne Books, Australia 2023
256 pages, 23cm
9781922779052
USD : 39.99 / PB
440 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854936>

'In reading the book, parts of Howitt's character made my skin crawl, but the uncovering of his life was revelatory ... I believe the publication of Line of Blood will be at a very pertinent time' -Bruce Pascoe Line of Blood- The Truth of Alfred Howitt tells the full story of Australia's so-called 'ablest anthropologist'; the botanist, geologist, senior public servant and explorer Alfred Howitt-and ancestor of the author, Craig Horne. Howitt first made his name in Australia as a bushman and explorer-Mt Howitt and Howitt Plain in the Victorian Alps are named in his honour. Most famously, he led the salvage mission that retrieved the remains of Burke and Wills at Coopers Creek and returned the expedition's sole survivor, John King, to Melbourne. Throughout his exploratory expeditionary career, Howitt encountered First Nations peoples, evoking in him mixed feelings of contempt and curiosity. To him, they were 'savages', or 'blacks'-classified as 'treacherous and troublesome components of the landscape'. That Howitt was an extraordinarily capable polymath is not challenged. What this book challenges are the contributions of Howitt's anthropological conclusions, coupled with his social and political influences, in legitimising the murderous advance of white settlement upon the Australia landscape. For Howitt, the 'line of blood' that followed white settlement was nothing more than the iron law of replacement, whereby an 'inferior race' is inevitably usurped by a 'superior civilisation'. Howitt perpetrated a policy of determined paternalistic neglect that facilitated the mechanical dismissal of First Nations Peoples-a policy that bleeds into Australian law, society and culture even today.

In/Out/Lentz, Steph
Australia : ABC Books, Australia 2023
320 pages, 23cm
9780733342974
USD : 39.99 / PB
400 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854951>

In January 2021, Steph Lentz was fired from her job as an English teacher at a Sydney Christian school after she came out as a lesbian. A hardcore Christian during her teens and twenties, Steph once preached against homosexuality and defended her church's conservative teachings about marriage and sex - that is, until she fell in love with a woman at her church, and her world turned upside-down. Being honest about her sexuality cost Steph her marriage, her job and her community. At once a gripping recount, a heartfelt apology and a scathing take-down, In/Out charts Steph's course from inside Christian fundamentalism, out of the closet and into a fuller sense of herself. Questioning what she once believed and bearing witness to the grief that can accompany radical change, her story ultimately attests to the truth, beauty and goodness of reclaiming agency over our own lives. In the midst of ongoing debates about religious freedom and discrimination against LGBTQIA+ people in Australia, Steph's story is timely and necessary.

Knockout - Great Australian Boxing Stories/Kieza, Grantlee
Australia : ABC Books, Australia 2023
336 pages, 23cm
9780733342608
USD : 39.99 / PB
420 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854949>

A no-holds-barred collection of Australian boxing yarns by one of Australia's bestselling storytellers and boxing aficionado, Grantlee Kieza. Boxing has given Australian sport some of our most inspiring champions and captivating tales. Stories of underdogs overcoming heartbreaks and hurdles, of endless courage and dedication, triumph and tragedy, of bitter feuds and fatal showdowns, and of tough Australian battlers who became giants in the ring. Some of our most celebrated sporting legends have been fighters - from the heroes Les Darcy and Dave Sands, to the iconic Lionel Rose and Johnny Famechon, to the huge modern drawcards such as Jeff Fenech, George Kambosos, Kostya and Tim Tszyu, and the flamboyant female stars Sharon Anyos and Ebanie Bridges. For many, tenacity and sheer grit ran like molten steel in their veins - Lionel Rose rising from poverty in the bush to being mobbed by a quarter of a million people after his 1968 world title win. Jai Opetai ignoring agony to win a world title with a broken jaw in 2022. Jeff Horn, a bullied schoolboy, out-toughing Filipino Manny Pacquiao, one of the most ferocious sluggers of all time. From the first brawls in old Sydney Town, the travelling boxing tents across the country and the first black world heavyweight champion to today's most celebrated fighters, Australia's pre-eminent boxing journalist and former assistant trainer to some of the ring's most talented champions presents our nation's greatest boxing stories.

History

Men of 2/26 Battalion, The/Wright, Lyn & Anderson, Lyn
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
1002 pages, 24cm
9781922757890
USD : 160.00 / PB

1950 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854859>

The Men of 2/26 Battalion profiles the battalion soldiers' lives before, during, and after the war. When Singapore fell on 15 February 1942, these men from all walks of life became POWs for three and a half years. An unbreakable bond was forged during this extraordinary time as they suffered at the hands of their Japanese captors. When the authors discovered that their fathers had been in the same platoon, they wondered about their stories. Growing up as the daughters of ex-prisoners of war, Lyn Wright and Lyn Anderson knew very little of their experiences. Like many others, their fathers did not talk of their experiences to anyone. As an important part of our history, the authors sought to capture it, and this book is the result of their endeavours to keep their memory alive.

Donald Horne/Cropp, Ryan

Australia : La Trobe University Press, Melbourne Australia 2023

384 pages, 23cm

9781760641375

USD : 49.99 / PB

525 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854941>

The fascinating biography of a brilliant man who captured the nation's imagination and boldly showed Australians who we were and how we could change. In the 1960s, Donald Horne offered Australians a compelling reinterpretation of the Menzies years as a period of social and political inertia and mediocrity. His book *The Lucky Country* was profoundly influential and, without doubt, one of the most significant shots ever fired in Australia's endless culture war. Ryan Cropp's landmark biography positions Horne as an antipodean Orwell, a lively, independent and distinct literary voice 'searching for the temper of the people, accepting it, and moving on from there'. Through the eyes - and unforgettable words - of this preternaturally observant and articulate man, we see a recognisable modern Australia take shape. 'A compulsive read about a writer who shaped the way we Australians think about ourselves' - Judith Brett, award-winning author of *Robert Menzies' Forgotten People* and *The Enigmatic Mr Deakin*

Literature

The Caretaker/Bergmoser, Gabriel

Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023

336 pages, 22cm

9781460763131

USD : 39.99 / PB

420 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854952>

Gabriel Bergmoser, author of explosive bestselling thriller *The Hunted* returns with a suspenseful new standalone thriller that will have you on the edge of your seat. An isolated, empty ski resort in the off-season. A woman who doesn't want to be found. A man

who may not be who he appears to be. A game of cat and mouse - with deadly consequences. On the run from a controlling husband and his underworld associates in Melbourne, Charlotte has adopted a new identity and found a job as an off-season caretaker in a tiny, deserted alpine resort. Some dangerous people are looking for Charlotte and so she's lying low, tending to the lodges, happy to be alone, but jumping every time a floor creaks or the wind whistles through the empty buildings. She's trying to convince herself she's okay, that she got away. But then strange things start happening around the resort. And Charlotte starts to realise that every escape route is being sealed off, one by one. From Gabriel Bergmoser, the master of propulsive, page-turning storytelling, *The Caretaker* will have readers second-guessing themselves at every turn. What's real and what isn't? Who's dangerous and who isn't? And who will survive? A menacing, nail-biting, nerve-racking psychological thriller.

West Girls/Woollett, Laura Elizabeth
Australia : Scribe Publications, Australia 2023
256 pages, 23cm
9781922585905
USD : 39.99 / PB
325 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854953>

'I chose the jagged rocks, the broken bones, the spattered brains. I chose beauty. I'd choose it again.' Luna Lewis is white. But her friends aren't, nor are her brothers, nor her one-time Princess of Indonesia-finalist stepmother. After transforming from pudgy preteen to 'exotic' beauty, Luna reinvents herself as 'Luna Lu' and takes her ticket out of the most isolated city on earth. However, as her international modelling career approaches its expiry date, Luna must grapple with what she's sacrificed - and who she's become - in her mission to conquer the world. Featuring an intersecting cast of glamour-hungry public schoolgirls, WAGs, mining heiresses, backpacker-barmaids, and cosmetic nurses, *West Girls* examines beauty, race, class divisions, and social mobility in Australia's richest state. It's also a devastating catalogue of the myriad, inventive ways in which women love and hurt one another.

Trust : A Fractured Fable/Ryckmans, Jeanne
Australia : Upswell Press 2023
180 pages, 20cm
9780645536911
USD : 34.99 / PB
150 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854958>

A darkly funny memoir and investigation into the charms and crimes of the untrustworthy. Romance scams, pyramid schemes, bogus debts and fake news, the world is awash with confidence tricksters and swindlers. But what happens if the fraudster is your lover? It has been said that trust is a risk masquerading as a promise and, as Hemingway suggested, 'The way to make people trust-worthy is to trust them'. Once we have fallen under the spell of malevolent hucksters, their power is real, as is the loss of self and hope when the spell breaks. A hybrid memoir and a personal detective story, *Trust* is an exploration of what it means to trust, why we trust, and what happens when trust is betrayed. With a particular

view to fraud and corruption within the hallowed walls of sandstone universities, Ryckmans brings to light the oft subtle, brutal nature of control that fraudsters have over their victims, and shows the deep impacts their actions have on others personally and professionally. The cover up - sometimes said to be worse than the crime - has insidious effects. Trust is a fractured fable. It is darkly funny, wistful, and spare in tone and approach.

Beginning of the End, The/Scholte, Adam J.
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
330 pages, 22cm
9781922757586
USD : 44.99 / PB
500 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854889>

Ramulas' peaceful world as a farmer is shattered when he is pulled into the midst of a magical civil war between worlds. With the appearance of a mysterious young woman, Ramulas starts to unravel some of the mysteries of his forgotten childhood and secret ability to communicate with animals. He starts to fear for the safety of his family when his daughters reveal that they, too, have unexplained abilities, and the intrigue only deepens when he discovers that the very existence of their world is under threat and that he may be the key to averting impending doom.

Origin Curse/Ishi, Sarah Kate
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
508 pages
9781922956323
USD : 49.99 / PB
775 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854893>

A curse placed on a noble family in the east has unraveled the fragile dynasty codes across the world. Yoshiko, daughter of the daimyo of Hie, has inherited an ancient consuming power-the burning dragon's spirit, Kiyohime. After an act of betrayal collapses the world around her, Yoshiko and her mother are forced to flee their castle home. The council are hunting them down, fear and misfortune are plaguing the people of Hie, and people keep going missing, including Yoshiko's best friend. Gora, a jack-of-all-trades foreigner who came to Hie to hide from his past and live a new life, is recruited by Yoshiko to help the desperate noble to return to her castle home and bring peace and safety to the people. But neither of them knows who their enemy is or how to control Yoshiko's increasing mysterious powers, and Gora must help her while watching her try to control the searing heat that threatens to release an ancient magical beast and destroy everything around her. Are Yoshiko's powers a blessing to help bring peace to her people, or, like Kiyohime in the folk tales of old, is she cursed to seek vengeance and watch the world burn?

Blue Widow/Leeding, Sonya
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
224 pages, 22cm
9781922956842

USD : 39.99 / PB
355 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854897>

A true story of loss and resilience from a Queensland Police Officer Blue Widow is the harrowing story of Sonya Leeding, whose husband Damian was shot during a botched armed robbery at the Pacific Pines Tavern in Queensland, Australia. Sonya's no-holds-barred account of the night of 29 May 2011 and the events that unfolded after this tragedy offer an extraordinary insight into the deeply personal nature of loss and the impact that being in the public eye has on the grieving process. Blue Widow reveals the real people behind the police uniforms; the mothers, fathers, children, and siblings; and how-in a split second-life can be heartbreakingly and permanently altered.

Somewhere South of Capricorn/Thomas, Ron
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
406 pages, 22cm
9781922956255
USD : 44.99 / PB
605 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854896>

Moss Side was a hard place in the 1920s. Gangs dominated the streets, and the Bloods were the meanest gang in Moss Side streets. Ernest Roberts was their most feared enforcer, and whether it was in the boxing ring or on the street, Ernie reckoned he was the toughest, hardest son-of-a-bitch around. Then, suddenly, dire circumstances changed all that. He was forced to scarp without so much as a goodbye to his family, with his destination uncertain. But every journey must have a destination, and for better or worse, he chose a new life somewhere south of Capricorn. His arrival wasn't timely. 'Getcha Sinny Mornin' 'erald,' a raucous newsboy shouted. 'World financial system collapses! New York Stock Exchange loses half its value!' It was October 24, 1929-Black Tuesday. At first, he wondered how events so far away could possibly impact him. New York is a long way from Sydney, and he failed to see what was getting everyone excited. Some wealthy American speculators had lost their dough. So what? Then, it got worse. For Ernie, that was just the beginning of his getting of wisdom.

2101 Spark of Hope/Gimpl, Kyle
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
356 pages, 22cm
9781922532053
USD : 44.99 / PB
530 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854895>

In 2101, the world is a different place. The era of great global transformation has made caring for the planet the top priority. Global leaders are now predominantly female; men are in decline. The increasing population remains a stubborn concern. Sophisticated global systems connect the world. Artificial intelligence is central to how society operates. Genetic engineering has blurred boundaries between natural and synthetically produced creations.

Sex is fluid. Influence has replaced money as the key measure of worth. Space is the new frontier, with mining established on the moon. The discovery that the online system is manipulating the truth threatens the future of humanity. The Chief Shepherd of Earth forms a desperate alliance that risks everything to combat the powerful force seizing control. An enthralling tale of love, loss, despair, resilience, and hope that explores what it means to be human and invites readers to think carefully about the consequences of decisions we make.

Whisper of Shadows and Snakes/Burns, Jake
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
344 pages, 22cm
9781922854209
USD : 39.99 / PB
520 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854894>

A shadow in the night, A secret so lonely, A cruel twist of fate. Deep within a mystical land, a thief with the ability to shift into animals inked upon his skin has stolen an ancient weapon, plunging the world into chaos. Whisked away to a hidden school high in the mountains, Alek and his friends must overcome heartache and betrayal as they learn to master the magic that burns in their veins. With danger closing in and bloodthirsty monsters emerging from the shadows, loyalties will be tested as Alek is inexplicably drawn to a mysterious boy. Who is he? What is he hiding? And most importantly, why can't Alek get him out of his head? Struggling under the weight of the destiny that's been thrust upon him, Alek must learn that the key to unlocking his powers lies in embracing who he truly is. Before it's too late ...

Festival of the Opressed/Wallace, Alastair
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
554 pages, 22cm
9781922644282
USD : 49.99 / PB
815 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854901>

Christendom. Thirteenth century. Flanders is a county in turmoil. The cloth industry is in trouble. England is threatening to ban the export of wool-the lifeblood of the cloth industry- to Flanders. Merchants, anxious to keep profits buoyant, are trying to drive down workers' pay and conditions. Jehanne la Fl che and Guillem d'Avignon, two itinerant musicians, travel to Flanders in hopes of gaining work and, if lucky, patronage. Slowly, inexorably, they are drawn into the county's problems, both internal and external. Beset by misogyny, harassed by prejudice, nearly torn apart by jealousy, they struggle to keep afloat.

Claim, The/Frain, Brendan
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
738 pages, 22cm
9781922757432
USD : 54.99 / PB

1085 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854900>

America emerges from the trauma of the Civil War to find itself convulsed by rapid and often violent social and political change. Millions of land-hungry emigrants from all over the world flock to claim a piece of the newly 'liberated' Indian territories. The prospect of overnight fortunes attracts a flood of gold miners, prospectors, con men, gamblers, and homesteaders to the booming territories as the railroads open up more and more of the frontier for settlement. The dispossessed and impoverished Native Americans are swept by messianic movements that promise the return of the vast buffalo herds. In the midst of this upheaval, Purchase McLennan fights to retain the family legacy-the great patriarchal rock now the target of an unscrupulous speculator. The forces of greed, desperation, bigotry and ambition collide in a shattering climax that ushers in the new century and a profoundly changed America.

An Ancient Evil/Cornhill, Russell
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
486 pages, 22cm
9781922340801
USD : 44.99 / PB
720 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854899>

The gods create a new world. The God of Myth knows how reality should look, but the God of Everything has a plan of his own. Two worlds are created, two different realities. Into each world a hero is born destined to defeat the Evil that threatens each of their empires. Evil attacks. Imps, shades and something far more mysterious, far more dangerous. Both heroes are forced to flee. The God of Myth's Lukas gathers a party of courageous warriors but discovers each is hiding secrets. The God of Everything's Dane discovers that the companions the gods send him are often more annoying than helpful. Lukas wants his family safe and to be back rebuilding their farm, if weird wizards didn't keep annoying him about his destiny. Dane wants to defeat Evil and become the greatest avatar ever created, if only his hit points didn't keep spiraling into the sky whenever he's hit. Meanwhile the shadows are watching everything, even the gods, and everyone knows you can't trust shadows.

An Amazing Journey/Aagesen, Kresten
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
214 pages, 22cm
9781922854094
USD : 39.99 / PB
290 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854891>

Opposition came from within my own friends, who disbelieve my experience. Faced with humiliating insults, and knowing the pain this would cause to most people, my faith in God was never in question. Instead, it opened my eyes to a lot of lying and distortion of the truth, and I needed to expose it for what it is to let people know they might be deceived by

false preaching. In *God's Blessing in my Life*, Kresten Aagesen discusses faith in our creator and never giving up when confronted by people who want to tear you down. You will read of miracles and supernatural events, visions, near death and death experiences, paranormal occurrences, betrayal, lies, and more, all to reveal how God used Kresten to change thousands of people's lives. Never told to anyone before, these experiences lead to something much greater than any of us can be. My journey can sound unbelievable, but when we leave it in God's hands we are secured against any walls put up against us. Follow Kresten as he tells his story in *God's Blessing in my Life*, sharing his message that your life can change no matter what circumstances you find yourself in-be it prison or otherwise. Live a life full of joy with a pure heart towards people around you and see the change in your life as you live in God's faith and stay true to yourself.

Drowning Girls, The/Lando, Veronica
Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023
352 pages, 23cm
9781460763575
USD : 39.99 / PB
435 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854924>

One simple sacrifice is all they need. Cast a stone. Aim true. Let her sink. Nate can't believe he's dragged himself up to this backwater town. Port Flinders would have fallen off the map years ago, except for one thing. Tourists flock to its mangrove-lined shores for the annual Drowning Girl festival: sacrifice a girl at sea, and the fishing hauls that keep the town afloat will prosper. Or don't and the whole town will sink. But it's just a legend, a gimmick. Everybody knows that. As fireworks light up the night sky, a woman's body is pulled from the inky waters of the gulf. Shock waves threaten to tear Port Flinders apart when she's identified as Kelsey Webb: a local teenager thought dead for twenty-five years. As Nate tries to find the truth about what happened to Kelsey, he uncovers a string of deadly accidents over the decades. All women. All drowned. And always during the festival. In his search for answers, the legend of the Drowning Girl begins to take hold of Nate, weaving its way into his head and threatening to pull him under, and he begins to question which sacrifices are truly necessary.

Dreaming in French/McCausland, Vanessa
Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023
352 pages 23cm
9781460762912
USD : 39.99 / PB
435 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854921>

A remote French island. A crumbling villa. A reclusive film star. And an inheritance Saskia never expected. The stunning new novel from the critically acclaimed author of *The Beautiful Words*. Saskia Wyle spent one sultry European summer on Île de Re when she was nineteen. The bright salt flats and sun-soaked beaches are now a distant memory, and one she made herself forget after an unspeakable tragedy. But the French heiress she befriended over twenty years ago has left half of her magnificent home to Saskia and the other half to Felix Allard, the now-reclusive film star living on the island. How did Simone

Durant die? Was it the family curse that haunted her? And why has she included Saskia in her will after all this time? Saskia returns to the place of dry-stone walls and ancient olive trees to find that Simone has left her another unexpected gift - a manuscript written in French. Like the lyrical language embedded somewhere in Saskia's subconscious, she must find a way to understand what Simone is telling her. As Saskia once again falls under the island's spell, she must reckon with her past to save what is most precious to her.

After That Night/Slaughter, Karin
Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023
432 pages, 23cm
9781460760949
USD : 39.99 / PB
455 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854930>

After that night, nothing was ever the same again ... The unmissable new thriller in the Will Trent series - now a major TV adaptation. Watch Will Trent on Disney+! After that night, nothing was ever the same again ... Fifteen years ago, Sara Linton's life changed forever when a celebratory night out ended in a violent attack that tore her world apart. Since then, Sara has remade her life. A successful doctor, engaged to a man she loves, she has finally managed to leave the past behind her. Until one evening, on call in the ER, everything changes. Sara battles to save a broken young woman who's been brutally attacked. But as the investigation progresses, led by GBI Special Agent Will Trent, it becomes clear that Dani Cooper's assault is uncannily linked to Sara's. And it seems the past isn't going to stay buried forever ...

Mystic Ridge/Lever, Lucy
Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023
352 pages, 23cm
9781867254140
USD : 39.99 / PB
440 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854927>

Sparkling rural romance meets quirky rom-com in this delightful debut story of love, magic and fighting for home. Perfect for readers who love Rachael Johns and Alissa Callen. Is love on the cards? Reading the tarot is in Claire's blood. It's a gift she inherited from her late mother. But her genius in helping others discover their path fails her when it comes to finding her own, especially once she learns of plans to bulldoze her carefully regenerated rainforest home and build a high-end wellness centre. She vows to rally her small community and save Mystic Ridge, although she has no idea where to start... Perhaps her first port of call should be the local newspaper, but after a fake-dating misadventure with the new editor, Leo, rising tensions - and chemistry - get in the way. Meanwhile, her old love, soapie actor Jake, promises to help protect her home. Yet Claire suspects his loyalties lie elsewhere, and she doesn't know who to trust anymore. Will Claire find the courage to fight for the rainforest, her family and her chance at love? With a colourful ensemble of small-town characters, and a dash of ghostly intervention, Mystic Ridge offers surprises at every turn.

Firelight/Morrissey, John
Australia : Text Publishing Company, Australia 2023
256 pages, 23cm
9781922790378
USD : 39.99 / PB
330 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854937>

An imprisoned man with strange visions writes letters to his sister. A controversial business tycoon leaves his daughter a mysterious inheritance. A child is haunted by a green man with a message about the origins of their planet. In this striking collection of stories, the award-winning John Morrissey investigates colonialism and identity without ever losing sight of his characters' humanity. Brilliantly imagined and masterfully observed, Firelight marks the debut of a writer we will be reading for decades to come.

Escapades of Tribulation Johnson, The/Brooks, Karen
Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023
560 pages, 22cm
9781867227229
USD : 39.99 / PB
685 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854948>

From the author of *The Good Wife of Bath* comes this brilliant recreation of the vibrant, optimistic but politically treacherous world of London's Restoration theatre, where we are introduced to the remarkable playwright Aphra Behn, now a feminist icon but then an anomaly, who gravitated to the stage - a place where artifice and disguise are second nature and accommodates those who do not fit in. It's 1679 and into the tumult, politics and colour of Restoration London and its lively theatre scene comes the fierce and opinionated Tribulation Johnson. Cast out from her family as ungodly and unworthy, Tribulation is determined to forge her own remarkable path. Arriving in London, Tribulation is astonished to discover that the widowed cousin she's been sent to live with is none other than the most infamous woman in London: the former spy and traitor's mistress, the playwright and polemical poetess, Aphra Behn. Tribulation cannot believe her good fortune as she is thrust into city life and the heady, mercurial milieu of the theatre. Under Aphra's guidance, Tribulation is encouraged to write, think and speak for herself. But women aren't supposed to have a voice, or ideas, let alone wield a pen and write for a living, and there are harsh consequences for those who don't obey society's rules. Together, Aphra and Tribulation must not only face vilification and mockery but terrible danger as plots to overturn the monarchy gather pace. When someone from Aphra's complicated past reappears, the women's loyalties - to King, country, and ultimately each other - are bitterly tested. Can their relationship survive the burning fires of religious hatred, suspicion and deceit? When everyone plays a part, and all the world's a stage, who do you trust?

Serpents of Knowledge, The/Talbot-Saunders, Morgan
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
258 pages, 22cm

9781922854421
USD : 32.99 / PB
335 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854883>

A collection of poetry written in an empire of a thought; in the recluse overlapping memory of consciousness. An odyssey that guides you into immaculate wisdom and submerging oneself into the palms of the author's dying world.

Make No Mistake/Minarik, Renata
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
172 pages, 21cm
9781922956798
USD : 54.99 / HB
410 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854909>

Sitting here, setting down these memories, checking them through, believing they are accurate, I find it hard to understand how much I came to love riding, how much it affected my life. It's the riding I remember the most. The incredible views I saw from the seats of my bikes, the people I met along the way, being part of the landscape and completely opened to the elements, the noise, and the surface of the roads. The brilliant furnace of the rising sun and the sheer immensity and beauty of the landscape was hard to imagine, and the scenery unfolding before me surpassed all my expectations. There were downpours and spectacular storms, hail hammering on my helmet, the bright flashes of lightning and glorious sounds of thunder. Then there were astounding sunsets, the city lights, night runs, the breathtaking atmosphere of inner cities that, in their busyness, offered incredible intimacy. So hop on board and make no mistake, you will enjoy the ride as much as I have.

Ring of Mann, The/Kay, David Thomas
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
530 pages, 22cm
9781922340351
USD : 42.99 / PB
790 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854874>

THE RING OF MANN An intriguing psychological thriller of historical fiction, Nordic mythology, romance, mystery, and suspense. Set in the English Lake District of 17th century England, a 10th-century runic ring and a horse messenger of the gods invoke the spirit of a female Viking warrior, and an ancient prophecy comes to pass. Three young cousins are complicit in the disappearance of a woodcutter, and the superstitious villagers believe it is witchcraft. But the secret of the forest lays dormant, and Quaker persecution intensifies as the story races to an exciting climax. Review by Romuald Dzemo for Readers' Favorite. 5 Stars. Highly descriptive. The Ring of Mann is a well-written novel for fans of historical fiction and fantasy. The story follows very captivating and richly developed characters. It is pulsating and filled with action and romance. David Thomas Kay has just become one of my favorite fantasy writers. Review by Rabia Tanveer for Readers'

Favorite. 5 Stars. I loved it! The Ring of Mann is a fantasy novel that young adults and readers, in general, will love. I loved the folklore mentioned in the book, absolutely loved the mythological elements, and how the descriptions pull the reader into the setting. It is perfect. Review by Jamie Michele for Readers' Favorite. 5 Stars. Very well written. David Thomas Kay puts a diverse cast of characters into some of England's most volatile moments. Kay is able to balance multiple subplots, particularly with regard to romance and a bit of mystery. The Ring of Mann will be well received by readers who enjoy sweeping sagas along the lines of Bernard Cornwell. Review by Christian Sia for Readers' Favorite. 5 Stars. A fascinating story. The plot in The Ring of Mann is ingenious and the world-building is impeccable. It is filled with humour and a lot of elements that readers want in a good book. David Thomas Kay has the unique gift of capturing the interest of readers and keeping them engaged from page to page.

Sanctuary/Scholte, Adam J.
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
374 pages, 22cm
9781922956187
USD : 44.99 / PB
555 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854875>

With the help of the king's magician Shigar, Ramulas and Pip avoid capture and race to Sanctuary to find Oriel. A war with the legion is coming, and Oriel sends out a call across the kingdom for help, which is answered by thousands who come to Sanctuary. While the people train for the fight and dig into the mountain to free Oriel, Remus and his warlords weave magic to cross into this world to ravage everything. But King Zachary, angry with his magician for joining Ramulas and his people worshipping the escaped prisoner, prepares his army to march as soon as his spies locate Ramulas. Their only hope is to defeat both the legion and an enemy closer to home.

Dreaming Stone, The/Thomas, Ron
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
468 pages 22cm
9781922757951
USD : 44.99 / PB
685 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854878>

The enigmatic ruins of ancient civilisations intrigue us all. The mystery of how they were built and even more, what caused their disintegration mystifies us too, and the scientific explanation often feels disturbingly inadequate. There is much more to know. Charlie Khat is studying archaeology at Sydney University. He loves it, along with his part-time job at the museum, his cricket, and his mates, and considers himself to be thoroughly Australian. But he's also a refugee from Cambodia, a Khmer, a brown-skinned man in a white society. His adopted country is vainly resisting the need to shed colonial attitudes and come to terms with a changing world. The Dreaming Stone tells the story of Charlie's mission to unravel the secrets of a mysterious incised stone found on Australia's remote north coast and to uncover the secrets of his own incredible past. His search takes him back to the mighty Mekong River, and almost forgotten boyhood memories. At the great, ruined temples of

Angkor Wat, with their awesome carved faces gradually being dismantled by strangling vegetation, he discovers he is in great peril, simply because he is Charlie Khat.

Secret Child, The/Kay, David Thomas
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
466 pages, 22cm
9781922854599
USD : 44.99 / PB
690 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854877>

1740 AD. Mary's life is fading, and the ghost of the white wolf waits patiently as the frail lady re-lives the vision of Freydis, the Viking warrior of revenge. But the saga is ongoing, and the pulse of Freydis, intensifies as the inheritors of the runic ring are entrapped. 1921 AD. Appleby Castle is awash with scandal, and Anne flees to Bengal. She returns twenty years later, and the truth slowly unfolds. Helena, a psychic, and Pali, a Gypsy fortune-teller, are reincarnate and share inconceivable visions of an ancient past. A white wolf, a full moon, and a mysterious floating island are ingredients that will shape their destiny. Thomas Johnson, a young miner with ancestral links to Helena and Pali, gains possession of the runic ring and suffers great misfortune. Life in the district is not as it seems. The novel is set in the English Lake District, Whitehaven collieries, and London during the early reign of Queen Victoria and Albert and the winding down of the East India Company.

Under Surveillance/Board, winsome
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
238 pages, 22cm
9781922956606
USD : 42.99 / PB
315 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854879>

This is a story of adventure and human relationships in modern multicultural Australia. The setting moves swiftly from Western Queensland to the Atherton Tablelands and Cairns, to Canberra, Afghanistan and back to Darwin. We follow the fortunes of Sunny and Rajan, the Dragon Lady and the orphaned Ali, as their destinies intertwine, from the 1950's to 2008. In the face of hardship and loss, they must prove their resilience and maintain their belief in the protective power of undying love.

Annabelle/Cornhill, Russell
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
150 pages, 22cm
9781922757050
USD : 29.99 / PB
205 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854882>

Annabelle is sixteen when she is summoned by the Eldest, the oldest living tree in The Land. The Eldest gives her a mission: she must convince the ruler of the humans that the dust of progress is about the envelop The Land, killing every living thing. To save The Land, the humans, particularly The Company, must change their ways. Accompanied by a white owl and an eagle, Annabelle makes her way back to the city. She encounters different people, machines and hybrids - some helpful, some not. Will the ruler even deign to see her? Will anybody important talk with her? Will anybody listen? The Eldest also gave her a side quest: to collect a pumpkin. No one, not even Annabelle, realises that the future of the human race depends on her and something a cook might use to make a pie. And all the time the dust is getting thicker ...

Brothers Wolfe, The/Hawke, Steve
Australia : Fremantle Press , Australia 2023
352 pages, 20cm
9781760992262
USD : 39.99 / PB
370 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854961>

A family saga about loyalty, love, risk, redemption and the ties that bind. Meet the Brothers Wolfe. Elliot Wolfe- ambitious, ruthless and living for the thrill of the deal. Athol Wolfe- a young man trying to find a place outside his big brother's shadow. Include a maiden aunt with a long memory, a mildmannered father reluctant to bring the family menswear business into the modern world. Bind them together in a family trust, and throw them into a melting pot of greedy entrepreneurs and high-flying criminals. Add a sexy French girlfriend with dreams of her own and a big, dark family secret - and watch it all explode.

Day's End/Disher, Garry
Australia : Text Publishing Company, Australia 2023
400 pages, 19cm
9781922790507
USD : 29.99 / PB
300 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854962>

Day's End is the latest novel in the Australian rural crime series by critically acclaimed author Garry Disher, featuring beloved local copper Hirsch. Hirsch's rural beat is wide. Daybreak to day's end, dirt roads and dust. Every problem that besets small towns and isolated properties, from unlicensed driving to arson. In the time of the virus, Hirsch is seeing stresses heightened and social divisions cracking wide open. His own tolerance under strain; people getting close to the edge. Today he's driving an international visitor around- Janne Van Sant, whose backpacker son went missing while the borders were closed. They're checking out his last photo site, his last employer. A feeling that the stories don't quite add up. Then a call comes in- a roadside fire. Nothing much-a suitcase soaked in diesel and set alight. But two noteworthy facts emerge. Janne knows more than Hirsch about forensic evidence. And the body in the suitcase is not her son's.

The Sitter/O'Keefe, Angela

Australia : University of Queensland Press, Australia 2023
200 pages, 19cm
9780702266348
USD : 39.99 / PB
180 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854965>

A highly original work narrated by Hortense, the wife of Paul Cezanne, who is watching a novelist write a book about her life. Paris, 2020. A writer is confined to her hotel room during the early days of the pandemic, struggling to finish a novel about Hortense Cezanne, wife and sometime muse of the famous painter. Dead for more than a century, Hortense has been reawakened by this creative endeavour, and now shadows the writer through the locked-down city. But Hortense, always subject to the gaze of others, is increasingly intrigued by the woman before her. Who is she and what event hides in her past? Heartbreaking and perfectly formed, *The Sitter* explores the tension between artist and subject, and between the stories told about us and the stories we choose to tell.

Reliefs/Bruinstroop, Jarad
Australia : University of Queensland Press, Australia 2023
120 pages, 19cm
9780702266263
USD : 29.99 / PB
115 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854964>

To be a man is to scrutinise all men. And then lie about it. In this striking debut, Jarad Bruinstroop offers a frank and tender exploration of Queer history, art, beauty and pain. These poems delight in the audacious power of vulnerability and the revolutionary potential of Queer joy. With skill and wit, Bruinstroop plumbs the manifold pleasures of language in search of connection, transcendence and home. By bearing witness to the lives of Queer people past and present, *Reliefs* celebrates the resilience of the desiring body and pulses with renewed possibilities.

Murnane/Stinson, Emmett
Australia : Miegunyah Press 2023
144 pages, 20cm
9780522879469
USD : 40.00 / PB
150 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854943>

A window into the writing of one of Australia's most important contemporary authors, Gerard Murnane. Gerald Murnane is one of Australia's most celebrated authors whose experimental and deeply idiosyncratic style has attracted rave reviews, including profiles in *The New Yorker* and *The New York Times*. Murnane's writing combines fiction with autobiography and returns obsessively to his particular and uncommon interests- horse-racing, marbles, stained glass, Catholic iconography, hermetic writers, and the Australian landscape. His fiction offers a window into what it means to be human, and how books and

reading shape our self-understanding. Murnane examines the writer's recent work to explain both its significance to Australian literature and provide readers with a deeper understanding of his complex and self-referential fiction.

Cult of Romance, The/Ayoub, Sarah
Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023
320 pages, 19cm
9781460762707
USD : 24.99 / PB
245 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854946>

When your bestie is marrying a guy she barely knows, can you save her from the cult before it's too late? Natalie is living proof that love is a scam. She's traumatised by her parents' failed marriage and overwhelmed by her grandmother's expectations of good Lebanese girls marriage, motherhood and exceptional tabouli-making skills. When her best friend decides to get hitched to a guy in the motherland, Nat's not exactly thrilled by the mammoth task before her: juggling cultural traditions, extra bridesmaid dresses and super-judgemental relatives. And to top it off there's the annoyingly good-looking best man and his constant need to mansplain all of the things. Natalie is in for the trip of her life. But can she save her friend from the cult of romance, without falling in love herself?

Bunyip Creek/South, Harrison
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
254 pages, 21cm
9781922956088
USD : 39.99 / PB
335 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854908>

Beer and moonlight. Down by the creek, Micah is just chilling- Until he sees something ... something that can't logically exist. Night after night, he is lured to the serenity of the water. Yet Micah discovers he is not the first boy To experience these mysterious changes. In desperation, he searches for answers to the secrets to which he has fallen heir. Past and present collide as Micah seeks freedom and a future.

Language Barrier/Cornhill, Russell
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
102 pages, 21cm
9781922340719
USD : 29.99 / PB
140 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854905>

Daniel Nichols is a seventy-three-year-old pensioner who is told by three angels that he is the Chosen One. His quest is to defeat the Evil that has always plagued mankind. Armed with a baseball bat and a banana, Daniel sets out on his quest with three angels inside his

head as guides. He travels through a number of strange dimensions, meeting heroes, villains and ordinary people. He soon learns that in order to defeat the Evil, he must understand what in hell the Evil really is. Oh, no! Wave the banana, Daniel. Wave the banana

Sketch Poetry/Boundy, Stephen Lloyd
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
48 pages, 20cm
9781922644794
USD : 29.99 / PB
70 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854906>

Sketch Poetry is a collection of sketches and poetry to inspire creativity. The deeper meanings of the sketches will connect you, created in Stephen's self-developed style, formed while he was doodling with his favourite fountain pen. These, joined with poetry intermingled throughout, will engage creativity and enhance deep meaning and reflection. Enjoy viewing the book Sketch Poetry and share your thoughts on its content.

Specialist One/Hurlbutt, Orin
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
412 pages, 22cm
9781922532251
USD : 44.99 / PB
535 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854903>

It is 2436, Earth is a supposed wasteland, and an authoritarian regime-the Union of Sovereign Realms-is master of Andromeda. For disgraced marine Sara Hart, that means a prison sentence in the 227th penal battalion. Her only out? Being kidnapped and enlisting into a disreputable covert security group committed to the protection of life by any means necessary. She's got a conflicted chain of command and a new team of untested genetically augmented and technically gifted experts. But war calls from the depths of space: aliens reborn from the ashes of atrocity whose cries for justice demand the satisfaction of the sword, and they're willing to use all the forgotten weapons at their disposal. The price of victory is always high, but the real question is how high is acceptable when the cost is the life of all humanity?

Letters from Heaven/McCarthy, Katherine
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
104 pages
9781922757869
USD : 32.99 / PB
185 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854914>

How do you tell someone politely, to go the f**k to hell? When Grace was diagnosed with an illness that gave her no more than three months to live, she found within her a voice she had silenced years before. Letters From Heaven is a collection of letters written by Grace to some of her abusers. She doesn't hold back. Abuse will hide in any corner, large enough to throw a shadow. Don't be afraid to embrace that dark and walk it into the midday sun for everyone to see.

Cravings/Hebin-Botha, Jady
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
130 pages, 20cm
9781922854520
USD : 39.99 / PB
150 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854913>

How did I get here? I got here so fast. Like I chased the tail of life and ended up with responsibilities to myself. I have hurt, I have loved, and I have grown, but I have also shrunk. What is this itch that I can't shake? I thought I had everything, but everything sometimes is nothing. I have a craving, and I think the craving is love. I guess I'm going to have to look for love in everything. Open my heart like the strings of a piano and let the world crudely tap at cords till I find the right note ... A poetry collection that expresses the transition from teenhood into adulthood. Through poignant verses, Cravings reveals the relentless passage of time, the weight of responsibilities, and the pursuit of love. These raw and introspective poems explore the depths of personal growth and the craving for connection, resonating with readers on their own transformative journeys.

Rhythm of My Heart/Hogben, S.M.
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
130 pages, 20cm
9781922757272
USD : 32.99 / PB
155 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854912>

Here lies a fresh and unique perspective of one's journey through the stepping stones of life, told with explosive language and rhythmic prose. This collection of poems will encourage you to take a deep breath and live your life to the fullest whilst unearthing your own creativity. Within her poems, Sue creates a story by exploring the hopes, dreams and frustrations she experienced through her life and explores the myriad of themes that have inspired the diversity and richness of her discovered talent. With passion and heartfelt emotion, Sue portrays the heights and lows of life, and brings the reality of heartache, joy and wonder to her colourful and expressive words. Find within a life's accumulation, told through poetry.

Poison Ivy/Faesaria
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
194 pages, 20cm
9781922757722

USD : 39.99 / PB
225 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854911>

21 years Of escaping through the words I wrote, Trying to keep myself afloat, Surviving every tear. You now hold everything I held dear; Everything that broke me, woke me, Everything that fought me, taught me How to love myself again. Years of torment, Tearing myself apart, Only to make myself Whole again.

Sutcliffe's Alchemy - Gold/Stephenson, Ned
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
302 pages, 20cm
9781922757234
USD : 29.99 / PB
335 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854910>

Each week, Brock Sutcliffe watches millions of dollars of gold being loaded onto a small plane in the middle of the Australian desert. There's almost no security involved because there's nowhere for thieves to hide. Fed stories of past family wealth and affluence during the war years, Brock sets out to shortcut his way to fortune. Working as an exploration geologist in the remote northern territory, he devises a plan to steal a shipment of gold from the same company that is paying his wages, but Brock can't do it alone, and the more people he involves, the greater the exposure becomes for every one of them.

A Season of Clouds/Gerrick, Alex
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
486 pages, 24cm
9781922644176
USD : 49.94 / PB
965 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854858>

To his friends, family, and work colleagues, Alex is a successful senior bureaucrat, well respected and liked by those who view him as an inspirational leader. But behind the facade, Alex is tormented by his past traumas, especially his betrayal of a young woman while on holiday in Greece in 1995. As Alex's mental health begins to rapidly deteriorate, he realises that his life has mostly been a lie and that the key to his immediate survival rests with several people he briefly met when he was a younger man. Can Alex use their belated wisdom to defeat his inner demons before he reaches the point of no return? Spanning several continents, A Season of Clouds is a book about love, conflict, friendship, redemption, and dealing with the tragic consequences of sexual assault and mental illness.

Six Figures/Chatman, Lamont
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
282 pages, 22cm
9781922956439

USD : 39.99 / PB
425 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854861>

The past and future collide in a balance between good and evil, survival and annihilation. The end of a decades-long intergalactic war has brought the victorious warmongering horde, the Ragnaw, to earth. Although defeated, the Obasyn race sends the human race one last chance to battle the Ragnaw plague. The Obasyn crystal wields the capability to gift beings powers of unimaginable proportions, but there can only be six of these miraculous individuals. They will have to work together to preserve humanity, but will they be enough? With the arrival of the vicious alien species, human history as we know it will be completely distorted. Will humanity join together or die with infighting as the Ragnaw prepare their final assault against civilization?

Two Old Farts/Young, Doug
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
508 pages, 22cm
9781922854292
USD : 44.95 / PB
770 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854860>

Two Old Farts is the story of two retired friends. While browsing the internet, Jack and Frank hear the most senior military general in North Korea present a plan to his premier for a war of retribution for Japan's attack on Korea in 1905. Having been born in the 1930s, our friends are aware of the hot and cold wars that plagued the 20th century. Not letting age hold them back, they engage a stockbroker to run a cover business to fund their covert spying on North Korea. With the aid of a Kirlian camera, this little band of conspirators are the only people who can prevent World War III.

Hostage/Jarvis-Jackson, Carol
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
298 pages, 22cm
9781922757609
USD : 44.95 / PB
450 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854862>

Rachel Benson thought her life was on track with a successful career in PR and a long-term relationship with a nice guy. When they meet for post-work drinks and dinner, she has no way of knowing that a series of seemingly insignificant decisions will send her down a terrifying path. Now she finds herself in the back of a stolen car with three violent strangers, not knowing where she's being taken or what's going to happen to her. She's in a fight for her life, trying to escape her captives and deny the changes she can feel happening to herself as she is led on a crime spree across three states. Will she make it out alive, and if she does, what does the future hold for her when she makes it home?

Sonata for Flute and Electric Drill/Harrison, John
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
346 pages, 22cm
9781922854667
USD : 44.99 / PB
535 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854872>

Inspired by the 1989 Fitzgerald Inquiry into police corruption comes a novel about skulduggery, betrayal, and murder. It's the 1960s, and the illegal drug trade is beginning to blossom in Australia. Enter Queensland detective Barry McTaggart, a young bloke with integrity ... altogether not welcomed by his immediate superior who's more than a trifle bent. Sonata for Flute and Electric Drill gives the reader a host of characters: corrupt cops, an aging femme fatale, almost-innocent wives, an everyday hero who plays (you guessed it) the flute, and some interesting folk on the periphery of the mayhem.

Sword of Saint Isidores, The/Kay, David Thomas
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
508 pages, 22cm
9781922532664
USD : 42.99 / PB
750 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854873>

The Sword of Saint Isidores - A Viking Saga Legendary battles, Nordic mythology, romance, mystery and intrigue. Circa 926 A.D: The English King Athelstan gifts a jewelled sword to the Norwegian King Harald Fairhair and sets in place a series of events that shape the future of Norway. The sword is believed to carry a curse and affects the lives of all that come into its possession. A wayward monk and beautiful Asturian woman, are enslaved by Vikings and crave an escape to their homeland. Wilhelm, a Christian soldier of fortune and protector of the jarl, clings to his faith, surrounded by worship of the Norse Gods. Rota the psychic daughter of a sorceress roams the forest, half-crazed with disturbing visions of the future. But what is the secret from her past? Who is she protecting and why? Ragnarr, the Viking Jarl of Hordaland, reveres the jewelled sword and plans to take it with him on the emigration to the new land: The Lake District of England.

A Call to Evil/Cornhill, Russell
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
506 pages, 22cm
9781922854933
USD : 44.99 / PB
750 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854902>

he gods are happy. Their first world was a raging success. Now they have to create the sequel. Lukas and Dane have each saved Empire's Edge from the soul reavers. Lukas still has his doubts about the quest but is desperate to rescue his brother and sister. In the other reality, Dane has growing concerns about the way his world works. What are the gods

doing? Why is his world so ... wrong? Their answers will only come by defeating the Ultimate Evil. To do that, they must first reach the magical southern continent. They must trek across the Southern Badlands, past the Last Outpost, through the eerie Swamplands and cross the isthmus searching for the artefacts that the gods say they need to complete their quest. They know the soul reavers will do everything they can to stop them. And the shadows are still watching.

Serpents of Knowledge, The/Talbot-Saunders, Morgan
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
258 pages, 22cm
9781922854421
USD : 32.99 / PB
335 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854883>

A collection of poetry written in an empire of a thought; in the recluse overlapping memory of consciousness. An odyssey that guides you into immaculate wisdom and submerging oneself into the palms of the author's dying world.

Three Worlds: Three Stories. Three Lives. Three Generations./Borja-Erece, Jozef & Maynah
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
424 pages, 22cm
9781922956927
USD : 59.99 / PB
630 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854898>

Three Worlds is a historical fiction that takes the reader through human nature, across three generations. The journey follows an orphan heiress who loses everything in the Second World War, a boy coming of age in an environment of death and destruction, and a spoiled Generation Z brat in search of the meaning of life. The story puts the reader in the shoes of the characters, bringing forth an immersive experience of world history as they lived it. Through their triumphs and tribulations, enthralling perspectives are presented on universal themes of courage, hope, and tragedy - on shining the light when it's needed the most. Designed to elevate readers, the novel serves as a tribute to family - an eternal reminder that we are all one family under the same sun.

Satan's Game/Liddle, John
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
302 pages, 22cm
9781922854506
USD : 34.99 / PB
465 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854865>

People may tell you they know full well what the word 'Satan' conjures up in their minds. Well, think again ... Bill is your average easy-going Aussie bloke. He's out for the

weekend, enjoying the Australian bush, when he happens upon an unusual cave. There, something catches his eye-a small stone that reflects light in a beautiful kaleidoscope of colours-and he decides to take it home as a souvenir. I mean, come on. What harm could it do? Bill soon discovers though that he has inadvertently stolen the property of the dark lord Satan himself, and Satan will go to any means, fair or foul, for the return of his missing property. Satan's Game unleashes a wild and relentless search to uncover the significance of the stone across many countries and cultures as Bill tries to find a way to save himself and his family. But Satan does what Satan always does best, relentlessly toying with Bill and playing his evil game, taunting the hapless Bill to the very bitter end.

Unmasking the killer of the missing Beaumont Children/Mullins, Stewart & Hayes, Bill
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
354 pages, 22cm
9781922757104
USD : 44.99 / PB
530 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854866>

On Australia day, 26 January 1966, Jane, Arna, and Grant Beaumont were abducted from Colley Reserve, Glenelg, South Australia and never seen again, leading to one of Australia's most extensive police investigations and manhunts. Five decades later, no trace of the children has ever been found. Over the years, several individuals have been put forward and investigated as suspects, resulting in false leads and dead ends and with no real suspect until now: Harry Phipps. On the surface, he was a gentleman: generous, charismatic, and intelligent-a person of wealth and influence in the community. However, a dramatically different person resided behind the walls of his Glenelg mansion, located a mere 190 metres in direct sight of Colley Reserve. In *Unmasking the Killer*, author Stuart Mullins (The Satin Man: Uncovering the Mystery of the Missing Beaumont Children (co-author), Joe Bugner: My Story (author)) and former South Australian police detective Bill Hayes expose Harry Phipps as the prime suspect in the abduction, disappearance, and likely murder of the Beaumont children. Over ten pieces of circumstantial evidence linking Phipps to the Beaumont abduction are explored in detail, supported by geographic and predator profiling chapters, which detail how these monsters operate. The authors explore a potential link to the 1973 Adelaide Oval abduction of Kirste Gordon and Joanne Ratcliffe and reveal conversations with Haydn Phipps, the eldest son of Harry and a possible eyewitness to events on that fateful day. Stuart and Bill answer the question: where to next? Along with other experts, they firmly believe the answer to this baffling mystery lay buried at Castalloy, a factory once owned by Harry Phipps.

Bagman of the Brothel/Kruger, John Edward
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
224 pages 22cm
9781922956446
USD : 42.99 / PB
355 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854868>

Tell no-one anything. Don't ask questions. Be invisible. This was the mantra of mafia associate John Kruger. Born into a family of criminals, John Kruger began his life of crime

while still in primary school. Bagman of the Brothel follows his tumultuous upbringing in southern Sydney and into adulthood, where he found himself employed by a mafia organisation during the 1980s. Set against a background of police corruption, seedy characters, and violence, John's memoir provides an eye-opening insight into the life of a career criminal. Told with unflinching honesty, this unique Australian story will leave you wondering: can a bad man be good?

Death or Grievous Bodily Harm/Cromarty, Peter
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
266 pages, 22cm
9781922854445
USD : 39.99 / PB
410 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854864>

Tobias Richmond is quietly enjoying his retirement-until he plays good Samaritan at his local shops. Soon, he and his family are sucked into the violent world of ruthless drug dealers, police corruption, and competition for the lucrative drugs markets of Southeast Queensland. This is a fast-paced story about a man drawn, against his will, into fighting for his life and the lives of his family. Not knowing who they can trust or where to turn for help, the Richmonds face threats to their lives and take on vicious killers who want what they know.

Fermi Paradox, The/Cirakovic, Scott
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
248 pages, 21cm
9781922956378
USD : 49.99 / PB
335 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854869>

In a small office of the Parkes Observatory, the scientific discovery of a lifetime breaks the Fermi Paradox. Syed has discovered proof of advanced extra-terrestrial life, a discovery that will shape the course of human history and change the world. But will the discovery be for the betterment of humanity? Syed is forced into the spotlight, his boring video game fueled life altered beyond his wildest dreams as he becomes one of Earth's most recognised celebrities. All he has to do is tow the party line and he will be rewarded with a life of luxury as the nations of Earth struggle to find a way to reach the stars, to find out what lies within the final frontier. But there are those that fear what will be discovered, that will pay any cost to stop humanity from venturing beyond the Milky Way. Stephen Fordham has been raised by his grandfather to fear first contact and will stop at nothing to show humanity the folly of its course. Syed is caught in a web of intrigue, pressured to choose between the life of fame that he always desired and his scientific integrity. As he struggles to decide what his life will stand for, construction on the first faster than light vessel, The Fermi, commences. Will he be strong enough to save the future?

Russia's War Against Ukraine/Edele, Mark
Australia : Melbourne University Press, Australia 2023
216 pages, 23cm
9780522879834
USD : 39.99 / PB
275 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854954>

An examination of the causes of the Russian invasion and its implications for the future. In February 2022 Russia launched a full-scale invasion of Ukraine, a fellow East Slav state with much shared history. Mark Edele, a world authority on the history of the Soviet Union, explains why and how this conflict came about. He considers competing historical claims and arguments with authority and lucidity. His primary focus, however, is on the different paths taken by these two former members of the Soviet Union. Since the implosion of that state in 1991, Ukraine has developed a vibrant, if often troubled, democracy. For an increasingly dictatorial Russian political elite, including but not limited to Vladimir Putin, Ukraine has appeared more and more threatening. Humiliated by the degradation of Russia's international standing, feeling betrayed by an expanding NATO and anxious about democratic revolutions in the former Soviet space, Putin and his allies have increasingly retreated into a resentful ultra-nationalism. Dreams of past imperial glory stand in place of any attempt to solve the problems of the present.

The Good, The Bad & The Unlikely/MacCallu, Mungo
Australia : Black Inc. Books, Australia 2023
320 pages, 23cm
9781760644789
USD : 39.99 / PB
400 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854956>

Since 1901, thirty-one different leaders have run the national show. Whether their term was eight days or eighteen years, each prime minister has a story worth sharing. Edmund Barton united the bickering states in a federation. The unlucky Jimmy Scullin took office days before Wall Street crashed into the Great Depression. John Curtin faced the ultimate challenge of wartime leadership. John Gorton, Gough Whitlam and Paul Keating each shook up their parties' policies so vigorously that none lasted much longer than a single term. Harold Holt spent three decades in parliament, only to disappear while swimming off the coast of Victoria just under two years into his first term. John Howard's 'triple bypass' is the stuff of legend. Julia Gillard overthrew Kevin Rudd and Kevin Rudd overthrew Julia Gillard, thus paving the way for Tony Abbott, Malcolm Turnbull, Scott Morrison ... And then came Anthony Albanese. With characteristic wit and expert knowledge, Mungo MacCallum and Frank Bongiorno bring the nation's leaders to life in this updated edition of a classic book.

Shrinking Nation, The/Turner, Graeme
Australia : University of Queensland Press, Australia 2023
272 pages, 22cm
9780702266195

USD : 39.99 / PB
295 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854957>

How Australia became less than it was, and how it can once again be more than it is. Over the past two decades, Australia has been experiencing a sustained period of accelerated socio-cultural change, accompanied by existential threats from natural disasters and the Covid pandemic, and punctuated by repeated cycles of political upheaval. The divisive and hyper-partisan version of party politics that has accompanied these events has hamstrung the nation's capacity to respond to the challenges of the day - from dealing with climate change, to advancing gender equity, or to renovating the buckling structures of social welfare. At the same time, we have seen the quality of our democracy compromised. The Shrinking Nation takes the temperature of our collective national wellbeing to determine how and why many Australians are left feeling like the nation has 'shrunk'; that it is now less than it was, and less than it should be. Leading cultural historian Graeme Turner examines a wide range of social and cultural change, including the role played by a media environment swamped by misinformation, the social consequences of neoliberal economic policy, and the divisive legacy of the culture wars, before considering how we might strengthen the bonds of community and belonging that tie our nation together. This timely, important and provocative book presents an original and compelling assessment of the state of the nation today, while designing a lifeline for the better country that is struggling to emerge.

Science

In Plain Sight/Coulthart, Ross
Australia : HarperCollins Publishers, Australia 2023
384 pages, 19cm
9781460765333
USD : 29.99 / PB
295 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854963>

Are we not alone? The moment we have an answer to the question might have arrived. Award-winning investigative journalist Coulthart has been intrigued by UFOs since mysterious glowing lights were reported near New Zealand's Kaikoura mountains when he was a teenager. The 1978 sighting is just one of thousands since the 1940s, and yet research into UFOs is still seen by many as the realm of crackpots and conspiracy theorists. In 2020, however, after decades of denial, the US Department of Defense made the astonishing admission that strange aerial and underwater objects frequently reported and videoed by pilots and tracked by sensors are real, unexplained, and pose a genuine national security concern. Compelled to investigate, Coulthart has embarked on the most intriguing story of his career, speaking to witnesses, researchers, scientists, spies and defence and intelligence officials and insiders - to sift the truth from the conspiracy. Now in the US, with powerful new laws and a hardening of government resolve may well soon force the military and intelligence community to reveal what they knew about alleged UAP crash retrievals and secret reverse-engineering programs. Bizarre, sometimes mind-blowing and utterly fascinating, in this new edition of In Plain Sight, Coulthart explains why there is cause for optimism that 'the biggest story ever' might finally be about to break.

Sociology/Culture Studies

No Mountain Too High/Setterlund, Rod
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
300 pages, 22cm
9781922757838
USD : 42.99 / PB
450 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854863>

A tourist trek in 1999, and approximately 30 subsequent visits, inspired the author to write *No Mountain Too High: Village Development in Nepal*. Set over a 20-year period in the hilly region northwest of Kathmandu, the book tells the very personal story of the Tamang people living in the remote village of Tawal. It gives them a voice in a development partnership that helped them triumph over a long history of political neglect and social discrimination, a 10-year civil war and a devastating earthquake. It is also an Australian couples' personal story as volunteers with the Nepal Australia Friendship Association: the highs and lows, success factors and challenges in adopting a community and market-system approach to the development partnership. If you are a curious traveller, community-development practitioner, have an interest in Nepal, remote village life or the experiences of communities recovering from disaster, *No Mountain Too High* will entertain, educate and inspire readers.

Cynical Therapies/Thomas, Val
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
408 pges, 22cm
9781922956484
USD : 44.99 / PB
605 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=854887>

Traditional therapy practice is facing a crisis due to the increasing influence of Critical Social Justice (aka 'wokeness'). Activists are reframing the narrative of therapy, seizing control of professional bodies and institutions, and teaching future therapists to view their primary role as changing society. Any critique is cancelled: critics are characterised as reactionary and bigoted. A diverse international group of authors comprising psychotherapists, academics, and psychologists are assembled here to present critical perspectives on the antitherapeutic nature of Critical Social Justice. The authors consider questions such as: How did therapy become vulnerable to a political authoritarian ideology? How can theories drawn from psychology and psychotherapy shed light on the phenomenon of 'wokeness'? What are the implications of gender ideology for therapeutic practice? How compatible are Critical Social Justice suppositions with established therapy theories and research? What are the implications of the politicisation of professional bodies and training institutes for counselling and psychotherapy? Finally, some thoughts are offered about how to push back against an ideology which threatens to turn the clinical space into a site for the moral re-education of vulnerable clients. This book represents an ethical call to action: anyone who wishes to preserve the integrity of therapy needs to stand up and make their voices heard.

