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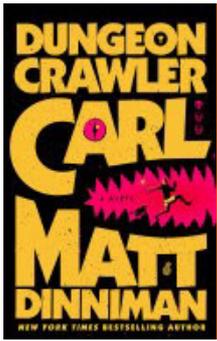
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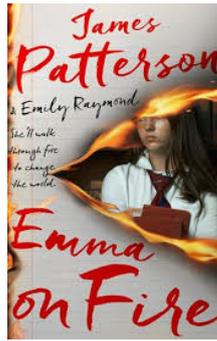
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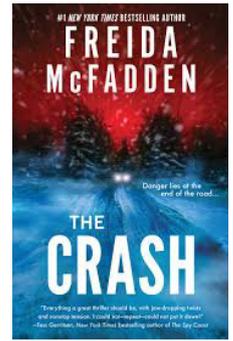
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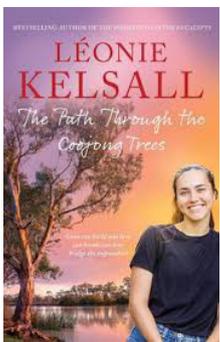
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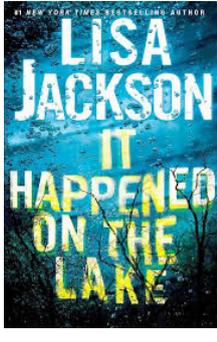
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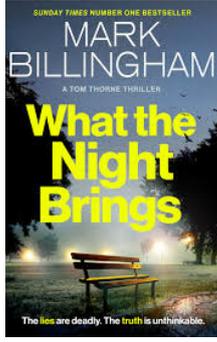
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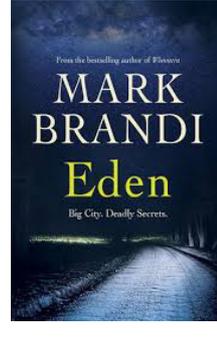
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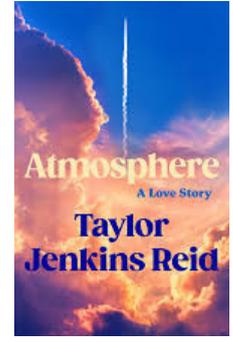
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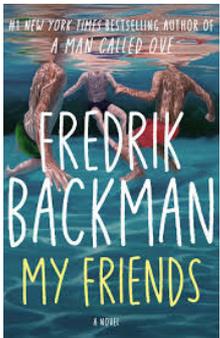
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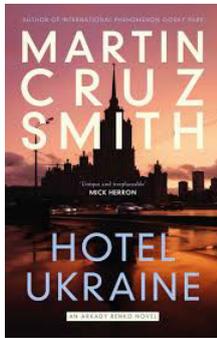
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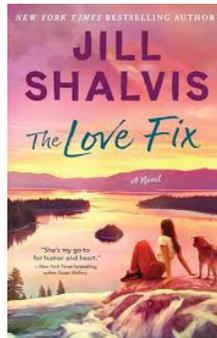
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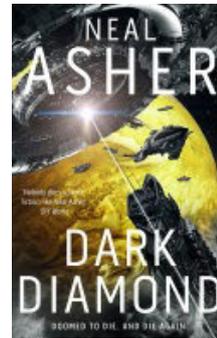
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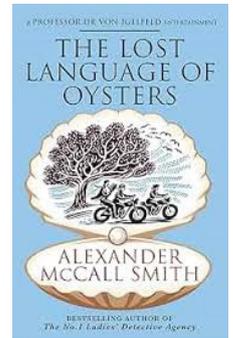
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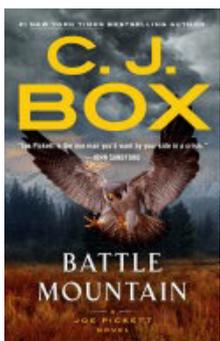
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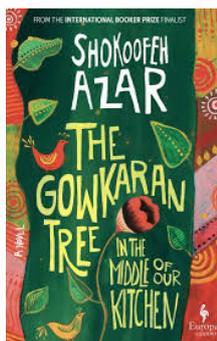
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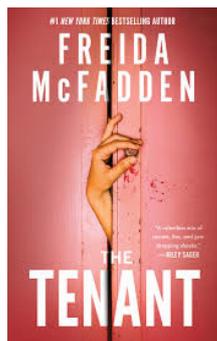
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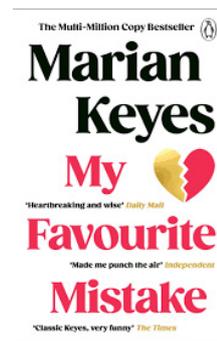
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The Gowkaran Tree in the Middle of Our Kitchen  
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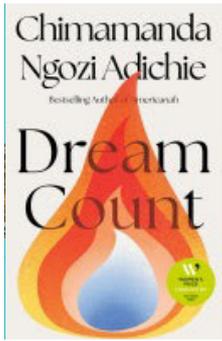


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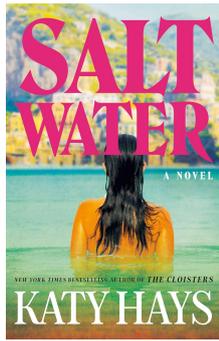


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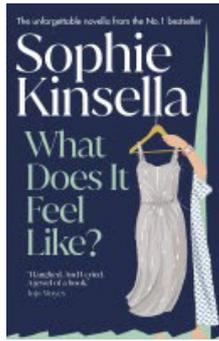
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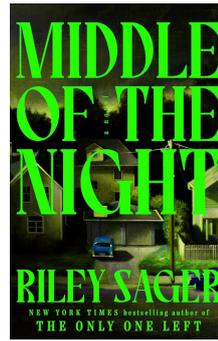
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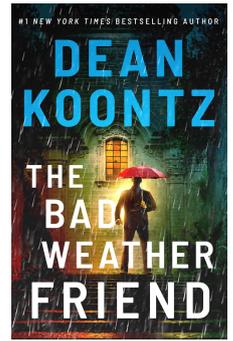
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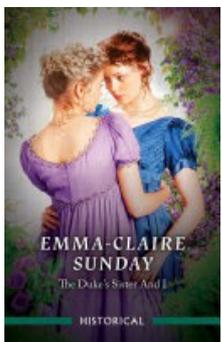
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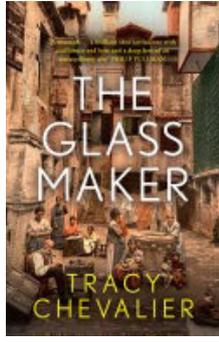
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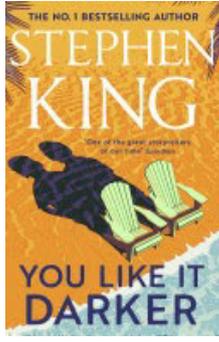
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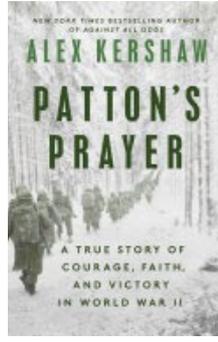
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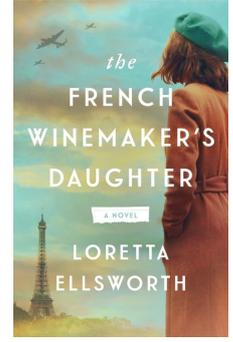
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You Like It Darker  
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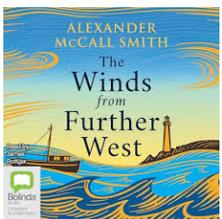


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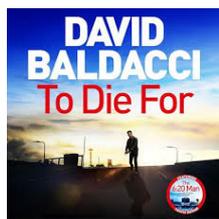


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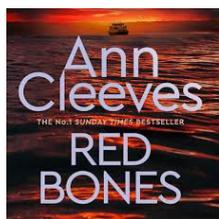
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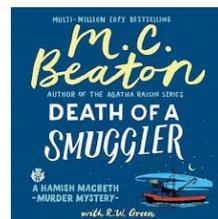
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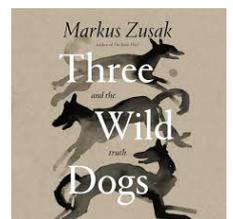
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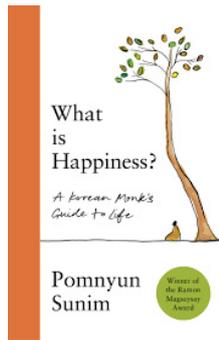


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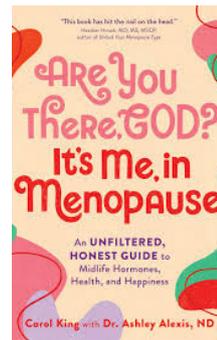
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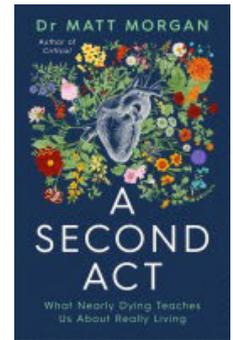
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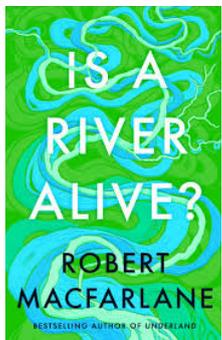
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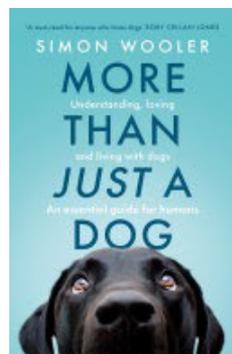
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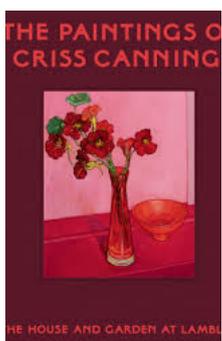
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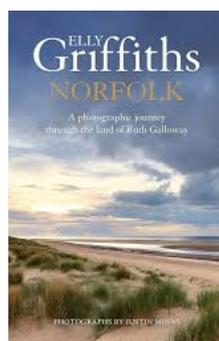
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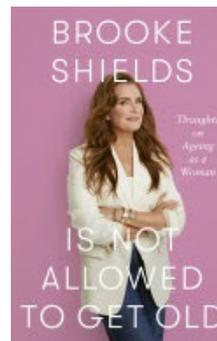
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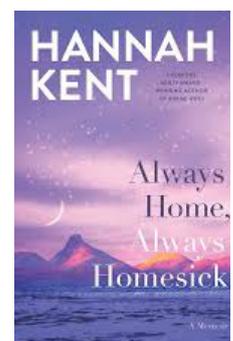
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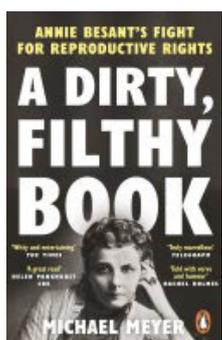
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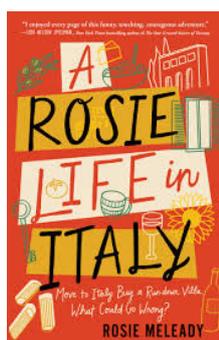
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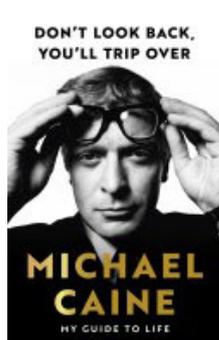
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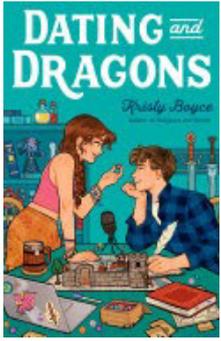
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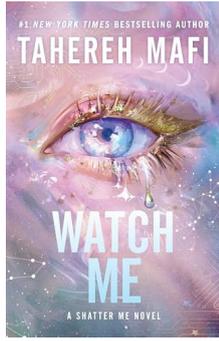
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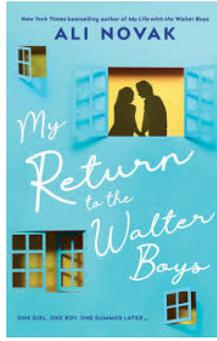
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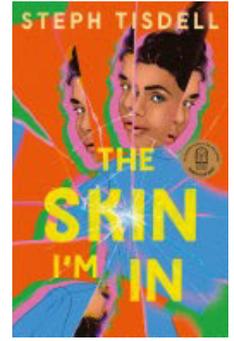
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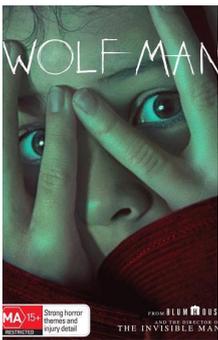
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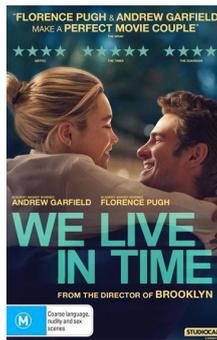
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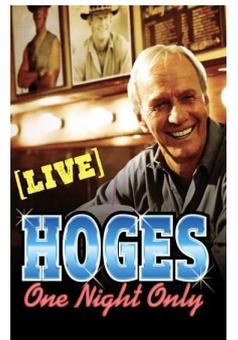
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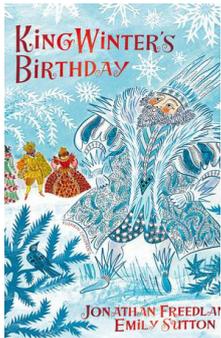
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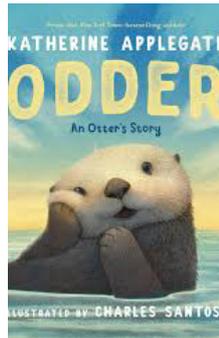


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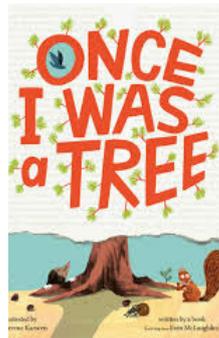
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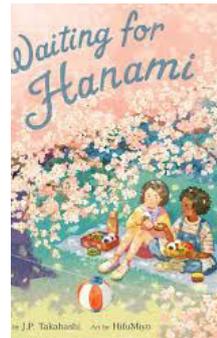
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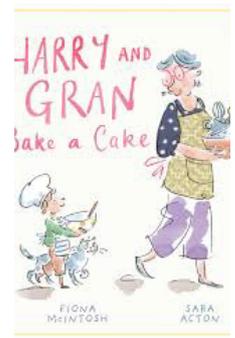
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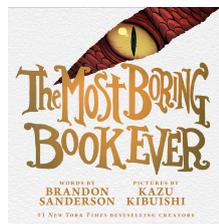
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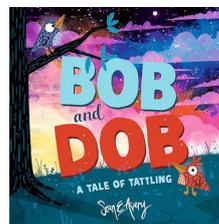
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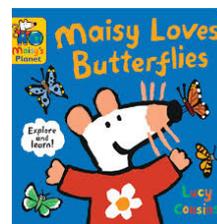
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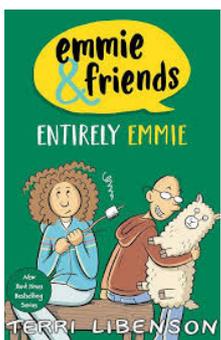


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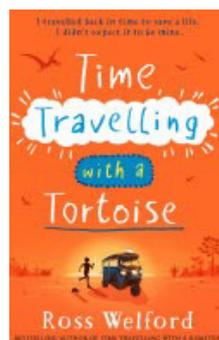
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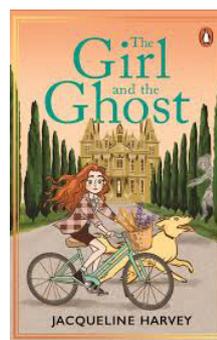
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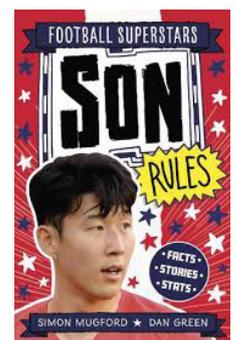
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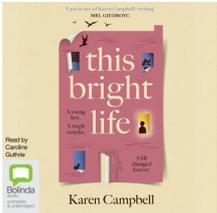
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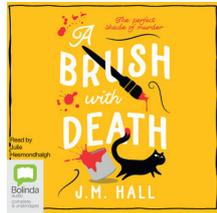
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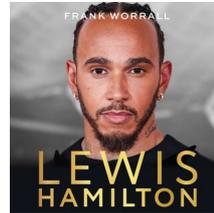
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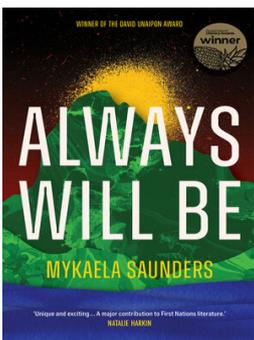
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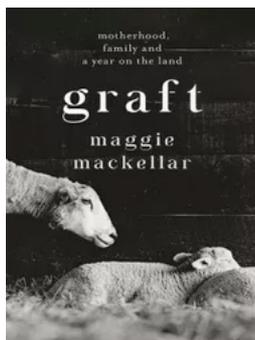
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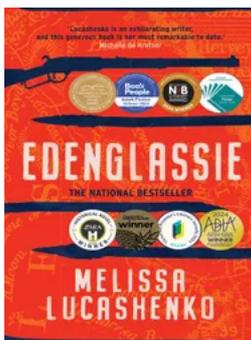
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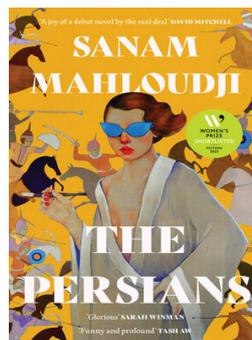
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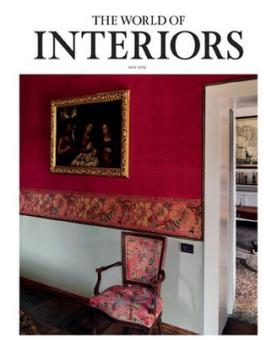
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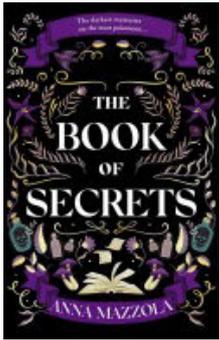
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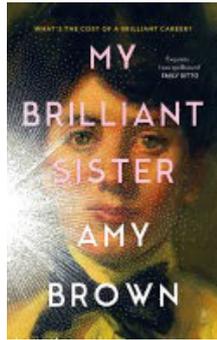
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Months after plague ravaged Rome, deaths occur in unnatural numbers. Rumours say corpses do not

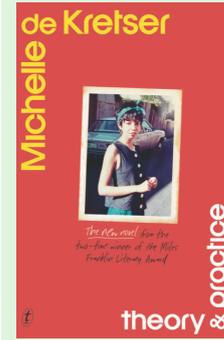
decay. Papal authorities commission investigations by lieutenant governor Stefano Bracchi. Finding horror, magic and an unthinkable discovery, he wonders if certain deeds should remain unpunished...



**My Brilliant Sister**  
Amy Brown

While Stella Miles Franklin took on the world, sister Linda led a short life as a wife and mother. Brown thrillingly reimagines these

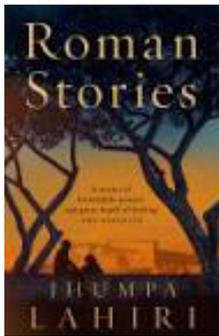
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**Theory & Practice**  
Michelle de Kretser

In her latest novel, Michelle de Kretser blends elements of fiction, memoir, and non-fiction. The story, set in 1986, follows a Sri Lankan-born young woman who

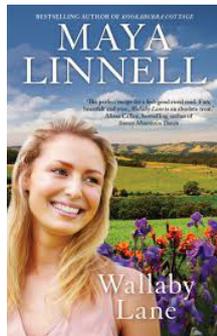
relocates from Sydney to St Kilda to pursue postgraduate studies on Virginia Woolf's novels.



**Roman Stories**  
Jhumpa Lahiri

Rome—multifaceted metropolis, monument, suspended between past and future—is the protagonist

of these nine short stories by Lahiri, the Pulitzer Prize-winning master of the form, the first since her best seller Unaccustomed Earth, and a major literary event.



**Wallaby Lane**  
Maya Linnell

Reporter Lauren Bickford loves her hometown posting on SA's Limestone Coast- but on-air stuff-ups jeopardise her career.

And what of her relationship with the local cop Jack, struggling to do his job in the face of an over-enthusiastic Neighbourhood Watch?



**Self Help**  
Gabrielle Bernstein

Self Help aims to make Internal Family Systems (IFS) Therapy accessible to a broader audience. Bernstein offers a

practical framework for self-acceptance and self-care. The book fosters a deeper understanding of not only our own behaviours but also those of others. It is insightful and practical.



**The Book of Guilt**  
Catherine Chidgey

Set in 1979 England, The Book of Guilt follows triplets - the last residents of the Captain Scott Home for Boys.

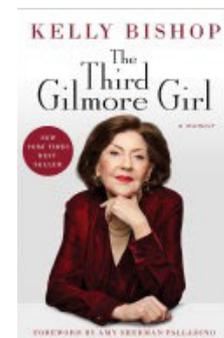
Their daily routine includes chores, games, and medication, all under the vigilant supervision of three mothers. The story is captivating, with a believable yet unsettling undercurrent of malevolence.



**Enchantment by Birds**  
Russell McGregor

Why birdwatch? With an engaging cast of characters (avian and human), this book is a deep dive into this question. From scientific

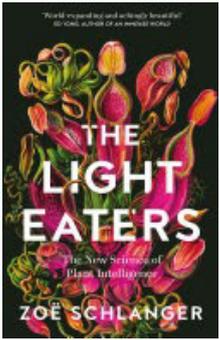
curiosity to the boom in birding tourism, birding ultimately fulfills a need to connect to nature.



**The Third Gilmore Girl**  
Kelly Bishop

Before her most famous role as Emily Gilmore, Bishop's career ranged from star (and inspiration for) the first run of A chorus line to

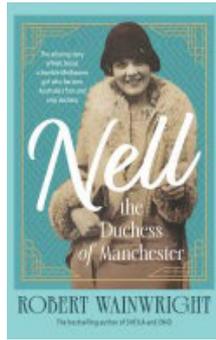
Dirty dancing. Told with wit and pathos, this is an unapologetic and powerful memoir.



### The Light Eaters Zoë Schlinger

A narrative investigation into the new science of plant intelligence and sentience, from National Association of Science Writers

Award winner and Livingston Award finalist Zoe Schlinger. The Light Eaters will challenge how you think of plants. Packed with the most amazing stories of the life of plants it will open your eyes to the extraordinary green life forms we share the planet with.



### Nell, the Duchess of Manchester Robert Wainwright

In 1926, a young woman from Melbourne had a chance encounter with a charming naval lieutenant at a

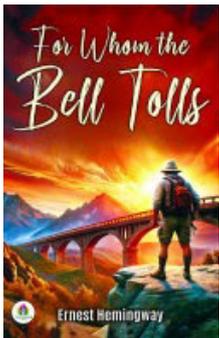
hotel swimming pool in Colombo. Little did she know, this meeting would lead her to become the wife of an English duke. As the only Australian woman to ascend to the rank of duchess in the British aristocracy, her extraordinary journey spans continents.



### Dream Count Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

Dream Count masterfully intertwines the lives of four African women. The novel blends flashbacks from their childhood

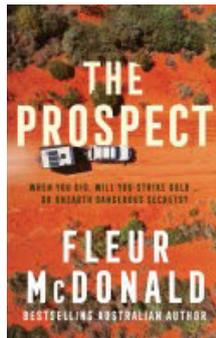
and early adulthood with scenes set during the COVID-19 pandemic. This engaging, humorous, and deeply moving narrative offers a vivid portrayal of these women as they navigate societal expectations, particularly regarding marriage and motherhood.



### For Whom the Bell Tolls Ernest Hemingway

Hemingway's classic story of American Robert Jordan in the International Brigades during the Spanish Civil War. Telling of

loyalty and courage, love and defeat, and the tragic death of an ideal, it's one of the best war novels ever written.



### The Prospect Fleur McDonald

Kalgoorlie. Two grey nomads are run off the road. Can recently arrived couple, police officer Jack and journalist Zara get to the truth -

was it an accident or murder? Can these newcomers get to the truth in this secretive town?



### The King's Mother Annie Garthwaite

England, 1461. At eighteen, Edward has taken the throne, fully supported by his mother Cecily. But as other men seek the monarchy,

backed by their own mothers, does Cecily still have the strength and power to remain the king's mother?

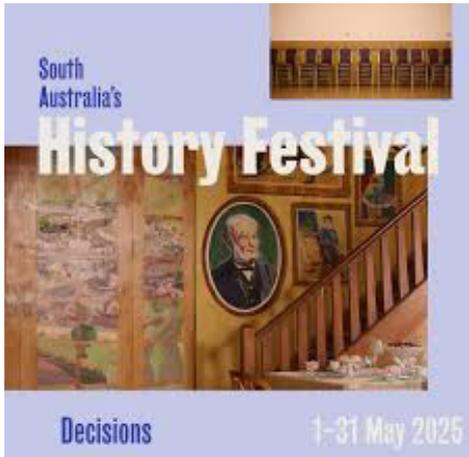
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**South Australia's History Festival**  
1 - 31 May 2025

The History Festival celebrates history for all South Australians.

NPSP will feature exhibition, workshops and tours focused on the local area. It's over to you to explore the offerings in our program.

For more information and to book:  
[www.npsp.sa.gov.au/libevents](http://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/libevents)



**Meet the Author: Marian Keyes**  
Thursday, 15 May 2025  
6:30pm — 8:00pm  
Norwood Concert Hall

Dillons Bookshop, Penguin Randon House Australia, and NPSP Libraries invite you to an evening with Marian Keyes, in conversation with Victoria Purman.

\$10 event entry, or \$32.99 event entry with copy of book. Booking required.  
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**Listen to Kate Grenville**  
Good Reading Podcasts

In this episode Gregory Dobbs chats to Grenville about where her journey into her family history took her and what she found there, about the words and language we have adopted to describe the history of colonisation of Australia.

Good Reading Online is free with your library membership. Visit our Digital Library webpage for details:  
[www.npsp.sa.gov.au/dl](http://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/dl)



**BorrowBox Presents an Exclusive Live Event with T.M. Logan**

Wednesday, 18 June 2025

Join us for an exclusive event with T.M. Logan, bestselling author *The Holiday*, to discuss his most recent release, *The Daughter*.

For event details and to register, visit:  
[www.npsp.sa.gov.au/libevents](http://www.npsp.sa.gov.au/libevents)



**Stella Prize 2025**  
Shortlist Announced

The Stella Prize is a beloved and well-respected annual literary prize awarded to the most excellent, original and outstanding book written by an Australian woman or non-binary writer.

**Shortlisted books are:**

*Black Convicts* / Santilla Chingaipe

*Black Witness* / Amy McQuire

*The Burrow* / Melanie Cheng

*Cactus Pear for My Beloved* / Samah Sabawi

*Theory & Practice* / Michelle de Kretser

*Translations* / Jumaana Abdu



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**Activities for young children**

During School Term

Join us for Baby Bounce and Storytime at St Peters and Payneham Libraries on various days and times during the school term.

Free. No booking required.



**Classic Cinema with Kanopy: Charade (PG)**

Thursday, 15 May  
2:00pm - 4:00pm  
Payneham Library  
Join us at Payneham Library for the most beloved movie of all time on the big screen. Doors open 1:45pm. Movie starts 2pm.

Free. No booking required.



**Meet the Author: Kellie Finlayson**

Wednesday, 14 May 2025  
6:30pm — 8:00pm  
Norwood Concert Hall  
Dillons Bookshop, Allen & Unwin, and NPSP Libraries invite you to hear Kellie Finlayson in conversation about There Must Be More. \$5. Booking required.



**Meet the Author: Stuart Symons, Modernist Adelaide**

Sunday, 18 May 2025  
2:00pm — 3:30pm  
Payneham Library  
A fascinating author talk for anyone interested in architecture. Presented as part of History Festival. Free. Booking required.



**Sydney Writers' Festival: Live & Local**

Thursday, 22 May -  
Friday, 23 May 2025  
9:30am — 4:30pm  
Payneham Library

Sydney Writers' Festival will livestream select headline events from Sydney to NPSP Libraries.

Free. No booking required.



**Planning for Aged Care**

Wednesday, 4 Jun 2025  
10:30am — 11:30am  
Payneham Library  
Trying to navigate the complex world of Aged Care? Join us for a free community information session to find out more.

Free. Booking required.



**Repair Your Energy Bill**

Thursday, 12 Jun 2025  
10:30am — 11:30am  
Payneham Library  
A free workshop led by Rachel Brdanovic from Tandem Energy. There will be plenty of time for questions so bring along your energy bills or solar system details for advice.

Free. Booking required.



**1 on 1 Computer & Mobile Device Help**

Monday & Friday  
St Peters Library  
Need to know more about using your laptop, Internet, eBooks, tablet, or how to get started? Book a 45 minute personalised session today!

Free. Booking required.



**Events at the Libraries**

Join us at our libraries for family-friendly events. Scan the QR code to view our events calendar



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## Opening Hours

	<b>Norwood Library</b>	<b>Payneham Library</b>	<b>St Peters Library</b>
	110 The Parade, Norwood	2 Turner Street, Felixstow	101 Payneham Road, St Peters
<b>Monday</b>	Closed	Closed	9.30am–5.00pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	1.00pm–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	1.00pm–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm	9.30am–1.00pm
<b>Thursday</b>	1.00pm–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm
<b>Friday</b>	9.30am–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm	9.30am–5.00pm
<b>Saturday</b>	10.00am–1.00pm	10.00am–1.00pm	10.00am–4.00pm
<b>Sunday</b>	1.00pm–4.00pm	1.00pm–4.00pm	Closed



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