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Art

Emily Kam Kngwarray/Cole, Kelli (editor)
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A comprehensive and richly illustrated publication celebrating the timeless art of Emily Kam Kngwarray - a pre-eminent Australian artist and one of the most significant painters of the 20th century. Emily Kam Kngwarray celebrates the timeless art of a pre-eminent Australian artist and one of the most significant painters of the 20th century. An Anmatyerr woman from Central Australia, Kngwarray devoted the last decades of her life to new artistic pursuits, creating works that encapsulate the experience and authority she gained throughout an extraordinary life. This book offers new insights into Emily Kam Kngwarray's life and work, featuring original research and reflections from the artist's community, curators and academics. Generously illustrated, the publication brings together Kngwarray's most significant works, from early vibrant batiks to her later monumental paintings on canvas. It includes archival images, many of which have never been published, and a visual record of community consultations and visits to Kngwarray's Country. Emily Kam Kngwarray is published alongside a major retrospective exhibition of her work at the National Gallery of Australia.

Biography/Memoirs

Yellow Cake and Other Delights/Garner, Larry
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
312 pages, 23cm
9781922956934
USD : 47.74 / PB
460 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860182>

After years abroad in Australia, Papua New Guinea, Zambia and South-West Africa, Larry gets itchy feet once again, and happens upon an advertisement for a Canadian mining company. After a false start, where he had a bit fun with the local union in neighbouring

Michigan, Larry secures his position as a fitter at a uranium mine and begins five years in the Great White North. "If you're going to enjoy Canada, you have to enjoy winter," he was told. And God knows he tried. He learned to skate, ski, curl and ice fish. He learned that on skates he stood almost seven feet tall, he had a massive nuisance value while playing ice hockey. The Limey Labour renovated the local Legion and turned into their social and cricket club. He even finds time for a little romance and enjoyed Canada so much he married a Canadian gal. It's a story of five exciting, fun filled years in Northern Ontario, the people he met and the friends he made.

The Schoolgirl, Her Teacher and his Wife/Hazel, Rebecca
Australia : Vintage Books, Australia 2023
400 pages, 23cm
9780143796336
USD : 46.99 / PB
495 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860178>

'Long before The Teachers Pet, Rebecca Hazel was enquiring into the unexplained disappearance of Lynette Dawson. ' MALCOLM KNOX The Teacher's Pet podcast was a phenomenon with more than 80 million downloads across the world. Teacher and former rugby league player Chris Dawson appeared to have it all – a loving family and a beautiful home in Sydney's Northern Beaches. But in the summer of 1982 his wife Lynette disappeared and not long afterwards Dawson married a much younger woman a former student. Less than a decade later this young woman escaped the marriage and went to the police to record her suspicions that Dawson had been involved in Lynette's disappearance. A homicide investigation followed but got nowhere until 1998, when Detective Sergeant Damian Loone was handed Lynette's file. For nearly two decades he made it his business to honour Lynette and to find out what had happened to her. His work led to two coronial investigations, but no charges. Around this time Rebecca Hazel was working in a women's refuge on the Northern Beaches when a colleague shared her story of enduring coercive control at the hands of Dawson, when she was his student, and then wife and she shared her suspicions about the fate of his first wife Lynette. These revelations affected Rebecca, and eventually she decided to investigate. Over years, coroners, police and journalists all shared with Rebecca their knowledge of the case, and disappointments that it remained unsolved. Until, in May 2018, Hedley Thomas launched the Teacher's Pet podcast, and in December 2018, Chris Dawson was charged with murder. He was convicted in August 2022. Rebecca Hazel has spent ten years working to ensure that the stories of two women who were misused by Chris Dawson are heard, that their perpetrator was brought to justice and that Lynette's family can properly honour their much-loved sister, aunt, cousin and mother.

Paul and Paula/McNamara, Tim
Australia : Monash University Press, Australia 2023
288 pages, 23cm
9781922979377
USD : 39.99 / PB
265 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860181>

'In fifty years...nobody will then know anything about our troubles.' 1939: Paul Kurz engineer, refugee from Vienna and Dunera Boy is separated from his wife, Paula, and his mother at the outbreak of World War II and interned in Australia. Late 1960s: an Australian student from an Irish Catholic family railing against his alcoholic father, struggling with his religious upbringing and coming to terms with his sexuality strikes up a profound friendship with Paul, two generations older. Decades after Paul's death, he pieces together Paul's incredible story from surviving family letters, and travels to Vienna to discover Paul's history and that of the city its beauty, its violence, its cruelty, what Paul loved and how he suffered there. The letters reveal Paul's heartbreaking separation from Paula, his life in exile in England and Australia, his desperate attempts to reconnect with his wife and the eventual fateful outcome. This lyrical, poignant account combines memoir, biography and history to explore the enduring influence of one elderly Holocaust survivor and the intergenerational impact of the famed Dunera.

A Brilliant Life/Unreich, Rachelle
Australia : Hachette Australia, Australia 2023
336 pages, 25cm
9780733650178
USD : 44.99 / PB
400 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860180>

As her mother, Mira, nears the end of her life, journalist Rachelle Unreich wants to find out more about how Mira survived four concentration camps, including Auschwitz. There was a mystery to her survival, it seemed - which perhaps had something to do with the strange things that always happened around her. Incredibly, when she gave testimony about the Holocaust decades later, Mira said that it was during this time that she learned about 'the goodness of people'. Born in Czechoslovakia, Mira Blumenstock was twelve years old when World War II broke out. She would live a full life in Paris and Australia. Then, at eighty-eight, she was diagnosed with terminal cancer. Rachelle interviewed Mira to distract her from her illness, and what she discovered about her mother was breathtaking. Not only did Rachelle begin to understand Mira's past, but she was able to fit together the jigsaw puzzle pieces of her own life. A story of love, loss, wonder and the deepest kind of faith, A Brilliant Life questions the role of fate and chance, and reveals an unbreakable connection between mother and child. It will capture hearts, spark important conversations and show us that one small act of kindness can, quite literally, save a life.

Frank Moorehouse - Strange Paths/Lamb, Matthew
Australia : Penguin Books, Australia 2023
480 pages, 24cm
9780143786122
USD : 54.99 / HB
740 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860172>

A cultural history of the times that shaped Frank Moorhouse and which Moorhouse himself helped to shape. "My writing allows me flight from society through solitude while permitting me to rejoin society on some of my own terms through the trading of the finished work with the society. My imaginative narrative gives me relief from prevaility and strident ideologies

by allowing me the heresy of decadence (as in erotica). Namely, revenge against normality, reversal of normality and regression from normality. My imaginative narrative is relief from prevailing self by allowing the potential self, the discarded self, the rejected self and the non-self to have play. My imaginative narrative is relief from privacy by allowing exposure of self and the network of self." - Frank Moorhouse, 1985, private telex Frank Moorhouse was legendary in Australian literary and cultural life, the author of a huge and diverse body of work - essays, short stories, journalism, scripts, the iconic Edith Trilogy - an unapologetic activist, intellectual, libertarian and champion of freedom of speech and sexual self determination. Though he lived his life publicly, his private stories have not been shared, the many paths he forged left unexamined, until now. Matthew Lamb shared many a luncheon table with Moorhouse and immersed himself in the archived life and cultural ephemera of Frank's world. This landmark study, from Moorhouse's own publisher, the first in a projected two volumes, is the fascinating and comprehensive story of how one of Australia's most original writers and pioneer of the discontinuous narrative came to be. Fearless, sardonic and utterly dedicated to his creative life, his relationships with friends, other writers and lovers were complex and long-lasting. Lamb shares the strange paths that Frank traversed and gives us a cultural history of the times that shaped Moorhouse and which Moorhouse himself helped to shape.

Clanlands in New Zealand/Heughan, Sam & McTavish, Graham
Australia : Hachette Australia, Australia 2023
272 pages, 24cm
9781804190777
USD : 44.99 / PB
365 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860179>

Buckle up, grab a dram, and get ready for another unforgettable wild ride. They're back! Stars of *Outlander*, Sam Heughan and Graham McTavish are no strangers to the rugged beauty of Scotland. But this time they're setting their sights on a new horizon: New Zealand. Join our intrepid Scotsmen on their latest epic adventure across The Land of the Long White Cloud in this thrilling follow-up to *Clanlands*. Setting out to explore a country that Graham calls home, and that Sam has longed to visit, these sturdy friends immerse themselves in all that New Zealand has to offer: stunning landscapes, rich history, world-class food and drink, and - much to Graham's mounting anxiety and Sam's deep satisfaction - famously adrenaline-fuelled activities! As ever there's not nearly enough space in their trusty camper van and with plenty of good-natured competition and tormenting to go around, Sam and Graham's friendship is put to the test once again. Along the way we learn about the length and breadth of this jewel of the Southern Seas, exploring the fascinating story of its people while testing the very limits of Graham's sanity. Like the very best buddy movie sequel, this latest instalment is full of unforgettable experiences and loveable characters and promises to be an even more memorable ride with two of the most entertaining travel companions around. So, say goodbye to your inhibitions and *kia ora* to New Zealand like you've never seen it before.

Ecology/Environment

The Fires Next Time/Christoff, Peter

Australia : Melbourne University Press, Australia 2023
336 pages, 23cm
9780522879421
USD : 45.00 / PB
470 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860174>

Australia's Black Summer Fires Following a three-year drought and during the hottest and driest year on record, a flume of scorching air set the Australian continent aflame. The Black Summer fires were unprecedented. Over six months in 2019-20 they burned more than 24 million hectares of Australia's southern and eastern forests - one of the largest areas burnt anywhere on Earth in a single event. The fires killed 33 people and 430 more died as an indirect consequence and they caused unfathomable harm to native species. Their economic ramifications were extensive and enduring. State and federal governments and communities were under-prepared for that inferno and its many impacts. Yet global warming is increasing the likelihood of such events. The Fires Next Time offers a comprehensive assessment of the Black Summer fires. Its contributors analyse the event from many vantage points and disciplines - historical, climate scientific, ecological, economic, and political. They assess its impacts on human health and wellbeing, on native plants and animals, and on fire management and emergency response. They consider whether reactions could have been different, and what is needed to improve our handling of future bushfires.

History

This is Afghanistan : 2014-2021 /Andrew Quilty
Australia : Miegunyah Press 2023
355 pages : colour illustrations, maps, portraits ; 32 cm.
9780522879681
USD : 100.00 / HB
2120 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860169>

Exceptionally produced and visually striking, This is Afghanistan captures life in a war-torn nation through the lens of one of Australia's great war reporters, Walkley award-winning photo-journalist Andrew Quilty This is Afghanistan is award-winning photo-journalist Andrew Quilty's visual record of his nine years in this vibrant, complex and war-ravaged country. Quilty was one of a small number of journalists who remained in Kabul to witness the withdrawal of international military forces from Afghanistan, the collapse of its government and the return to power of the Taliban. In the years leading up to this moment he had travelled to all parts of the country, documenting the war and its effects on the lives of Afghans. As someone who had come to love Afghanistan and to call it home, Quilty's images and commentary provide a unique, powerful and personal insight into a land and a people who, having lived and died, withered and thrived for five decades, are once again isolated from much of the rest of the world.

My Darlinghurst/Clark, Anna (editor)
Australia : NewSouth Publishing, Sydney NSW 2023
272 pages, 28cm
9781742237657

USD : 59.99 / PB
1125 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860171>

Growing up in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs in the 1980s and 90s, I remember the pull of Darlinghurst. As a teenager, I would catch the 380 bus, get off at Taylor Square and dive gratefully into the slipstream broadmindedness - of lives lived imaginatively. Darlinghurst, a triangle of 80 hectares, sits on the edge of Sydney's CBD. Dominated by high rocky ridges on which grand colonial houses were once built, it is bordered in the east by Rushcutters Creek (Boundary Street), which was used by Aboriginal peoples until at least the 1860s, and in the south by a Gadigal pathway (Oxford Street), which traced a route out to the ocean. The colony's first mills were built beside valley streams, which were soon covered over by densely packed rows of terrace houses - homes to workers, artisans and labourers. Shaped by this landscape, and transforming it, a mixture of posh and poor, criminal and respectable, itinerant and established, sick and well have made their lives in Darlinghurst. My Darlinghurst profiles this colourful neighbourhood, revealing the stories of its migrant and Indigenous residents, the razor gangs and brothels, the soldiers and wharfies, and the artists and LGBTQIA+ communities who have made - and continue to make - Darlinghurst their home.

Killing for Country/Marr, David
Australia : Black Inc. Books, Australia 2023
432 pages, 23cm
9781760642730
USD : 49.99 / PB
650 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860186>

A gripping reckoning with the bloody history of Australia's frontier wars David Marr was shocked to discover his forebears served with the Native Police, the most brutal force in Australian history. Killing for Country is the result – a personal history of the Frontier Wars. Marr brings his experience as an investigative journalist, an award-winning biographer and political analyst to the story of a colonial family that seized hundreds of thousands of acres of land and led Aboriginal troopers into bloody massacres in the most violent years of the Native Police. Killing for Country is a unique history of the making of Australia – a richly detailed and gripping family saga of fortunes made and lost, of politics and power in the colonial world, and the violence let loose by squatters and their London bankers as they began their long war for the possession of this country – a contest still unresolved in today's Australia.

A Sterling Life/Hester, Mark
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
228 pages, 23cm
9781923061767
USD : 39.99 / PB
360 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860190>

John Danz, originally named Israel Danowsky, left Czarist Russia at the age of four along with his parents. They escaped the Russian Pogroms and arrived in the United States in 1882. Initially, they lived in a sod hut in Kansas before John and his father traveled to Portland Oregon in their peddler's wagon. In his youth, John took various jobs as a newsboy, a Western Union messenger, a cowhand in Nevada, and a clerk in haberdasheries in Nevada and Oregon. In 1903, John arrived in Seattle Washington and soon established his own men's clothing business. By 1913, he began to manage a nickelodeon theatre next to his store, primarily to attract customers to his clothing business. To his surprise, the theatre proved to be more profitable. Consequently, John decided to focus on expanding his chain of theatres. He named his business, the Sterling Theatre Company. Despite facing challenges such as two world wars, bankruptcies, the longest labor strike in Seattle's history, and the Great Depression, John Danz managed to achieve significant success. He passed away in 1961, leaving his theatre empire to his son, Fred. At the age of fifty-five, author Mark Hester's journey of discovery began. By 2015, he had successfully traced the majority of his ancestors back to the seventeenth century. Hester decided to undergo a DNA test fully aware that it wouldn't reveal anything new or surprising. However, the test results unveiled something unexpected - Mark Hester was twenty-five percent Jewish. This revelation left him puzzled. After spending forty years researching his family history, he had no indication of Jewish ancestry. What happened next would have a profound and lasting impact on his life.

Three Crooked Kings/Condon, Matthew
Australia : University of Queensland Press, Australia 2023
368 pages, 23cm
9780702268458
USD : 44.99 / PB
445 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860177>

One of the landmark Australian true-crime books, with a new introduction following the death of disgraced Police Commissioner Terry Lewis. 'It was the genius of the system ... from day to day you didn't know who was on the take or not. You didn't know who you could trust.' Three Crooked Kings is the shocking true story of Queensland and how a society was shaped by almost half a century of corruption. At its core is Terry Lewis, deposed and jailed former police commissioner. From his entry into the force in 1949, Lewis rose through the ranks, becoming part of the so-called Rat Pack with detectives Glen Hallahan and Tony Murphy under the guiding influence of Commissioner Frank Bischof. The next four decades make for a searing tale of cops and killings, bagmen and blackmail, and sin and sleaze that exposes a police underworld that operated from Queensland to New South Wales. This gripping book examines the final pieces of the puzzle, unearths new evidence on cold cases, and explores the pivotal role that whistleblower Shirley Brifman, prostitute and brothel owner, played until her sudden death. Based on extensive and unprecedented access to Terry Lewis and his personal papers, as well as hundreds of interviews with key players and conspirators, Three Crooked Kings is the first of three explosive books. Awarded journalist and novelist Matthew Condon has crafted the definitive account of an era that changed a state and is still reverberating to this day.

The Menzies Watershed/Gorman, Zachary
Australia : Melbourne University Press, Australia 2023
256 pages, 24cm

9780522880205
USD : 60.00 / HB
585 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860173>

How did Menzies lead the newly formed Liberal Party of Australia? The eleven years that passed between the 1943 and the 1954 elections were arguably some of the most pivotal in Australian history. This was a period of intense political, policy and strategic transition, which saw a popular Labor Government and its state-led vision for post-war reconstruction toppled by Robert Menzies and his newly formed political machine, the Liberal Party of Australia. Meanwhile, a backdrop of rising Cold War tensions came to dominate domestic and international policymaking, ushering in a divisive communist party ban, the ANZUS treaty, the Colombo Plan, and Australia's own agency of international espionage, ASIS. But what was the difference in practical terms between Menzies and his predecessors? What role was the state to play under a centre-right government, and would Menzies be able to live up to the liberal ideals with which he had won over the Australian public? All these issues are explored in the second of a four-volume history of Menzies and his world, based on conferences convened by the Robert Menzies Institute at the University of Melbourne. Contributors include Christopher Beer, Andrew Blyth, Troy Bramston, Lorraine Finlay, Nicolle Flint, David Furse-Roberts, Anne Henderson, David Lee, Lucas McLennan, Lyndon Megarrity, Charles Richardson, William Stoltz and Tom Switzer.

Transgender Australia : a history since 1910 /Riseman, Noah
Australia : Melbourne University Press, Australia 2023
xx, 348 pages, 8 unnumbered pages of plates : illustrations, portraits ; 24 cm
9780522879322
USD : 50.00 / PB
475 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860185>

The first book on Australian trans history exploring the lives and impacts of trans and gender-diverse Australians. Trans and gender diverse people have always been present in Australian life, whether they've lived quiet lives in the country, performed in cabaret shows, worked on the streets or run for parliament. But over the last century there have been remarkable changes in how they have identified and expressed themselves. Transgender Australia is the first book to chart the changing social, medical, legal and lived experiences of trans and gender diverse people in Australia since 1910. Drawing on over a hundred oral history interviews and previously unexamined documents and media reports, it highlights how trans people have tried to live authentically while navigating a society that often treated them like outcasts. It is the first book to chart the history of gender diverse Australians, exploring both progress and ongoing battles. It is also a celebration of ways that transgender participation has enriched our lives in all its cultural diversity.

Echoes of Gallipoli/Shaw, Chris
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
170 pages, 22cm
9781922644886
USD : 29.99 / PB

240 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860194>

Echoes of Gallipoli is a book of compassion, with 25 stories of some combatants, and their Mums and Dads who were left behind, of the 10 nationalities serving with the Allied forces in Gallipoli. Those enormous emotional impacts of the loss of loved ones either killed and buried on foreign soil, or returning home wounded or broken, are being forgotten. Some of these stories are raw, but the humanity of the narrative will help uplift awareness from all wars in history.

Law

Judicial Dysfunction in Indonesia/Butt, Simon
Australia : Melbourne University Press, Australia 2023
372 pages, 23cm
9780522879919
USD : 50.00 / PB
490 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860176>

An analysis of corruption in Indonesia's courts. Indonesia's judicial system has long been described as dysfunctional. Many of its problems developed out of decades of authoritarian rule, which began in the last few years of the reign of Indonesia's first president, Soekarno. By the time President Soeharto's regime fell in 1998, the judiciary had virtually collapsed. Judicial dependence on government, inefficiency and corruption were commonly seen as the main indicators of poor performance, resulting in very low levels of public trust in the courts. To address these problems, reformists focused on improving judicial independence. Yet while independence is a basic prerequisite for adequate judicial performance, much depends on how this independence is exercised. Judicial Dysfunction in Indonesia demonstrates that Indonesian courts have tended to act without accountability and offers detailed analysis of highly controversial decisions by Indonesian courts, many of which have been of major political significance, both domestically and internationally. It sets out in concrete terms, for the first time, how bribes are negotiated and paid to judges and demonstrates that judges have issued poor decisions and engaged in corruption and other misconduct, largely without fear of retribution. Further, it explores unsafe convictions and public pressure as a threat to judicial independence. Judicial Dysfunction in Indonesia shines a sorely needed empirical light on the Indonesian judicial system, and is an essential resource for readers, scholars and students of Indonesian law and society.

Literature

The Legion Has Come/Scholte, Adam J.
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
338 pages, 23cm
9781923061613
USD : 49.99 / PB

505 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860189>

The people of Sanctuary are recovering after narrowly defeating the king's army. Remus has brought the first legion into the Kingdom. He has made a deal with thousands of Symiaks and plans to use the Kingdom army to help him get Oriel. Ramulus needs to free Oriel before the legion arrives, or everyone in the Kingdom will suffer the wrath of Remus.

Beatrix & Fred/Spurr, Emily
Australia : Text Publishing Company, Australia 2023
416 pages, 23cm
9781922790415
USD : 42.99 / PB
530 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860187>

A bizarre and beautiful tale of an unlikely friendship; Beatrix and Fred will be the warmest and weirdest book you'll read all year. Beatrix is a loner. She has a love-hate relationship with her one friend, Ray, a hate-hate relationship with everyone else in her office and a genuine attachment to a stuffed canary named Horatio. She drinks alone far too much. Lately she's been finding the edge of the railway platform dangerously seductive. Her life needs to change. Then she crosses paths with an old woman who seems to be stalking her, and that's exactly what happens. Eighty-something Fred is smart, earthy, funny and not the harmless elderly lady she appears to be. She is, in fact, quite literally something else. But what? When something happens to Ray, Fred decides to reveal herself. And Beatrix realises she has some agonising choices to make. Beatrix and Fred is an off-kilter love story wrapped in a satisfying layer of moral complexity and tied up with a ribbon of sheer fun. Warm, witty, more than slightly weird-it takes the age-old question of what it is to be human beyond humanity itself.

Like To the Lark/Barnes, Stuart
Australia : Upswell Press 2023
100 pages, 15cm
9780645536980
USD : 29.99 / PB
165 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860193>

Like To The Lark is a poetic Back to Mine that is diverse in form- from sonnets to new forms invented by Barnes, and in inspiration, from popular culture to classical mythology. Framed by conversations with famous artists, this collection fearlessly explores rape, illness, death, remembrance, ecology, love and joy. The long-awaited second collection from the winner of the 2015 Arts Queensland Thomas Shapcott Poetry Prize. In his stunning collection of new poetry, Stuart Barnes reimagines the poetic form and fearlessly explores topics of illness, death, rape, remembrance, ecology and love. Like To The Lark is Stuart Barnes's accumulation of lifetime fascinations with music and sound, form and transformation. Beginning with an apparition of a doomed world brooding over itself and ending with a

kvelling globe, this collection plunges into seas, scoots across countries and hurtles towards space.

The Book of Falling/McCooey, David
Australia : Upswell Press 2023
112 pages, 15cm
9780645536973
USD : 29.99 / PB
140 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860192>

The Book of Falling circles around a thematic focus of falling- falling in love, falling from grace, and exploring fallen worlds in an age marked by calamity. To fall is to be human. We fall in love, fall asleep, and fall from grace. And in this epoch that we have called the Anthropocene, we are witnessing nothing less than the fall of nature. This extraordinary collection, the fifth by the prize-winning poet David McCooey, covers the full tragicomic spectrum of falling- from pratfalls to tragic demises, from accident-prone parents to ruinous celebrities. Within its unifying thematic focus, The Book of Falling is tonally and formally diverse, attending with great artistry to the calamities and absurdities of history and the contemporary world. The collection comprises of satires and elegies, inventive poetic autofictions and biofictions, and innovative photopoems, employing found photos and photographs by the author. This is a collection that welcomes its readers, even as it plunges them into new ways of understanding the beautiful, fallen worlds that we inhabit.

Black Sheep/Nunn, Judy
Australia : Penguin Books, Australia 2023
512 pages, 23cm
9781761340123
USD : 42.99 / PB
635 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860184>

Judy Nunn's new blockbuster is a sweeping historical novel about a prosperous sheep-farming family and the enigmatic young man with a dark past they let into their lives . . . Black sheep - there's one in every family . . . Orphaned at sixteen, James Wakefield was determined to be a gun shearer like his father. Now he's killed twice, changed his name, and is on the run from the law. He had his reasons for both murders, and he felt no joy in taking life ... Or did he? Ben McKinnon, meanwhile, is heir to the vast Glenfinnan sheep property near Goulburn, New South Wales. He too has a secret that, if ever revealed, would shatter the privileged lives of his father, Alastair, and his sisters, Jenna and Adele. When fate brings James and Ben together, a powerful friendship is forged, both men gladly becoming the keeper of the other's secret. Then Ben insists his new friend come to work at Glenfinnan Station. Has James finally found the family he's always longed for? Or has the McKinnon dynasty just unwittingly adopted a black sheep?

Pearl/Hughes, Sian
Australia : University of Queensland Press, Australia 2023
228 pages, 19cm

9780702268649
USD : 34.99 / PB
220 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860197>

A gripping psychological mystery longlisted for the 2023 Booker Prize. Marianne is eight years old when her mother goes missing. Left behind with her baby brother and grieving father in a ramshackle house on the edge of a small village, she clings to the fragmented memories of her mother's love; the smell of fresh herbs, the games they played, and the songs and stories of her childhood. As time passes, Marianne struggles to adjust, fixated on her mother's disappearance and the secrets she's sure her father is keeping from her. Discovering a medieval poem called Pearl and trusting in its promise of consolation, Marianne sets out to make a visual illustration of it, a task that she returns to over and over but somehow never manages to complete. Tormented by an unmarked gravestone in an abandoned chapel and the tidal pull of the river, her childhood home begins to crumble as the past leads her down a path of self-destruction. But can art heal Marianne? And will her own future as a mother help her find peace?

The Flirtation of Girls / Ghazal el-Banat/Sale, Sara M
Australia : University of Queensland Press, Australia 2023
96 pages, 19cm
9780702266287
USD : 34.99 / PB
115 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860196>

A stunning collection from Sydney poet, human rights activist, community organiser, and refugee campaigner Sara M Saleh. With her first full-length poetry collection, Sara M Saleh introduces us to the polychromatic lives of girls and women as they come into being amidst war, colonial and patriarchal violence, and exile and migration. This searing work interrogates and represents the complexity of Arab-Australian Muslim women's identities as they negotiate an irresistible world full of music and family, grit and grief, love and loss. Saleh's poetry is not only an inherently political act, but a deeply personal one, charged with multilayered conversations and meditations amongst three generations of women in Sara's family. Her poems dazzle with an incantatory force of spirit, survival and selfhood, proving without a doubt that Saleh is one of this country's most compelling, contemporary poets.

Specialist one: the price of victory/Hurlbutt, Orrin
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
412 pages, 21cm
9781922532251
USD : 45.57 / PB
530 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860195>

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?

Life Is.../Stodulka, Tom
Australia : Ocean Reeve Publishing 2023
84 pages, 20cm
9781923061521
USD : 42.59 / PB
100 gm.

<https://www.marymartin.com/web?pid=860198>

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