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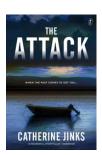


**SUMMER ISSUE** 



Reading Guide 2021-22

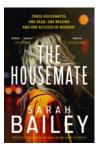
# **Mystery & Suspense**



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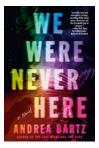
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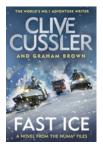
The Housemate by Sarah Bailey



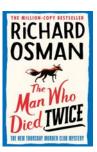
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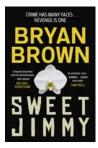
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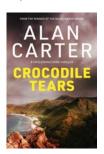
Fast Ice by Clive Cussler



The Man Who Died Twice by Richard Osman



Sweet Jimmy by Bryan Brown



Crocodile Tears by Alan Carter



Rock Paper Scissors by Alice Feeney



The Stoning by Peter Papathanasiou

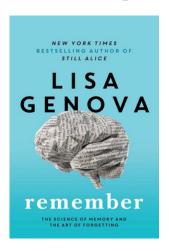


Wild Place by Christian White





## **Top Titles in 2021**



## Remember by Lisa Genova

A fascinating exploration of the intricacies of how we remember, why we forget, and what we can do to protect our memories, from the Harvard-trained neuroscientist and bestselling author of Still Alice.



The Dark Hours by Michael Connelly



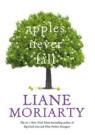
Devotion by Hannah Kent



Better Off Dead by Lee Child & Andrew Child



A Slow Fire Burning by Paula Hawkis



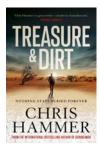
Apples Never Fall by Liane Moriarty



Paris Library by Janet Skeslien Chrlares



When You Are Mine by Michael Robotham

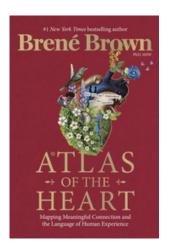


Treasure & Dirt by Chris Hammer



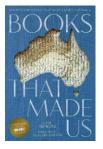


## **Non-Fiction**



#### Atlas of the Heart by Brene Brown

In Atlas of the Heart, Brown takes us on a journey through eighty-seven of the emotions and experiences that define what it means to be human.



Books That Made Us by Carl Reinecke



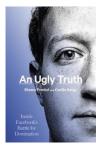
Hoax by Brian Stelter



Let Go by Hugh Van Cuylenburg



The Luminous Solution by Charlotte Wood



An Ugly Truth by Sheera Frankel & Cecilia Kang



Get Messy Art by Caylee Grey



Love Stories by Trent Dalton

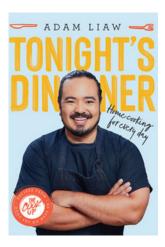


Wild Mushrooming by Alison Pouliot & Tom May



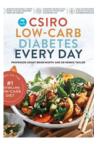


## **Cooking & Lifestyle**

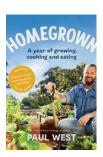


## Tonight's Dinner by Adam Liaw

Fall in love with home cooking all over again with Tonight's Dinner by Adam Liaw. This essential recipe collection delivers nightly meal inspiration from Australia's favourite cook, with a diverse list of 80 easy, delicious recipes from SBS's food show, The Cook Up.



CSIRO Low-Carb Diabetes Everyday



Homegrown by Paul West



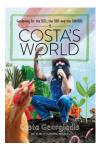
Low Tox Life Food by Alexx Stuart



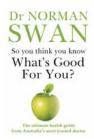
The Good Life by Hannah Moloney



A Family Guide to Waste-Free by Lauren Carter



Costa's World by Costa Georgiadis



So You Think You Know What's Good For You? by Dr Norman Swan



Thali by Maunika Gowardhan





## **Family & Relationships**



No Such Thing As Perfect by Emma Hughes



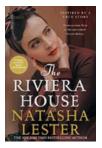
Birds of a Feather by Tricia Stringer



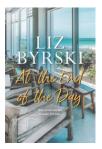
The Party Crasher by Sophie Kinsella



To Italy, With Love by Nicky Pellegrino



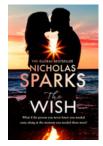
The Riviera House by Natasha Lester



At the End of the Day by Liz Byrski



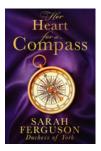
All About Ella by Meredith Appleyard



The Wish by Nicholas Sparks



Too Good to be Real by Melonie Johnson



The Heart for a Compass by Sarah Ferguson



The Buchannan Girls by Emily Madden



Once Burnt Twice Shy by Karly Lane

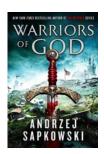




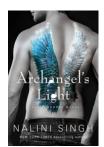
# Sci-Fi, Fantasy & Horror



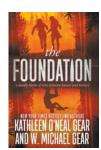
Child of Light by Terry Brooks



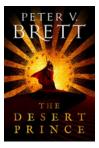
Warriors of the God by Andrzej Sapkowski



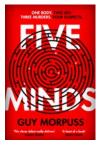
Archangel's Light by Nalini Singh



The Foundation by Kathleen & Michael Gear



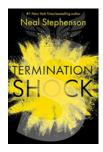
The Desert Prince by Peter V. Brett



Five Minds by Guy Morpuss



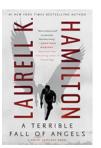
The Book of Magic by Alice Hoffman



Termination Shock by Neal Stephenson



Under the Whispering Door by T. J. Klune



A Terrible Fall of Angels by Laurell K. Hamilton



Galaxias by Stephen Baxter

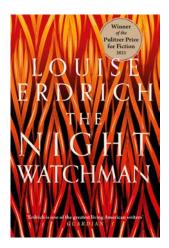


The Book of Accidents by Chuck Wendig





## **Award Winners**



## The Night Watchman by Louise Erdrich

Based on the extraordinary life of National Book Award-winner Louise Erdrich's grandfather who worked as a night watchman and carried the fight against Native dispossession from rural North Dakota all the way to Washington DC.



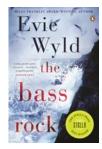
The Promise by Damon Galgut



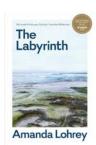
A Room Made of Leaves by Kate Grenville



Piranesi by Susanna Clarke



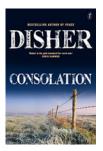
The Bass Rock by Evie Wyld



The Labyrinth by Amanda Lohrey



We Begin at the End by Chris Whitaker



Consolation by Garry Disher

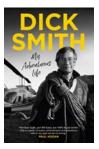


Truganini by Cassandra Pybus





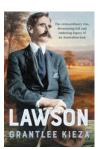
# **Biographies & Memoirs**



My Adventurous Life by Dick Smith



Blood Sweat & Steel by Curtis McGrath



Lawson by Grantlee Kieza



The Storyteller by Dave Grohl



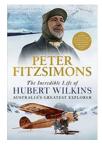
Caught in the Act by Courtney Act



Will by Will Smith



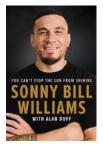
Of Gold and Dust by Samantha Wills



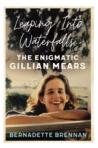
The Incredible Life of Hubert Wilkins by Peter Fitzsimons



It Wasn't Meant to Be Like This by Lisa Wilkinson



You Can't Stop the Sun From Shining by Sonny Bill Williams



Leaping Into Waterfalls by Bernadette Brennan

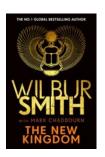


Ciao Bella!: Six Take Italy by Kate Langbroek





### **Historical**



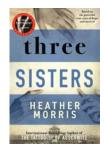
The New Kingdom by Wilbur Smith



The Royal Game by Anne O'Brien



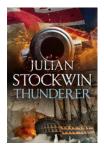
Devotion by Hannah Kent



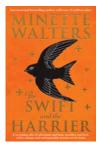
Three Sisters by Heather Morris



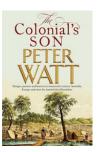
The Winter Sea by Susanna Kearsley



Thunderer by Julian Stockwin



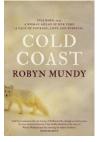
The Swift and the Harrier by Minette Walters



The Colonial's Son by Peter Watt



The Good Wife of Bath by Karen Brooks



Cold Coast by Robyn Mundy



The Color of Air by Gail Tsukiyama

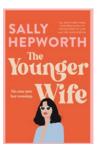


Sharpe's Assassin by Bernard Cornwell

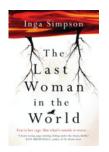




## **Australian Authors**



The Younger Wife by Sally Hepworth



The Last Woman in the World by Inga Simpson



Plum by Brendan Cowell



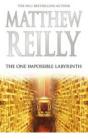
7 1/2 by Christos Tsiolkas



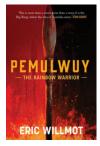
Wild Abandon by Emily Bitto



Love and Virtue by Diana Reid



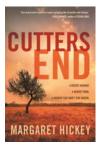
The One Impossible Labyrinth by Matthew Reilly



Pemulwuy by Eric Willmot



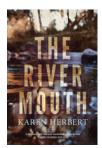
Canticle Creek by Adrian Hyland



Cutters End by Margaret Hickey



Blood Trail by Tony Park

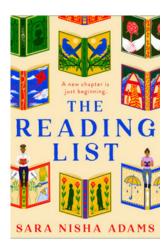


The River Mouth by Karen Herbert



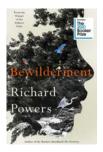


## **Contemporary Fiction**

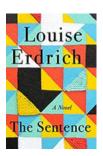


### The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

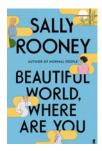
From timeless stories of love and friendship to an epic journey across the Pacific Ocean with a boy and a tiger in a boat, the list opens a gateway to new and wonderful worlds – just when Aleisha needs an escape from her troubles at home.



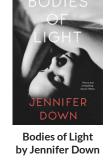
Bewilderment by Richard Powers



The Sentence by Louise Erdrich



Beautiful World, Where Are You by Sally Rooney

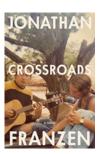




Modern Marriage by Filip Vukasin



Wish You Were Here by Jodi Picoult



Crossroads by Jonathan Franzen

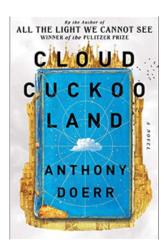


Magpie by Elizabeth Day





## **Contemporary Fiction**



#### Cloud Cuckoo Land by Anthony Doerr

Set in Constantinople in the fifteenth century, in a small town in present-day Idaho, and on an interstellar ship decades from now, Anthony Doerr's gorgeous third novel is a soaring story about children on the cusp of adulthood in worlds in peril, who find resilience, hope--and a book.



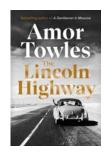
The Things We See in the Light by Amal Awad



When Things Are Alive They Hum by Hannah Bent



Harlem Shuffle by Colson Whitehead



The Lincoln Highway by Amor Towles



The Book of Form and Emptiness by Ruth Ozeki



Once There Were Wolves by Charlotte McConaghy



The Women of Pearl Island by Polly Crosby

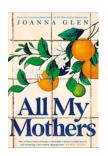


We Are the Brennans by Tracey Lange





# Summer Reading Guide Staff Picks



#### Lulu - All My Mothers by Joanna Glen

Between her emotionally absent mother and her physically absent father, there is nobody to answer them. Eva is convinced that all is not as it seems. Why are there no baby pictures of her? Why do her parents avoid all questions about her early years? When her parents' relationship crumbles, Eva begins a journey to find these answers for herself. Her desire to discover where she belongs leads Eva on a journey spanning decades and continents – and, along the way, she meets women who challenge her idea of what a mother should be, and who will change her life forever...



#### Michelle S - The Mare of Easttown (DVD)

As her life crumbles around her, a small-town Pennsylvania detective Mare Sheehan (Kate Winslet) investigates a local murder. The series explores the dark side of a close community and provides an authentic examination of how family and past tragedies can define our present.



### Anne - The Summer of Kim Novak by Hakan Nesser

Sweden in the '60s. Erik and his friend Edmund spend their vacation by a forest lake daydreaming about Ewa, a young substitute teacher with an uncanny resemblance to the actress Kim Novak. The boys are having the time of their lives until a shocking discovery disrupts their world. Twenty-five years later, Erik comes across a newspaper article about unsolved crimes and is overwhelmed by memories and questions from that summer of his youth. What actually happened back then? The Summer of Kim Novak has all the tension and mystery of Nesser's world-famous thrillers, combined with a coming-of-age tale of remarkable psychological precision.





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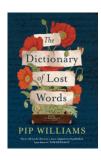
#### Simone - Bindi by Kirli Saunders

Meet 11-year-old Bindi. She's not really into maths but LOVES art class and playing hockey. Her absolute FAVOURITE thing is adventuring outside with friends or her horse, Nell. A new year starts like normal—school, family, hockey, dancing. But this year hasn't gone to plan! There's a big art assignment, a drought, a broken wrist AND the biggest bushfires her town has ever seen! Bindi is a verse novel for mid-upper primary students. Written 'for those who plant trees', Bindi explores climate, bushfires, and healing. Written from the point of view of 11-year-old, Bindi and her friends on Gundungurra Country.



#### Jessie - The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

From timeless stories of love and friendship to an epic journey across the Pacific Ocean with a boy and a tiger in a boat, the list opens a gateway to new and wonderful worlds – just when Aleisha needs an escape from her troubles at home. And when widower Mukesh arrives at the library, desperate to connect with his bookworm granddaughter, Aleisha introduces him to the magic of the reading list. An anxious teenager and a lonely grandfather forming an unlikely book club of two.



#### Jann - The Dictionary of Lost Words by Pip Williams

Esme is born into a world of words. Motherless and irrepressibly curious, she spends her childhood in the 'Scriptorium', a garden shed in Oxford where her father and a team of dedicated lexicographers are collecting words for the very first Oxford English Dictionary. Esme's place is beneath the sorting table, unseen and unheard. One day a slip of paper containing the word 'bondmaid' flutters to the floor. Esme rescues the slip and stashes it in an old wooden case that belongs to her friend, Lizzie, a young servant in the big house. Esme begins to collect other words from the Scriptorium that are misplaced, discarded or have been neglected by the dictionary men.





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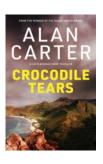
### Beck - A Million Things by Emily Spurr

Rae is ten years old, and she's tough. She's had to be: life with her mother has taught her the world is not her friend. Now suddenly her mum is gone and Rae is alone, except for her dog Splinter. Rae can do a lot of things pretty well for a kid. She can take care of herself and Splints, stay under the radar at school and keep the front yard neat enough that the neighbours won't get curious. But she is gnawed at by fear and sadness; haunted by the shadow of a terrible secret. Lettie, who lives next door, might know more about Rae than she lets on.



### Amanda - Crossed Lines by Marie Darrieussecq

When her mother offers Rose a Mediterranean cruise with her two children, she jumps at the chance to get away from her husband who drinks too much, and the renovations of their holiday house in the south. But one night the cruise ship comes upon a shipwrecked boat full of refugees, who are taken aboard. Without telling her teenage son, Rose gives his mobile phone to a young Nigerian refugee. Does she want to be some kind of a hero, ease her conscience? Now what is she in for? The secret phone connection takes Rose and her family on a journey of discovery.



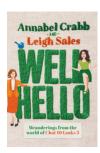
#### Michelle R - Crocodile Tears by Alan Carter

Detective Philip 'Cato' Kwong is investigating the death of a retiree found hacked to pieces in his suburban Perth home. The trail leads to Timor-Leste, with its recent blood-soaked history. There, he reunites with an old frenemy, the spook Rory Driscoll who, in Cato's experience, has always occupied a hazy moral terrain. Resourceful, multilingual, and hard as nails, Rory has been Canberra's go-to guy when things get sticky in the Asia-Pacific. Now Rory wants out. But first he's needed to chaperone a motley group of whistleblowers with a price on their heads. And there's one on his, too.



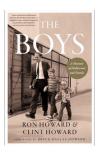


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#### Jo - Well Hello by Annabel Crabb & Leigh Sales

Now, in their first book together, the pair takes a stroll through some of the issues of our time, offering advice for would-be writers, thoughts on developing a rich reading life, tips for navigating the perilous world of social media, and the secrets of a great friendship, all with the digressions that listeners of their podcast have come to love. Here Crabb and Sales discuss kindness, success and failure, and not taking yourself – or others – too seriously, with a liberal sprinkling of fairy wrens, granny pants, show tunes, creative insults, diabolical mum bags and CLANGs.



#### Tony - The Boys by Ron & Clint Howard

With the perspective of time and success—Ron as a filmmaker, producer, and Hollywood A-lister, Clint as a busy character actor—the Howard brothers delve deep into an upbringing that seemed normal to them yet was anything but. Their Midwestern parents, Rance and Jean, moved to California to pursue their own showbiz dreams. But it was their young sons who found steady employment as actors. Rance put aside his ego and ambition to become Ron and Clint's teacher, sage, and moral compass. Jean became their loving protector—sometimes over-protector—from the snares and traps of Hollywood.



#### Shana - Lethal White (DVD)

When Billy, a troubled young man, asks Strike for help regarding a crime he witnessed as a child, Strike and Robin are left unsettled – and decide to investigate. And with the agency thriving, the duo are also recruited to investigate the blackmail of a Government Minister. Their search takes them from the imposing halls of Westminster to dingy protests in dilapidated warehouses. But Strike and Robin also face problems in their personal lives – with an awkward distance between them since Robin's wedding. With a race against the clock to save their witness, Strike and Robin must work together to re-establish their dynamic partnership – and unmask a sinister killer before it's too late.





## **Indyreads Summer Book Club**

# The Grandest Bookshop in the World by Amelia Mellor

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