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Abulhawa, Susan <i>Mornings in Jenin</i>	In 1948 the Abulheja family are forcibly removed from their ancestral home in Ein Hod and sent to live in a refugee camp in Jenin. Through Amal, the bright granddaughter of the patriarch, we witness the stories of her brothers: one, a stolen boy who becomes an Israeli soldier; the other who in sacrificing everything for the Palestinian cause will become his enemy. Amal's own dramatic story threads its way through six decades of Palestinian-Israeli tension, eventually taking her into exile in Pennsylvania in America. Amal's is a story of love and loss..(Discussion questions at back of book)	10	2010 325 pages Palestine
Adiche, Chimamanda Ngozi <i>Americanah</i>	A story of love and race centred around a young man and woman from Nigeria who face difficult choices and challenges in the countries they come to call home. As teenagers in a Lagos secondary school, Ifemelu and Obinze fall in love. Ifemelu--beautiful, self-assured--departs for America to study. Obinze--the quiet, thoughtful son of a professor--had hoped to join her, but post-9/11 America will not let him in, and he plunges into a dangerous, undocumented life in London. Years later, Obinze is a wealthy man in a newly democratic Nigeria, while Ifemelu has achieved success as a writer of an eye-opening blog about race in America. But when Ifemelu returns to Nigeria, and she and Obinze reignite their shared passion-- they will face the toughest decisions of their lives.	10	2014 588 pages Nigeria America
Adiga, Aravind <i>The White Tiger</i>	<i>Winner of 2008 Booker Prize for Fiction</i> - Meet Balram Halwai, the 'White Tiger': servant, philosopher, entrepreneur, murderer. Born in a village in heartland India, the son of a rickshaw puller, Balram is taken out of school by his family and put to work in a teashop. As he crushes coals and wipes tables, he nurses a dream of escape - of breaking away from the banks of Mother Ganga, into whose depths have seeped the remains of a hundred generations. Balram's journey from darkness of village life to the light of entrepreneurial success is utterly amoral, brilliantly irreverent, deeply endearing and altogether unforgettable.	10	2008 321 pages India
Albom, Mitch <i>The Five People You Meet in Heaven</i>	Tells the story of Eddie, beginning at the end of his life, at Ruby Pier, an amusement park by the sea, where he worked as a maintenance man on the rides. He dies on his eighty-third birthday trying to save a little girl from an accident. Eddie wakes up in heaven, where he meets five people, each of whom was in his life for a reason - though he didn't know it at the time. Through the stories of his life told by the five people, Eddie comes to appreciate his 83 years of mortal life even though he felt he lived an insignificant life.	10	2003 231 pages
Ali, Monica <i>Brick Lane</i>	After an arranged marriage to Chanu a man 20 years older, Nazneen is taken to London, leaving her home and heart in the Bangladeshi village where she was born. Her new world is full of mysteries. How can she cross the road without being hit by a car? What is the secret of her bullying neighbour, Mrs. Islam? What is a Hell's Angel? And how must she comfort the naïve and disillusioned Chanu? As a good Muslim girl, Nazneen struggles to not question why things happen. She submits, as she must, to Fate and devotes herself to her husband and daughters. Yet to her amazement, she begins an affair with a handsome young radical, and her erotic awakening throws her old certainties into chaos.	10	2003 415 pages Bangladesh London
Allende, Isabel <i>In the midst of winter</i>	Amid the biggest Brooklyn snowstorm in living memory, an unexpected friendship blossoms between three people thrown together by circumstance. Richard Bowmaster, a lonely university professor in his sixties, hits the car driven by Evelyn Ortega, a young, undocumented migrant from Guatemala. But what at first seems an inconvenience takes an unforeseen and darker turn when Evelyn comes to him and his neighbour Lucia Maraz, desperately seeking help. Sweeping from present-day Brooklyn to Guatemala to turbulent 1970s Chile and Brazil, and woven with Isabel Allende's trademark humanity, passion and storytelling verve, <i>In the Midst of Winter</i> is a mesmerizing and unforgettable tale.	10	2017 340 pages
Allende, Isabel <i>My Invented Country: a memoir</i>	Isabel Allende evokes the magnificent landscapes of her country; a charming, idiosyncratic Chilean people with a violent history and an indomitable spirit, and the politics, religion, myth and magic of her homeland, that she carries with her even today.	10	2003 224 pages Non Fiction Chile

Amiry, Suad <i>Sharon and my Mother-in-Law</i>	Surprisingly funny and refreshingly different from any other writings on the Palestinian-Israeli conflict, <i>Sharon and My Mother in Law</i> describes Suad Amiry's experience of living on the West Bank from the early 1980s to the present. Tells about the life and neighbourhood gossip, family history and the struggle to live a normal life. <i>(Description from Angus & Robertson)</i>	10	2005 194 pages Non Fiction Memoir West Bank
Anderson, Jessica <i>Tirra Lirra by the River</i> 	Nora Porteous, a witty, ambitious woman from Brisbane, returns to her childhood home at age 70. Her life has taken her from a failed marriage in Sydney to freedom in London. She forged a modest career as a seamstress and lived with two dear friends through the happiest years of her adult life. At home, the neighborhood children she remembers have grown into compassionate adults. They help to nurse her back from pneumonia, and slowly let her in on the dark secrets of the neighborhood in the years that have lapsed. With grace and humor, Nora recounts her desire to escape, the way her marriage went wrong, the vanity that drove her to get a facelift, and one romantic sea voyage that has kept her afloat during her dark years.	10	1978 181 pages Australia Women
Ansary, Tamim <i>Destiny Disrupted</i>	We in the west share a common narrative of world history. But our story largely omits a whole civilization whose citizens shared an entirely different narrative for a thousand years. Ansary tells the rich story of world history as the Islamic world saw it, from the time of Mohammed to the fall of the Ottoman Empire and beyond. He clarifies why our civilizations grew up oblivious to each other, what happened when they intersected, and how the Islamic world was affected by its slow recognition that Europe—a place it long perceived as primitive and disorganized—had somehow hijacked destiny.	10	2009 357 pages Non Fiction
Appleyard, Meredith <i>The Country Practice</i> 	Meghan Kimble is taking control of her life. Newly single, she's returned to Australia to follow her dream of working as a GP. And her first stop is a month-long locum in the colourful community of Magpie Creek. It's been months since the town has had a doctor and Meghan is generating more than her fair share of attention, especially from forthright farmer Sean Ashby. A handsome man with a difficult past, Sean isn't shy about making his intentions known to the red-headed medico. Against her better judgement, Meghan finds herself charmed by the enigmatic Sean but questioning her priorities on career and personal life.	10	2015 363 pages Romance Medical South Australia
Armstrong, Diane <i>The Voyage of Their Life</i> 	In August 1948, 545 passengers boarded an overcrowded, clapped-out vessel in Marseilles to face an uncertain future in Australia and New Zealand. They came from displaced persons camps in Germany, death camps in Poland, labour camps in Hungary, gulags in Siberia and stony Aegean islands. Diane Armstrong set sail on the <i>Derna</i> with her parents when she was nine years old. Like a detective searching for clues, she has located more than 100 of the passengers. Through their recollections and memorabilia, as well as archival documents, she has recreated the voyage and traced what became of their hopes and dreams. The result is the unique portrayal of a migrant ship and its passengers.	10	2001 534 pages Non Fiction Immigration Europeans - Australia Travels
Ashley, Melissa <i>The Birdman's Wife</i>	Artist Elizabeth Gould spent her life capturing the sublime beauty of birds the world had never seen before, but her legacy was eclipsed by the fame of her husband, John Gould. This book gives voice to a passionate and adventurous spirit, who was so much more than the woman behind the man.		2019 384 pages
Atkinson, Kate <i>Life after life</i>	What if you had the chance to live life again and again, until you finally got it right? What if there were second chances? And third chances? In fact an infinite number of chances to live your life? Would you eventually be able to save the world from its own inevitable destiny? And would you even want to?	10	2013 632 pages
Atwood, Margaret <i>The Blind Assassin</i>	<i>Winner of the 2000 Booker Prize</i> – More than 50 years on, Iris Chase is remembering Laura's mysterious death. And so begins an extraordinary and compelling story of two sisters and their secrets. Set against a panoramic backdrop of 20th century history, an epic tale of memory, intrigue and betrayal.	10	2001 513 pages

Atwood, Margaret <i>The Handmaid's Tale</i>	Offred is a Handmaid in the Republic of Gilead. She may leave the home of the Commander and his wife once a day to walk to food markets whose signs are now pictures instead of words because women are no longer allowed to read. She must lie on her back once a month and pray that the Commander makes her pregnant, because in an age of declining births, Offred and the other Handmaids are only valued if their ovaries are viable. Offred can remember the days before, when she lived and made love with her husband Luke; when she played with and protected her daughter; when she had a job, money of her own, and access to knowledge. But all of that is gone now....	10	1998 311 pages
Atwood, Margaret <i>The Robber Bride</i>	Zenia is pure, free-wheeling malevolence; she wants wreckage, she wants scorched earth, she wants broken glass. Everyone has known someone like Zenia - beautiful, smart and hungry, by turns manipulative and vulnerable, needy and ruthless, the turbulent centre of her own never-ending saga.	10	1993 564 pages
Backman, Fredrik <i>A man called Ove</i>	At first sight, Ove is almost certainly the grumpiest man you will ever meet. He thinks himself surrounded by idiots - neighbours who can't reverse a trailer properly, joggers, shop assistants who talk in code, and the perpetrators of the vicious <i>coup d'état</i> that ousted him as Chairman of the Residents' Association. He will persist in making his daily inspection rounds of the local streets. But isn't it rare, these days, to find such old-fashioned clarity of belief and deed? Such unswerving conviction about what the world should be, and a lifelong dedication to making it just so? In the end, you will see, there is something about Ove that is quite irresistible...	10	2014 473 pages Large Print
Banville, John <i>The Sea</i>	<i>Winner of the 2005 Man Booker Prize</i> – When art historian Max Morden returns to the seaside village where he once spent a childhood holiday, he is both escaping from a recent loss and confronting a distant trauma. The Grace family had appeared that long-ago summer as if from another world. Mr and Mrs Grace, with their worldly ease and candour, were unlike any adults he had ever met before. But it was his contemporaries, the Grace twins who most fascinated Max...	10	2005 264 pages
Barbery, Muriel <i>The Elegance of the Hedgehog</i>	Renee is the concierge of a grand Parisian apartment building on the Left Bank. To the residents she is honest, reliable and uncultivated – an ideal concierge. But Renee has a secret. Beneath this conventional façade she is passionate about culture and the arts, and more knowledgeable in many ways than her self-important employers. Down in her lodge, Renee is resigned to living a lie; meanwhile, several floors up, 12-year-old Paloma Josse is determined to avoid a predictably bourgeois future, and plans to commit suicide on her thirteenth birthday. But the death of one of their privileged neighbours will bring dramatic change to number 7 Rue de Grenelle, altering the course of both of their lives forever.	10	2008 320 pages
Barnes, Julian <i>The Sense of an Ending</i>	<i>Winner of the Man Booker Prize for Fiction in 2011.</i> Tony Webster and his clique first met Adrian Finn at school. Sex-hungry and book-hungry, they would navigate the girl-less sixth form together, trading in affectations, in-jokes, rumour and wit. Maybe Adrian was a little more serious than the others, certainly more intelligent, but they all swore to stay friends for life. Now Tony is retired. He's had a career and a single marriage, a calm divorce. He's certainly never tried to hurt anybody. Memory, though, is imperfect. It can always throw up surprises, as a lawyer's letter is about to prove. <i>(Description from Angus & Robertson)</i>	10	2012 163 pages Memory
Barry, Sebastian <i>On Canaan's Side</i>	Lilly, the daughter of a Dublin policeman revisits her eventful past going back to the moment she was forced to flee Ireland at the end of the First World War. She continues her tale in America where, far from her family, she first tastes the sweetness of love and the bitterness of betrayal.	10	2011 256 pages Fiction
Bartlett, Anne <i>Knitting</i>	It's been 10 months since Jack died, and Sandra, a tightly wound academic, copes with grief by immersing herself in the history of textiles. When she and Martha, a gifted knitter, meet over an unconscious body on the footpath, the unlikely threads of their lives tangle together.	10	2005 270 pages Grief

Bartulin, Lenny The Black Russian: A Jack Susko Mystery 	After yet another slow week at the cash register, Susko Books - that fine purveyor of second-hand literature - is facing financial ruin. Jack Susko heads to a gallery in Woollahra to scrape up some funds with the sale of an old art catalogue. With his characteristic panache and exquisite timing, he arrives just as De Groot Galleries is being done over by masked thieves. Along with a mysterious object from the safe, the robbers seize a valuable first edition from Jack's bag too. Jack Susko finds himself at the centre of a world full of duplicity, lies and art theft.	10	2010 261 pages Crime Fiction Australia
Batty, Rosie A mother's story 	Rosie Batty knows pain no woman should have to suffer. Her son was killed by his father in a violent incident in February 2014, a horrendous event that shocked not only the nation, but the world. Greg Anderson murdered his 11-year-old son Luke and was then shot by police at the Tyabb cricket oval. Rosie had suffered years of family violence, and had intervention and custody orders in place in an effort to protect herself and her son. She believes the killing was Greg's final act of control over her. Since these events, Rosie has become an outspoken crusader against domestic violence, winning hearts and minds all over Australia with her compassion, courage, grace and forgiveness. In January 2015, Rosie was named Australian of the Year, 2015.	10	2015 336 pages Australia Non Fiction
Baxter, Carol The Fabulous Flying Mrs Miller	Petite, glamorous and beguiling, Jessie 'Chubbie' Miller was one remarkable woman, flyer, thrill seeker and heartbreaker. No adventure was too wild for her, no danger too extreme. All over the world, men adored her. When the young Jessie left suburban Melbourne and her newspaper man husband in 1927, little did she know that she'd become the first woman to complete an England to Australia flight or fly the first air race for women with Amelia Earhart, or that she would disappear over Florida Straits feared lost forever only to charm her way to a rescue. Nor could she have predicted that five years later she would find herself at the centre of one of the most notorious and controversial murder trials in United States history.	10	2017 398 pages Australia Biography Non Fiction
Beasley, Richard Me and Rory Macbeath 	Adelaide, 1977. The year Elvis died. And the year 12-year-old Jake Taylor meets Rory Macbeath. Until then, Jake's world was small, revolving around his street, his school, and the courthouse where his mum, Harry, was a barrister. His best friend Robbie lives only a few houses away. At first Jake has his doubts about Rory. But after long days and nights of swimming, fishing and daring each other into trouble, Jake discovers Rory has talents and courage beyond anyone he's ever known. Then, early one evening, Rory disappears. And everyone on Rose Avenue is about to discover why. For Jake and Rory, nothing will ever be the same.	10	2013 371 pages Australia
Bennett, Alan The Uncommon Reader	<i>The Uncommon Reader</i> is none other than HM the Queen who drifts accidentally into reading when her corgis stray into a mobile library parked at Buckingham Palace. She reads widely and intelligently. Her reading naturally changes her world view and her relationship with people like the oleaginous Prime Minister and his repellent advisers. She comes to question the prescribed order of the world and loses patience with much that she has to do. In short, her reading is subversive. The consequence is, of course, surprising, mildly shocking and very funny.	10	2007 121 pages Humour
Blain, Georgia Closed for Winter 	Twenty years have passed since that day on the jetty but it is only now that Elise has found the strength to go back and face the events of her past. And so she begins to unravel all that has been tying her up, picking through that day, piece by piece, from beginning to end, over and over again. Sometimes what you uncover is not what you were searching for, and Elise finds herself face-to-face with a truth she had not expected. A gripping novel and a powerful, positive story about the pain of letting go.	10	1998 249 pages Adelaide Local author

Blume, Judy <i>In the Unlikely Event</i>	In 1987, Miri Ammerman returns to her hometown of Elizabeth, New Jersey, to attend a commemoration of the worst year of her life. Thirty-five years earlier, when Miri was 15 and in love for the first time, three planes fell from the sky within three months, leaving a community reeling. Against this backdrop of actual events in the early 1950s, when airline travel was new and exciting and everyone dreamed of going somewhere, Judy Blume weaves a haunting story of three generations of families, friends, and strangers, whose lives are forever changed in the aftermath. The plane crashes bring some people closer together and tear others apart; they create myths and unlock secrets. As Miri experiences the ordinary joys and pains of growing up in extraordinary circumstances, a young journalist makes his name reporting tragedy. And through it all, one generation reminds another that life goes on.	10	2016 402 pages Relationships
Borch-Garden, Diana von der <i>The Second Son</i>	A biographical account of Baron Leopold von der Borch, an aristocrat who left Germany in 1868 at the age of 22 to sail aboard the <i>George Shotten</i> to Australia. During the four months he spent at sea he could not have imagined that he would never return to the family and home he loved. Leopold's story is one of challenge, courage, and hope. He was a police trooper in the early days of the Northern Territory, a detective and interpreter in South Australia and the first official police photographer.	10	2017 363 pages Non Fiction
Bouras, Gillian <i>A Foreign Wife</i>	An Australian married to a Greek writes of the pleasures and perplexities of family life in the small quiet world of a Greek village. Her fellow villagers fondly regard her, the migrant in their midst, as something of a curiosity. They, in turn, are the source of both her admiration and her perplexity.	6	Out of print 1986 192 pages Memoir Non Fiction
Boyne, John <i>The Absolutist</i>	September 1919 – 20 year old Tristan Sandler takes a train from London to Norwich to deliver a clutch of letters to Marian Bancroft. Tristan fought alongside Marian's brother Will during the Great War. They trained and fought together but in 1917 Will laid down his guns on the battlefield and declared himself a conscientious objector, an act which has brought shame and dishonour on the Bancroft family. The letters however are not the real reason for Tristan's visit.	10	2011 427 pages WW1
Boyne, John <i>The Boy in the Striped Pyjamas</i>	Nine-year-old Bruno knows nothing of the Final Solution and the Holocaust. He is oblivious to the appalling cruelties being inflicted on the people of Europe by his country. All he knows is that he has been moved from a comfortable home in Berlin to a house in a desolate area where there is nothing to do and no one to play with. Until he meets Shmuel, a boy who lives a strange parallel existence on the other side of the adjoining wire fence and who, like the other people there, wears a uniform of striped pyjamas.	10	2006 216 pages WW2 Holocaust
Bradbury, Ray <i>Fahrenheit 451</i>	The temperature at which book-paper catches fire and burns. Guy Montag is a fireman. His job is to burn books, which are forbidden, being the source of all discord and unhappiness. Even so, Montag is unhappy; there's discord in his marriage. Are books hidden in his house? The Mechanical Hound of the Fire Department, armed with a lethal hypodermic, escorted by helicopters, is ready to track down those dissidents who defy society to preserve and read books. A Classic novel of a post-literate future.	10	1953 227 pages Literature Classics
Bronte, Charlotte <i>Jane Eyre</i>	Orphaned Jane Eyre grows up in the home of her heartless aunt, where she endures loneliness and cruelty, and at a charity school with a harsh regime. This troubled childhood strengthens Jane's natural independence and spirit – which prove necessary when she takes a position as governess at Thornfield Hall. But when she finds love with her sardonic employer, Rochester, the discovery of his terrible secret forces her to make a choice. Set includes one DVD.	10	1847 521 pages Classical - Fiction
Brooks, Geraldine <i>Caleb's Crossing</i>	When Bethia Mayfield, a spirited 12-year-old living in the rigid confines of an English Puritan settlement meets Caleb, the young son of a Wampanoag chieftain, the two forge a secret friendship that draws each into an alien world of the other. Fighting for a voice in a society that requires her silence, Bethia becomes entangled in Caleb's struggle to navigate the intellectual and cultural shoals that divide their two cultures.	10	2011 369 pages American Biographical Fiction

Brooks, Geraldine Foreign Correspondence	Born in Sydney's western suburbs in the late 1950s, the young Geraldine Brooks longs to discover the vivid places where she believes history and culture are made. Penfriends from the Middle East, France and America offer her the window she craves on life beyond Australia's isolated back yard. Twenty years later, and worlds away from her sheltered girlhood, Brooks is an award-winning foreign correspondent covering war and famine. She embarks on a human treasure hunt in Israel, France and the US to find the foreign correspondents of her youth.	10	1998 244 pages Memoir Non Fiction
Brooks, Geraldine March	<i>Winner of the 2006 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction</i> - Mr March, the absent father from Little Women, is given life by Geraldine Brooks in this touching and inspiring tale. An idealistic abolitionist, March has gone as chaplain to serve the Union cause. But the war tests his faith not only in the Union – which is also capable of barbarism and racism – but in himself. As he recovers from a near-fatal illness, March must reassemble and reconnect with his family, who have no idea of what he has endured.	10	2005 346 pages American Historical Fiction
Brooks, Geraldine People of the Book	<i>Winner of 2008 ABIA Book of the Year</i> - When Hanna Heath, renowned book conservator, gets a call in the middle of the night to her Sydney home about a precious medieval manuscript recovered from the smouldering ruins of war-torn Sarajevo, she knows she is on the brink of the experience of a lifetime. She must now make her way to Bosnia to start work on restoring the Sarajevo Haggadah – a Jewish prayer book – to discover its secrets and piece together the story of its miraculous survival. But the trip will set in motion a series of events that threaten to rock Hanna's orderly life, including her encounter with Ozren Karamen, the young librarian who risked his life to save the book.	10	2008 390 pages Civil War American Historical - Fiction
Brooks, Geraldine The Secret Chord	Grounded in the gritty, violent reality of Second Iron Age in Israel, this book reveals the life of King David. A life that arcs from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, from brilliant poet and glorious musician, and a glamorous young tyrant into a man ailing and remorseful in old age.	10	2015 302 pages Historical Fiction
Brooks, Geraldine Year of Wonders	When an infected bit of cloth carries plague from London to an isolated mountain village, a housemaid named Anna emerges as an unlikely heroine and healer. Through Anna's eyes, we follow the story of the plague year, 1666, when her fellow villagers are convinced by a visionary young minister to quarantine themselves, to arrest the spread of the disease. But as death reaches into every household, faith frays. The villagers turn from prayers to witch-hunting.	10	2001 308 pages Historical Fiction
Brown, Brene Daring Greatly	Researcher and speaker Dr. Brene Brown offers an all-embracing new philosophy that provides encouragement to dare greatly: to embrace vulnerability and imperfection, to live wholeheartedly and to courageously engage in life, whatever it brings. Dr. Brown challenges preconceived ideas about vulnerability. Based on 12 years of research, she argues that vulnerability is not weakness, but rather the clearest path to courage, engagement and meaningful connection.	10	2015 263 pages Courage Assertiveness Non Fiction
Bryson, Bill A Short History of Nearly Everything	From primordial nothingness to this very moment, <i>A Short History of Nearly Everything</i> reports what happened and how humans figured it out. To accomplish this daunting literary task, Bill Bryson uses hundreds of sources, from popular science books to interviews with luminaries in various fields. His aim is to help people like him, who rejected stale school textbooks and dry explanations, to appreciate how we have used science to understand the smallest particles and the unimaginably vast expanses of space.	10 + CD	2003 560 pages Science Non Fiction
Bryson, Bill The road to Little Dribbling : more notes from a small island	With his matchless homing instinct for the funniest and quirkiest, his unerring eye for the idiotic, the endearing, the ridiculous and the scandalous, Bryson give us an acute and perceptive insight into all that is the best and worst about Britain today as he travelled around Britain in 2013.	10	2015 381 pages Humorous Anecdotes

Burns, Anna <i>Milkman</i>	<i>Winner of the Man Booker Prize 2018</i> – A tale of gossip and hearsay, silence and deliberate deafness. It is the story of inaction with enormous consequences. In this unnamed city, to be interesting is dangerous. Middle sister, our protagonist, is busy attempting to keep her mother from discovering her maybe-boyfriend and to keep everyone in the dark about her encounter with <i>Milkman</i> . But when first brother-in-law sniffs out her struggle, and rumours start to swell, middle sister becomes 'interesting'. The last thing she ever wanted to be. To be interesting is to be noticed and to be noticed is dangerous.	10	2018 348 pages Secrets Gossip Relationships Northern Ireland
Burton, Jessie <i>The Muse</i>	A picture hides a thousand words – On a hot July in 1967, Odelle Bastien climbs the stone steps of the Skelton Gallery in London, knowing that her life is about to change forever. Having struggled to find her place in the city since she arrived from Trinidad five years ago, she has been offered a job as a typist under the tutelage of the glamourous and enigmatic Marjorie Quick. But though Quick takes Odelle into her confidence, and unlocks a potential she didn't know she had, she remains a mystery – no more so than when a lost masterpiece with a secret history is delivered to the gallery.	10	2016 432 pages
Byrski, Liz <i>Gang of Four</i> 	They have been close friends for almost two decades, supporting each other through personal and professional crises – parents dying, children leaving home, house moves, job changes, political activism, diets and really bad haircuts. Now the 'gang of four', Isabel, Sally, Robin and Grace, are all 50-something, successful and restless.	10	2004 399 pages Middle-aged women
Cain, Susan <i>Quiet : the power of introverts in a world that can't stop talking</i>	At least one-third of the people we know are introverts. They are the ones who prefer listening to speaking; who innovate and create but dislike self-promotion; who favor working on their own over working in teams. It is to introverts that we owe many of the great contributions to society. This book argues that we dramatically undervalue introverts and shows how much we lose in doing so and has the power to permanently change how we see introverts and, equally important, how they see themselves.	10	2012 266 pages Introversion Extraversion Creative ability
Capella, Anthony <i>The Empress of Ice Cream</i>	France 1670. Carlo Demirco's mastery of the extraordinary new art of creaming ice creams has brought him wealth, women, and a position at the court of Louis XIV. Then Carlo is sent to London, along with Louise de Keroualle, an impoverished lady-in-waiting. The most powerful ministers of two countries have decided that Louise is to be Charles II's new mistress, and will stop at nothing until she submits. But Carlo too is fascinated by the enigmatic Frenchwoman.	10	2010 404 pages Romance Ice-cream
Carey, Peter <i>The Chemistry of Tears</i> 	Catherine Gehrig, conservator at the Swinburn museum, learns of the unexpected death of her colleague and lover of 13 years. She is commissioned to piece together both the mechanics and the story of an extraordinary and eerie automation. The mechanical creature was commissioned by an English man, Henry Brandling. Catharine and Henry's stories intertwine across time to explore the mysteries of life and death, the miracle and catastrophe of human invention and the body's astonishing chemistry of love and feeling.	10	2012 271 pages Clock & watch makers Fictor
Carey, Peter <i>His Illegal Self</i> 	Che is raised in isolated privilege by his New York grandmother, the precocious son of radical Harvard students in the sixties. Che becomes an outlaw, fleeing down subways, abandoning seedy motels at night, and pitched into a journey that leads him to a hippy commune in the jungle of tropical Queensland. Here he slowly, bravely, confronts life, learning that nothing is what it seems. Who is his real mother? Was that his real father? What should he do?	10	2008 270 pages
Carey, Peter <i>A Long Way from Home</i> 	Irene Bobs likes fast driving. Her husband is the best car salesman in western Victoria. Together they enter the Redex Trial, a brutal race around the ancient continent over roads no car will ever survive. This thrilling, high-speed story starts in one way and then takes you someplace else. It is often funny, the more so as the world gets stranger, and always as a page-turner, even as you learn a history these characters never know themselves.	10	2017 357 pages

Carhart, T.E. The Piano Shop on the Left Bank	Carhart's life as an expatriate in Paris provides the setting for this witty and fascinating account of finding a piano to purchase and relearning how to play. His familiarity with French customs aids his dealings with, and subsequent acceptance as a friend, by Luc, the proprietor of Desforges Pianos. A piano restoration workshop by day, it turns into an exclusive local hangout Friday nights.	10	2000 304 pages Non Fiction Memoir Paris
Castles, Belinda Bluebottle	As he tilted the blinds she saw her mother in her tennis whites, standing at the kitchen bench, staring out into the dark bushland that bordered their houses. That was what Tricia did these days, looked into the bush as though it would attack one of them. On a sweltering day in a cliff-top beach shack, Jack and Lou Bright grow suspicious about the behaviour of their charismatic, unpredictable father, Charlie. A girl they know has disappeared, and as the day unfolds, Jack's eruptions of panic, Lou's sultry rebellions and their little sister Phoebe's attention-seeking push the family towards revelation. Twenty years later, the Bright children have remained close to the cliff edges, russet sand and moody ocean of their childhood. Behind the beautiful surfaces of their daily lives lies the difficult landscape of their past, always threatening to break through. And then, one night in late summer, they return to the house on the cliff...	10	2018 256 pages Families Relationships Sydney
Castro, Brian The Garden Book 	Brian Castro's new novel is set in the Dandenong Ranges in the years between the Depression and the Second World War. The story revolves around Swan hay, born Shuang He, daughter of a country schoolteacher, her marriage to the passionate and brutal Darcy Damon, and her love affair with the aviator and architect Jasper Zenlin. 50 years after her disappearance, Norman Shih, a rare book librarian, pieces together Swan's chaotic life from clues found in guest house libraries, antiquarian bookshops and her own elusive writings. But what exactly is he hoping to find?	10	2005 316 pages
Catton, Eleanor The Luminaries	It is 1866, and young Walter Moody has come to make his fortune upon the New Zealand goldfields. On the stormy night of his arrival, he stumbles across a tense gathering of twelve local men who have met in secret to discuss a series of unexplained events: A wealthy man has vanished, a prostitute has tried to end her life, and an enormous fortune has been discovered in the home of a luckless drunk. Moody is soon drawn into the mystery: a network of fates and fortunes that is as complex and exquisitely ornate as the night sky.	10	2013 826 pages
Chang, Jung Empress Dowager Cixi	Empress Dowager Cixi (1835–1908) is the most important woman in Chinese history. She ruled China for decades and brought a medieval empire into the modern age. At the age of sixteen, in a nationwide selection for royal consorts, Cixi was chosen as one of the emperor's numerous concubines. When he died in 1861, their five-year-old son succeeded to the throne. Cixi at once launched a palace coup against the regents appointed by her husband and made herself the real ruler of China—behind the throne, literally, with a silk screen separating her from her officials who were all male.	10	2013 373 pages Non fiction Biography
Chevalier, Tracy Girl With a Pearl Earring	When Griet becomes a maid in the household of the painter Johannes Vermeer, she thinks she know her role: housework, laundry and the care of six children. But as she becomes part of his world and his work, their growing intimacy spreads tension and deception in the ordered household and, as scandal seeps out, into the town beyond.	10	1999 248 pages
Chevalier, Tracy The Lady and the Unicorn	In Paris, 1490, a shrewd French nobleman commissions six lavish tapestries celebrating his rising status at Court. He hires the charismatic, arrogant, sublimely talented Nicolas des Innocents to design them. Nicolas creates havoc among the women in the house—mother and daughter, servant, and lady-in-waiting—before taking his designs north to Brussels, where the tapestries are to be woven. There, master weaver Georges de la Chapelle risks everything he has to finish the tapestries—his finest, most intricate work—on time for his exacting French client. The results change all their lives—lives that have been captured in the tapestries, for those who know where to look.	10	2003 256 pages
Clarke, Arthur C. Childhood's End	Despite their terrifying form, they live harmoniously amongst the humans for fifty years until, one night, a child dreams a strange dream and begins to develop remarkable powers. A story that delves deep into the essence of the human race, challenging its autonomy, its purpose and its limits.	10	1954 255 pages

Cockram, Maureen <i>The drive home: a new map for retirement</i>	Retirement becomes a catalyst and the vehicle for some profound thinking about the meaning and purpose of life and how to gain fulfilment beyond career. But this is not just a book about retirement. It is an expansive reflection on the experience of change and the choices we make at any stage of our lives.	10	2017 207 pages Non Fiction
Colfer, Eoin <i>Plugged</i>	Daniel McEvoy, an Irish bouncer at a seedy New Jersey club, has a problem. The girl he loves was just murdered, then more people around him start dying, and not of natural causes. Suddenly Dan's got the mob, cops and an unattractive lovesick neighbour after him, and the only clue points toward the crooked doctor who gave him hair implants before vanishing into thin air.	10	2011 254 pages Crime
Comyns, Barbara <i>Our Spoons Came from Woolworths</i>	Sophia is 21 years old. She carries a newt, Great Warty, around in her pocket and marries, in haste, a young artist called Charles. Swept into the bohemian London of the 1930s, she is ill-equipped to cope. She takes up with an ageing art critic and learns to repent - at leisure. (<i>Description from Dymocks</i>)	10	1950 223 pages
Connelly, Karen <i>The Lizard Cage</i>	Teza, a Burmese student, is seven years into a twenty-year sentence in solitary confinement. Cut off from his friends and family he endures the horrific conditions as best he can with resourcefulness, Buddhist patience and humour. But he desperately searches for news in every being and object that is grudgingly allowed into his cell.	10	2007 426 pages
Conte, Steven <i>The Zookeeper's War</i>	It is 1943 and each night in a bomb shelter beneath the Berlin Zoo an Australian woman, Vera, shelters with her German husband, Axel, the zoo's director. Together, they struggle to look after the animals through the air raids and food shortages. When the zoo's staff are drafted into the army forced labourers are sent in as replacements. At first Vera finds the idea abhorrent but gradually she realises that the new workers are the zoo's only hope and forms an unlikely bond with one of them.	10	2007 374 pages
Cope, Tim <i>On the Trail of Genghis Khan</i>	Tim Cope travelled the entire length of the steppe, 10,000 km from Mongolia to Hungary, on horseback, inspired by the extraordinary feat of the Mongols of the 13 th century who, under the leadership of Genghis Khan, created the largest land empire in history. As he learns about the traditions and histories of the people of the steppe, his journey becomes both a celebration of and an elegy for an ancient way of life.	10	2013 455 pages Non fiction
Cotterill, Colin <i>The Coroner's Lunch</i>	Introducing Dr Siri Paiboun. After months of boredom there is a sudden spate of bodies, one slain more mysteriously than the next. Resisting pressure from the bureaucrats above him and struggling to find evidence before it 'disappears', Dr Siri begins investigating torture and murder – and then finds himself the victim of mysterious attacks. The first in a series of novels featuring Dr Siri Paiboun, this boasts a charming cast of characters in a lush S.E. Asian setting.	10	2004 257 pages Laos
Cousins, Norman <i>Anatomy of an Illness</i>	When Norman Cousins was diagnosed with a crippling and irreversible disease, he forged an unusual collaboration with his physician, and together they were able to beat the odds. The doctor's genius was in helping his patient to use his own powers: laughter, courage, and tenacity. The patient's talent was in mobilizing his body's own natural resources, proving what an effective healing tool the mind can be. This remarkable story of the triumph of the human spirit is truly inspirational reading.	10	1979 179 pages
Crabb, Annabel <i>The Wife Drought</i> 	This is about women, men, family and work - it's full of candid and funny stories from the author's work in and around politics and the media, historical nuggets about the role of 'the wife' in Australia, and intriguing research about the attitudes that pulse beneath the surface of egalitarian Australia.	10	2014 275 pages Non fiction
Cunningham, Laura <i>Sleeping Arrangements</i>	The memoir of Lily Shaine, an orphan brought up by her two eccentric bachelor uncles. Uncle Len is a 6 foot 6 inch private investigator, a trench-coated cross between Abraham Lincoln and Sam Spade. Uncle Gabe, the librarian, is a confirmed dreamer who writes gospel songs in his spare time. With her uncles as mentors, the human jungle of the Bronx in the 1950s as her playground, the schoolroom as her torture chamber, and very knowing little girls as her playmates, Lily learns the secrets of life, sex, death and, above all, family love. A wry, funny and deeply affectionate portrait of the most unlikely of happy families this is a modern classic. (<i>Description from Dymocks</i>)	10	1989 228 pages

Dalton, Trent Boy Swallows Universe 	A lost father, a mute brother, a mum in jail, a heroin dealer for a stepfather and a notorious crim for a babysitter. It's not as if Eli's life isn't complicated enough already. He's just trying to follow his heart, learning what it takes to be a good man, but life just keeps throwing obstacles in the way. (<i>Description from Dymocks</i>)	10	2018 496 pages
De Bernieres, Louis Red Dog	While passing through a town in the Australian outback, the author discovered a statue of a dog. Intrigued, he made inquiries, and was swamped by locals with tales of a wildly charismatic creature named Tally Ho. The result is a charming fictionalised account of Tally's misdeeds and misadventures, not least of which involve the animal's enormous appetite; with apparent relish he ate paper bags, sticks, dead rats, butterflies, apple peel, eggshells, used tissues and socks. Whether undermining the Hitlerian trailer-park managers, or hitch-hiking from Perth, Red Dog always comes up trumps.	10	2001 115 pages
De Botton, Alain Status Anxiety	We all worry about what others think of us. We all long to succeed and fear failure. We all suffer to a greater or lesser degree, usually privately and with embarrassment from status anxiety. For the first time a name is given to this universal condition and it sets out to investigate both its origins and possible solutions. He looks at history, philosophy, economics, art and politics and reveals the many ingenious ways that great minds have overcome their worries. (<i>Description from Dymocks</i>)	10	2004 303 pages Non Fiction Social psychology
De Courcy, Anne The Fishing Fleet	When British rule in India was at its height, the ships arriving at the ports of Madras, Calcutta and Bombay brought with them countless eligible young women. These were the girls of the "Fishing Fleet" who travelled to India in the hope of finding a husband. A glittering round of parties, dances, picnics, tiger shoots and romances followed. But for those who were successful in their quest life often changed dramatically.	10	2012 335 pages Non Fiction British - India History
De Crespigny, Richard QF32 	On 4 November 2010, a flight from Singapore to Sydney came within a knife edge of being one of the world's worst air disasters. Shortly after leaving Changi Airport, an explosion shattered Engine 2 of Qantas flight QF32 – an Airbus A380 the largest and most advanced passenger plane ever built. Hundreds of shrapnel ripped through the wing and fuselage, creating chaos...	10	2012 355 pages Non Fiction Aeroplanes
De Kretser, Michelle Questions of Travel 	<i>Winner, 2013 ALS Gold Medal</i> - A mesmerising literary novel, Questions of Travel charts two very different lives. Laura travels the world before returning to Sydney, where she works for a publisher of travel guides. Ravi dreams of being a tourist until he is driven from Sri Lanka by devastating events. Around these two superbly drawn characters, a double narrative assembles an enthralling array of people, places and stories - from Theo whose life plays out in the long shadow of the past, to Hana an Ethiopian woman determined to reinvent herself in Australia. (<i>Description from Dymocks</i>)	10	2012 519 pages Sri Lankan - Australia Travels
De Loo, Tessa The Twins	Twin sisters in pre-war Germany are separated when their parents die. Anna, the stronger, is taken in by relatives on a farm in Germany; Lotte, consumptive like their father, is adopted by a Dutch branch of the family. After nearly 70 years, they meet by chance at a health resort where Anna, hoping for some understanding and reconciliation, forces Lotte to listen to her story and, in turn, tell her own. Their vastly different upbringing and the hardships of the war dominate their recollections, but more than anything, the barrier of having been on opposite sides of a war has made Lotte firm in her opposition to reconciliation. (Translated from Dutch)	10	1993 356 pages Women Netherlands Germany

De Moore, Greg <i>Tom Wills</i>	Tom Wills, flawed genius, sporting libertine, fearless leader and agitator is often credited with creating the game of Aussie Rules. Sent to the strict British Rugby School in 1850 as a 14 yo, he returned as a worldly young man whose cricket prowess quickly captured the hearts of Melburnians. But in the desolation of the Queensland outback he experienced the devastating effects of racial tension when his father was murdered by Aboriginal people. Yet 5 years later Tom coached the first Aboriginal cricket team. Tom lived hard and fast but when his physical talents began to fade, the psychological demons that alcohol and adrenaline had kept at bay surged to the fore, driving him to commit suicide at 44.	10	2008 326 pages Non fiction
De Vries, Susanna <i>Blue Ribbons Bitter Bread</i> 	This book tells the story of Joice Nankivell Loch who was an extraordinary Australian. It is a classic Australian biography that is a tribute one of Australia's most heroic women. This is the author's account of Joice's heroic and dramatic life, from a privileged childhood, to poverty, to hero of WWII.	10	2000 341 pages Non Fiction Memoir Australia
De Waal, Edmund <i>The Hare With Amber Eyes</i>	<i>Winner of the 2010 COSTA Biography Award & 2011 Ondaatje Prize</i> - Edmund de Waal was entranced when he first encountered the collection of 264 Japanese wood and ivory carvings, none of them bigger than a matchbox, in his Great-Uncle Iggie's Tokyo apartment. When he later inherited the 'netsuke', they unlocked a story far larger and more dramatic than he could ever have imagined. From a burgeoning empire in Odessa to fin de siecle Paris, from occupied Vienna to Tokyo, it traces the netsuke's journey through generations of his remarkable family, against the backdrop of a tumultuous century.	10	2010 354 pages Non Fiction Memoir Art Collecting
Dean, Debra <i>The Madonnas of Leningrad</i>	In the autumn of 1941, Marina, a guide at Leningrad's Hermitage Museum, takes down the museum's masterpieces for safekeeping. As she does so, she commits the exquisite visions of Angels and Madonnas to memory, brush stroke by brush stroke. In modern day America, the ravages of age are eroding Marina's grip on everyday life. She cannot hold on to fresh memories - her adult children's lives, the approaching wedding of her grandchild - but her distant past in Leningrad returns in vivid snapshots, rising unbidden to the surface of her mind..	10	2006 228 pages Historical Russian Americans
Diaz, Junot <i>The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao</i>	<i>Pulitzer Prize for Fiction winner</i> - Oscar is a sweet but disastrously overweight ghetto nerd, a New Jersey romantic who dreams of becoming the Dominican J.R.R. Tolkien and, most of all, of finding love. But Oscar may never get what he wants. Blame the fuku - a curse that has haunted Oscar's family for generations, following them on their epic journey from the Dominican Republic to the United States and back again.	10	2007 335 pages American Contemporary
Diaz, Junot <i>This Is How You Lose Her</i>	Is a collection of linked narratives about love - passionate love, illicit love, dying love, maternal love - told through the lives of New Jersey Dominicans, as they struggle to find a point where their two worlds meet. In prose that is endlessly energetic and inventive, tender and funny, it lays bare the infinite longing and inevitable weaknesses of the human heart. Most of all, these stories remind us that the habit of passion always triumphs over experience and that 'love, when it hits us for real, has a half-life of forever'. (Description from Angus & Robertson)	10	2012 213 pages
Dickens, Charles <i>A Christmas Carol</i>	The story of miserly Ebenezer Scrooge and the ghosts who show him the true spirit of Christmas.	10	138 pages Classic
Dickens, Charles <i>Great Expectations</i>	A terrifying encounter with an escaped convict in a graveyard on the wild Kent marshes; a summons to meet the bitter Miss Havisham and her beautiful, cold-hearted ward Estella; the sudden generosity of a mysterious benefactor - these form a series of events that change the orphaned Pip's life forever, and he eagerly abandons his humble origins to begin a new life as a gentleman. This novel depicts Pip's education and development through adversity as he discovers the true nature of his 'great expectations'.	10	1860-61 484 pages Classic UK

Doerr, Anthony <i>All the light we cannot see</i>	Marie-Laure lives with her father in Paris near the Museum of Natural History where he works as the master of its thousands of locks. When she is six Marie goes blind and her father builds a perfect miniature of their neighbourhood so she can memorize it by touch and navigate her way home. When the Nazis occupy Paris, father and daughter flee to the walled citadel of Saint-Malo. In a mining town in Germany the orphan Werner grows up with his younger sister and becomes enchanted with a crude radio that they find. His talent for fixing and these crucial new instruments wins him a place in the Academy for Hitler Youth, then a special assignment to track the resistance. That leads him to Saint-Malo where his story and Marie-Laure's converge.	10	2014 544 pages Historical fiction France German - occupation
Doidge, Norman <i>The Brain's Way of Healing : remarkable discoveries from the frontiers of neuroplasticity</i>	In his first book, Norman Doidge described the most important development in our understanding of the brain in four hundred years: the discovery that the brain can change its own structure and function in response to mental experience - what we call neuroplasticity. Now <i>The Brain's Way of Healing</i> shows how this amazing discovery really works, significantly broadening the field from traumatic brain injury to all manner of diseases and conditions in which brain functioning is a factor - and describes how patients have retrained their brains and learned to walk, speak, or hear, while others have reset the brain's energy patterns and circuits to overcome or reduce chronic pain or alleviate anxiety, trauma, learning disorders, and many other impairing syndromes.	10	2015 360 pages Non Fiction Medical Neuroscience Brain damage
Donoghue, Emma <i>Room</i>	Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize 2010 - The story of a mother, her son, a locked room and the outside world. Although Jack is a normal child in many ways, his upbringing is far from ordinary: Jack's entire life has been spent in a single room that measures just 12 feet by 12 feet; as far as he's concerned, Room is the entire world. He shares this world with his mother, with Plant, and tiny Mouse. There's TV too, and the cartoon characters he thinks of as his friends. Old Nick, on the other hand, is all too real, but only visits at night - like a bat - when Jack is meant to be asleep and hidden safely in Wardrobe. Told in Jack's voice, <i>Room</i> is the story of a mother's love for her son, and of a young boy's innocence.	10	2010 321 pages
Donoghue, Emma <i>The Wonder</i>	Lib Wright, a young English nurse, arrives in an impoverished Irish village on a strange mission. Eleven-year-old Anna O'Donnell is said to have eaten nothing for months but appears to be thriving miraculously. With tourists thronging to see the child, and the press sowing doubt, the baffled community looks to an outsider to bring the facts to light. Lib's job is simple: to watch the girl and uncover the truth...	10	2016 291 pages Physiological thriller
Dougherty, Louise <i>Apple tree yard</i>	Yvonne Carmichael has a high-flying career, a beautiful home and a good marriage but when she meets a stranger, she is drawn into a passionate affair. Keeping her two lives separate seems easy at first but she cannot control what happens next. An examination of the choices we make and the values we live by and the consequence of the risk that Yvonne takes.	10	2013 434 pages Psychological fiction
Doyle, Roddy <i>The Woman Who Walked Into Doors</i>	This is the heart-rending story of a woman struggling to reclaim her dignity after a violent, abusive marriage and a worsening drink problem. Paula Spencer recalls her contented childhood, the audacity she learned as a teenager, the exhilaration of her romance with Charlo and the marriage to him that left her powerless. Capturing both her vulnerability and her strength, Roddy Doyle gives Paula a voice that is real and unforgettable.	10	1996 226 pages
Drabble, Margaret <i>The Seven Sisters</i>	Candida Wilton arrives in London, alone, divorced and without much money. Yet strangely excited, she wonders what might happen to her now in her final years? Prepared to fill her empty life with little events and pleasures – like the gym & her reading group – Candida finds her horizons broadened by an unexpected windfall. So she gathers together six travelling companions & begins the journey she has long dreamed of to Tunis, Naples & Pompeii.	10	2002 307 pages
Dumas, Firoozeh <i>Funny in Farsi</i>	In 1972, when she was seven, Firoozeh Dumas and her family moved from Iran to Southern California, arriving with no firsthand knowledge of this country beyond her father's glowing memories of his graduate school years...an unforgettable story of identity, discovery, and the power of family love, <i>Funny in Farsi</i> will leave us all laughing – without an accent.	10	2003 198 pages Non Fiction Memoir Iranian in USA Humour

Dunant, Sarah Sacred Hearts	1570 in the Italian city of Ferrara. Sixteen-year-old Serafina is ripped by her family from an illicit love affair and forced into the convent of Santa Caterina, renowned for its superb music. Serafina's one weapon is her glorious voice, but she refuses to sing. Madonna Chiara, an abbess as fluent in politics as she is in prayer, finds her new charge has unleashed a power play – rebellion, ecstasies and hysterias – within the convent. However, watching over Serafina is Zuana, the sister in charge of the infirmary, who understands and might even challenge her incarceration.	10	2009 465 page Italy history
Duncan, Susan The briny café	Ettie Brookbank is the heart and soul of Cook's Basin, a sleepy offshore community comprising a cluster of dazzling blue bays. But for all the idyllic surroundings, Ettie can't help wondering where her dreams have disappeared to until fate offers her a lifeline - in the shape of a lopsided little café on the water's edge. When Bertie, its cantankerous septuagenarian owner, offers her 'the Briny' for a knockdown price, it's an opportunity too good to miss. But it's a mammoth task - and she'll need a partner. Enter Kate Jackson, the enigmatic new resident of the haunted house on Oyster Bay. Could a ramshackle cafe and its endearingly eccentric customers deliver the new start both women so desperately crave?	10	2011 368 pages
Duncan, Susan Salvation Creek	At 44 Susan Duncan appeared to have it all, successful career and loving family. When her beloved husband and brother die within 3 days of each other her glittering life shatters. This is the story of a woman who found the courage not only to walk away from a successful career and begin again, but to beat the odds in her own battle for survival and find a new life in a tiny waterside idyll cut off from the outside world.	10	2006 397 pages Non Fiction Biography
Dunmore, Helen The Lie	A young man stands looking out to sea. Behind him the horror of the trenches, and the most intense relationship of his life. Ahead of him the terrible unforeseen consequences of a lie.	10	2014 292 pages
Edwards, Kim Memory Keeper's Daughter	Begins on a winter night in 1964, when a blizzard forces Dr David Henry to deliver his own twins. His son, born first, is perfectly healthy, but the doctor immediately recognises that his daughter has Down's syndrome. For motives he tells himself are good, he makes a split second decision that will haunt all of their lives forever. He asks his nurse, Caroline, to take the baby away to an institution. Instead, she disappears into another city to raise the child as her own.	10	2005 401 pages
Endicott, Marina Good to a Fault	Absorbed in her own failings, Clara Purdy crashes her life into a sharp left turn, taking the family in the other car along with her. When bruises on the mother, Lorraine, prove to be late-stage cancer, Clara tries to do the right thing and – against all habit and comfort – moves the family into her own house, upending her life in the process. As Lorraine walks the borders of death, Clara expands into life finding purpose, energy and unexpected love amidst the hard, unaccustomed work of sharing her days.	10	2008 437 pages
Enright, Anne The Forgotten Waltz	In Terenure, a pleasant suburb of Dublin, in the winter of 2009, it has snowed. Gina Moynihan, girl about town, recalls the trail of lust and happenstance that brought her to fall for the love of her life. Evie was nine when it started, but that hardly matters. I mean her age hardly matters because she was always special – isn't that the word? When she saw me kissing her father – when she saw her father kissing me, in his own house – she laughed and flapped her hands.	10	2011 259 pages Infidelity
Enright, Anne The Gathering	<i>Winner of 2007 Man Booker Prize</i> - The nine surviving children of the Hegarty clan gather in Dublin for the wake of their wayward brother Liam. It wasn't the drink that killed him – although that certainly helped – it was what happened to him as a boy in his grandmother's house, in the winter of 1968. A novel about love and disappointment, about thwarted lust and limitless desire, and how our fate is written in the body, not in the stars.	10	2007 261 pages
Enright, Anne The Green Road	<i>Winner of Man Booker Prize</i> - The children of Rosaleen Madigan leave the west of Ireland for lives they never could have imagined, in Dublin, New York and various 3 rd world towns. In her early old age their difficult, wonderful mother announces that she's decided to sell the house and divide the proceeds. Her adult children come back for a last Christmas, with the feeling that their childhoods are being erased, their personal history bought and sold.	10	2015 310 pages

Ephron, Amy <i>A Cup of Tea: a novel of 1917</i>	Born to privilege, Rosemary Fell has wealth, well-connected friends, and a handsome fiancé, Philip Alsop. One cold and rainy night she sees the mysterious Eleanor Smith, huddled against the elements. In a moment of beneficence, Rosemary invites the penniless young woman home for a cup of tea. Arriving on the scene, Philip notices Eleanor warming herself by the roaring fire. When Rosemary sees them exchange an unmistakable look, she promptly sends the girl packing. But too late. In that one brief moment, Rosemary's carefully sculptured life has cracked beyond repair.	10	1997 200 pages
Eugenides, Jeffrey <i>Middlesex</i>	<i>Winner of 2003 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction</i> - "I was born twice: first, as a baby girl, on a remarkably smog less Detroit day of January 1960; and then again, as a teenage boy, in an emergency room near Petoskey, Michigan, in August of 1974. My birth certificate lists my name as Calliope Helen Stephanides. My most recent driver's license...records my first name simply as Cal." So begins the breathtaking story of Calliope Stephanides and three generations of her Greek-American family.	10	2002 544 pages
Evaristo, Bernardine <i>Girl, Woman, Other</i> <i>NEW!</i>	<i>Winner of Man Booker Prize 2019</i> – Welcome to Britain and 12 very different people – mostly women, mostly black – who call it home. Teaming with life and crackling with energy this book follows them across the miles and down the years. These women tell the stories of their families, friends and lovers. Joyfully polyphonic and vibrantly contemporary, this is a gloriously new kind of history, a novel of our times: celebratory, ever-dynamic and utterly irresistible.	10	2019 452 pages
Facey, A. B. <i>A Fortunate Life</i> 	Born in 1894, Facey lived the rough frontier life of a sheep farmer, survived the gore of Gallipoli, raised a family through the Depression and spent sixty years with his beloved wife, Evelyn. Despite enduring hardships we can barely imagine today, Facey always saw his life as a 'fortunate' one. A true classic of Australian literature, his simply written autobiography is an inspiration. It is the story of a life lived to the full - the extraordinary journey of an ordinary man.	10	1981 421 pages
Ferrante, Elena <i>My brilliant friend</i>	The story of Elena and Lila begins in the 1950s in a poor but vibrant neighbourhood on the outskirts of Naples. Growing up on these tough streets the two girls learn to rely on each other ahead of anyone or anything else, as their friendship, beautifully and meticulously rendered becomes a not always perfect shelter from hardship. Through the lives of Elena and Lila this is a story of a neighbourhood, a city, and a country undergoing momentous change.	10	2012 331 pages Childhood Adolescence
Ferris, Joshua <i>To rise again at a decent hour</i>	Paul O'Rouke is a New Yorker, a dentist and a non-believer. Modern life disappoints him and love never solves any of his problems. Then someone steals his identity and starts impersonating Paul online. A cruel invasion of privacy, the real horror is yet to come: this virtual 'Paul' preaching an obscure, ancient religion, might just be a better, happier person than the real deal. Anxious to find out who is responsible for this disturbing turn of events Paul embarks on a quest which will see him confront the meaning of life, the inevitability of death and the importance of good oral hygiene.	10	2014 337 pages
Fforde, Jasper <i>The Eyre Affair</i>	There is another 1985 where London's criminal gangs have moved into the lucrative literary market, and Thursday Next is on the trail of the new crime wave's Mr Big. Acheron Hades has been kidnapping characters from works of fiction and holding them to ransom. <u>Jane Eyre is gone. Missing.</u>	9	2001 373 pages
Fidler, Richard and Kari Gislason <i>Saga Land</i> <i>NEW!</i>	True stories of the first Viking families who settled on Iceland in the Middle Ages. The sagas are among the greatest stories ever written but the identity of their authors is unknown.	10	2017 424 pages Non Fiction

Fiorato, Marina The Glassblower of Murano	Venice, 1681. Glassblowing is the lifeblood of the Republic and Venetian mirrors are more precious than gold. When the greatest glassblower of them all sells his secrets, a chain of events is set in motion that will echo down to the present day. When the descendant of this glassblower comes to Venice in search of new hope, the treacherous secrets of the past will threaten her happiness – and even her life.	10	2008 361 pages
Fitzgerald, F. Scott The Great Gatsby	Day and night Jay Gatsby's mansion on West Egg buzzes with bright young things drinking, dancing and debating his mysterious character. For Gatsby - young, handsome, fabulously rich - always seems alone in the crowd, watching and waiting, although no one knows what for. Beneath the shimmering surface of his life he is hiding a secret longing that can never be fulfilled. Fitzgerald brilliantly captures both the disillusion of post-war America and the moral failure of a society obsessed with wealth and status. But he does more than render the essence of a particular time and place, for in chronicling Gatsby's tragic pursuit of his dream Fitzgerald re-creates the universal conflict between illusion and reality.	10	1926 176 pages Modern Classics
Fitzsimons, Peter A Simpler Time 	This account of growing up on the rural outskirts of Sydney in the 1960s is first and foremost a tribute to family. But it is also a salute to times and generations past, when praise was understated but love unstinting; work was hard and values clear; when people stood by each other in adversity. Above all, in the Fitzsimons home, days were for doing. In this rollicking and often hilarious memoir, Peter describes a childhood full of mischief, camaraderie, eccentric characters, drama – and constant love and generosity. <i>The childhood of a simpler time.</i>	10	2010 370 pages Non Fiction memoir
Flanagan, Richard The Narrow Road to the Deep North 	<i>Man Booker Prize Winner</i> – Moving deftly from the POW camp to contemporary Australia, from the experiences of Dorrido and his comrades to those of the Japanese guards, this savagely beautiful novel tells a story of love, death, and family, exploring the many forms of good and evil, war and truth, guilt and transcendence, as one man comes of age, prospers, only to discover all that he has lost.	10	2013 397 pages WW2 Burma Railroad
Flanagan, Richard The Sound of One Hand Clapping 	In the wilds of Tasmania a girl's life is changed forever when her mother disappears into a blizzard never to return. The girl returns many years later and must come to terms with her past and her drunkard father. A shattering story, which at the same time is truly bewitching. (<i>Description from Dymocks</i>)	10	1997 425 pages
Flanagan, Richard The Unknown Terrorist 	What would you do if you turned on the television and saw that you were the most wanted terrorist in Australia? Gina Davies is about to find out. Five days, three unexploded bombs and every truth of your life turned into a lie. What would you do?	10	2006 320 pages
Flanagan, Richard Wanting 	1841. In the remote penal colony of Van Diemen's Land, Mathinna is the aboriginal adopted daughter of the island's governor, Sir John Franklin, and the subject of a grand experiment in civilisation – one that will determine whether science, Christianity and reason can be imposed in place of savagery, impulse and desire. As Mathinna, Franklin and the writer Charles Dickens become conjoined by unexpected tragedy, it is the force of desire – and its denial – that will change their lives forever.	10	2008 252 pages
Follett, Ken The Pillars of the Earth	Set in the turbulent times of 12 th century England when civil war, famine, religious strife and battles over royal succession tore lives and families apart, the story tells of the building of a magnificent cathedral. From humble stonemason to imperious monarch, the dreams, labours and loves of his characters come vividly to life.	10	1989 1087 pages

Fong, Mei <i>One child: the story of China's most radical experiment</i>	Over three decades China exercised unprecedented control over the reproductive habits of its billion citizens. Now, with its economy faltering just as it seemed poised to become the largest in the world, the Chinese government has brought an end to its one-child policy. It may once seemed to have been a shortcut to riches, but it has had a profound effect on society.	10	2016 214 pages Social & Economic conditions
Forster, Deborah <i>The meaning of Grace</i>	One day Grace Fisher, mother of three, changes every single thing in her life. She takes off to the coast with her three kids and never comes back. She leaves her sad, hopeless husband behind and soon enough he falls apart. And as Grace sets up in Yarrabeen, holding down a job at the bakery and ironing for extra cash, the kids struggle with the mystery of how Dad got so swept away. Fending for themselves becomes the way of things.	10	2012 273 pages
Forster, E.M <i>A Room With a View</i>	When Lucy Honeychurch meets George Emerson in a hotel in Florence, she is intrigued but wary. Lucy's chaperone, her strict and overbearing cousin Charlotte, disapproves of Emerson because he is free-thinking in his opinions, unconventional in manners, and beneath them in social status....the two young people are increasingly drawn to each other, but back in England Lucy is constrained by the claustrophobic snobbery of her guardians, who encourage her to take up with a well-connected but pretentious boor.	10	1908 256 pages Classic
Forsyth, Frederick <i>The Kill List</i>	The kill list is a top secret catalogue of names held at the highest level of the US government. On it are those men and women who would threaten the world's security. And at the top of it, The Preacher, a radical Islamic cleric whose sermons inspire his followers to kill high profile Western targets in the name of God. As the bodies begin to pile up in America, Great Britain and across Europe, the message goes out: discover this man's identity, locate him and take him out.	10	2013 349 pages Spy story
Frayn, Michael <i>Spies</i>	<i>Winner of 2002 Whitbread Prize for Fiction</i> - Two boys start to suspect all is not as it seems when one day Keith announces a disconcerting discovery: the Germans have infiltrated his own family. When the secret underground world they have dreamed up emerges from the shadows, they find themselves engulfed in mysteries far deeper and more painful than they had bargained for.	10	2002 234 pages
Freud, Esther <i>Mr Mac and me</i>	Thomas Maggs, the crippled son of the village publican, lives with his family on Suffolk coast. His life is shaped by the seasons: fishing, farming and summer visitors, but all that Thomas longs for is adventure and a chance to go to sea. One day a mysterious artist arrives and immediately becomes a source of fascination to Thomas. His name is Charles Rennie Mackintosh, or Mac, as the locals call him. Yet just as their unlikely friendship begins to bloom, war with Germany is declared. As the summer guests flee, they are replaced by regiments of soldiers on their way to Belgium and the community becomes gradually more suspicious of the artist and his increasingly eccentric behaviour...	10	2014 293 pages Modern contemporar y fiction
Fry, Stephen <i>Moab is My Washpot</i>	Memoir of the first twenty years of Stephen Fry's life. "He writes superbly about his family, about his homosexuality, about the agonies of childhood....some of his bursts of simile take the breath away....his most satisfying and appealing book so far." Observer	10	1997 432 pages Non Fiction Memoir
Funder, Anna <i>All that I am</i>	When Hitler comes to power in 1933, a tight-knit group of friends and lovers become hunted outlaws overnight. United in their resistance to the madness and tyranny of Nazism, they must flee the country. They take breathtaking risks in order to continue their work in secret. A story of love and war, of friendship and betrayal. A novel.	10	2011 368 pages Germany England
Gaita, Raimond <i>Romulus, my Father</i> 	Romulus Gaita fled Yugoslavia aged thirteen, and came to Australia with his wife and their son soon after World War II. Tragic events were to overtake the boy's life, but Raimond Gaita has an extraordinary and moving tale to tell of growing up with his father in country Victoria. Romulus, My Father is the much-loved story of how a compassionate, honest man taught his son the meaning of living a decent life.	10	1998 208 pages Classic Non Fiction

Garcia Marquez, Gabriel <i>One Hundred Years of Solitude</i>	<i>Winner of 1982 Nobel Prize for Literature</i> - A band of adventurers establish a town in the heart of the South American jungle. The occasion marks the beginning of the world, of a great family, of a century of extraordinary events, and of quite an extraordinary novel.	10	1970 <i>336 pages</i>
Gardam, Jane <i>God on the Rocks</i>	During one glorious summer between the wars, the realities of life and the sexual ritual dance of the adult world creep into the life of young Margaret Marsh. Her father, preaching the doctrine of the unsavoury Primal Saints; her mother, bitterly nostalgic for what might have been; Charles and Binkie, anchored in the past; dying Mrs Frayling and Lydia the maid – all contribute to Margaret's shattering moment of truth. And when the storm breaks the summer hurtles towards drama, tragedy and a touch of farce.	10	1978 <i>215 pages</i>
Gardam, Jane <i>Old Filth</i>	Filth, in his heyday, was an international lawyer with a practice in the Far East. Now, only the oldest QC's and Silks can remember that his nickname stood for Failed in London Try Hong Kong. Long ago, Old Filth was a Raj orphan, one of the many young children sent 'Home' from the East to be fostered and educated in England. Encapsulates a whole period from the glory days of the British Empire, through the Second World War, to the present and beyond.	10	2004 <i>256 pages</i>
Garner, Helen <i>Everywhere I look</i> 	A collection of essays, diary entries and true stories spanning more than fifteen years of the work of one of Australia's greatest writers. It includes her famous and controversial essay on the insults of age, her deeply moving tribute to her mother, and the story of her joy in discovering the ukulele. It is a multifaceted profound portrait of life. It glows with wisdom and insight. Great stories to discuss... <i>Set includes an Audio CD</i>	10 1	2016 <i>227 pages</i>
Garner, Helen <i>Joe Cinque's Consolation</i> 	A true story of death, grief and the law. In October 1997, a law student at ANU made a bizarre plan to murder her boyfriend after a dinner party at their house. Some of the guests had heard rumours of the plan. Nobody warned Joe Cinque. He died one Sunday, in his own bed, of a massive dose of Rohypnol and heroin. His girlfriend and her best friend were charged with murder. Helen Garner followed the trials in the ACT Supreme Court. This book probes the gap between ethics and the law....and explores conscience, culpability, and the battered ideal of duty of care.	10	2004 <i>328 pages</i> Non fiction True Crime
Garner, Helen <i>The Spare Room</i> 	Helen lovingly prepares her spare room for her friend Nicola. She is coming to visit for three weeks to receive treatment she believes will cure her cancer. Helen becomes her nurse, her guardian angel and her stony judge. Tells a story of compassion, humour and rage as the two women – one sceptical, one stubbornly serene – negotiate an unmapped path through Nicola's bizarre therapy, stumbling towards the novel's terrible and transcendent finale.	10	2008 <i>195 pages</i> Hardcover Friendship
Garner, Helen <i>This House of Grief: the story of a murder trial</i> 	On Father's Day 2005, three young boys drowned when the car their father was driving went off the road and plunged into a dam. Was it possible that this could be a deliberate act, an embittered ex-husband's revenge on his wife? When the case went to court, it became Helen Garner's obsession, and she followed the proceedings until the final verdict.	10	2014 <i>300 pages</i> Non fiction True Crime
Gaskell, Elizabeth <i>North and South</i>	Set in the fictional industrial town of Milton in the north of England. Forced to leave her home in the tranquil, rural south, Margaret Hale settles with her parents in Milton. She witnesses the brutal world wrought by the Industrial Revolution, seeing employers and workers clashing in the first strikes. Sympathetic to the poor, whose courage and tenacity she admires and among whom she makes friends, she clashes with John Thornton. John is a nouveau riche cotton-mill owner who is contemptuous of his workers. The novel traces her growing understanding of the complexity of labour relations and their impact on well-meaning mill owners and her relationship with John Thornton.	10	1996 <i>496 pages</i> England Social classes

Gawande, Atul <i>Being Mortal</i>	Atul Gawande outlines a story that crosses the globe, as he explores the modern experience of mortality – what it's like to get old and die, how medicine has changed this and how it hasn't, where our ideas about death have gone wrong. The systems that we have put in place to manage our mortality are manifestly failing, but, as Gawande reveals, it doesn't have to be this way. The ultimate goal, after all, is not a good death, but a good life – all the way to the very end.	10	2015 282 pages Non fiction
Genova, Lisa <i>Still Alice</i>	What if you were to lose every memory you ever had? When Alice finds herself in the rapidly downward spiral of Alzheimer's disease, she is just fifty years old. A University professor, wife, and mother of three, she still has books to write, places to see, grandchildren to meet. But when she cannot remember how to make her famous Christmas pudding, when she gets lost in her own back yard, when she fails to recognise her actress daughter after a superb performance, she comes up with a plan.	10	2009 387 pages
Gilbert, Elizabeth <i>The Signature of All Things</i>	At the beginning of the 19th Century Alma Whittaker is born into a perfect Philadelphia winter. Her father, Henry Whittaker, is a bold and charismatic botanical explorer whose vast fortune belies his lowly beginnings as a vagrant in Sir Joseph Banks' Kew Gardens and as a deck hand on Captain Cook's HMS Resolution. Alma's mother, a strict woman from an esteemed Dutch family, has a knowledge of botany equal to any man's. It is not long before Alma, an independent girl with a thirst for knowledge, comes into her own within the world of plants and science. But as her careful studies of moss take her deeper into the mysteries of evolution, the man she comes to love draws her in the opposite direction.	10	2013 499 pages
Goolrick, Robert <i>A reliable wife</i>	The year is 1907 and Ralph Truitt, a wealthy but lonely country businessman in his fifties, advertises in a Chicago paper for a 'reliable wife'. Catherine Land, a beautiful thirty-four year old responds that she is a 'simple, honest woman' but the photo she sends with her response is of someone else... <i>(Description from Dymocks)</i>	10	2009 291 pages
Green, John <i>The Fault In Our Stars</i>	Despite the tumour-shrinking medical miracle that has bought her a few years, Hazel has never been anything but terminal, her final chapter inscribed upon diagnosis. But when a gorgeous plot twist named Augustus Waters suddenly appears at Cancer Kid Support Group, Hazel's story is about to be completely rewritten. Insightful, bold, irreverent, and raw, <i>The Fault in Our Stars</i> is award-winning author John Green's most ambitious and heartbreakin work yet, brilliantly exploring the funny, thrilling, and tragic business of being alive and in love.	10	2012 318 pages
Greene, Graham <i>The end of the affair</i>	The love affair between Maurice Bendrix and Sarah, flourishing in the turbulent times of the London Blitz, ends when she suddenly and without explanation breaks it off. After a chance meeting rekindles his love and jealousy two years later, Bendrix hires a private detective to follow Sarah, and slowly his love for her starts to turn into an obsession. (Donated Bookset)	10	2004 160 pages
Grenville, Kate <i>The Lieutenant</i> 	Lieutenant Daniel Rooke sails into Sydney Cove with the First Fleet, hoping to advance his career. Instead his life is unimaginably changed. A young aboriginal girl visits and begins to teach him her language. As they learn to speak together, they build a rapport that bridges the gap between their dangerously different worlds. Then Rooke is given a command that forces him to choose between his duty as a soldier and the friendship that has become so precious to him.	10	2008 302 pages Australia history
Grenville, Kate <i>Sarah Thornhill</i> 	Sarah Thornhill is the youngest child of William Thornhill, convict-turned-landowner on the Hawkesbury River. Her stepmother calls her wilful, but handsome Jack Langland loves her and she loves him. Me and Jack, she thinks, how could it go wrong? But there is an ugly secret in Sarah's family. That secret takes her into the darkness of the past, and across the ocean to the wild coasts of New Zealand. Among the strangers of that other place she can begin to understand.	10	2012 307 pages

Grenville, Kate The Secret River 	<i>Winner of 2006 Commonwealth Writer's Prize</i> - In 1806 William Thornhill, a man of quick temper and deep feelings, is transported from the slums of London to New South Wales for the term of his natural life. With his wife Sal and their children he arrives in a harsh land he cannot understand. But the colony can turn a convict into a free man. Eight years later Thornhill sails up the Hawkesbury to claim a hundred acres for himself. Aboriginal people already live on that river. And other recent arrivals—Thomas Blackwood, Smasher Sullivan and Mrs Herring—are finding their own ways to respond to them.	10	2005 368 pages Australia history
Grogan, John Marley and Me	John and Jenny were young and in love, without a care in the world. Then they brought Marley home and their lives changed forever. Marley quickly grew into a 44-kilo steamroller of a Labrador retriever, a dog like no other. He crashed through screen doors, stole women's' undergarments and ate nearly everything he could get his mouth around....Is it possible for humans to discover the key to happiness through a larger-than-life dog? Just ask the Grogans.	10	2005 289 pages Non Fiction Memoir
Haddon, Mark The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time	<i>Winner of 2003 Whitbread Book of the Year</i> - Christopher Boone, the autistic 15-year-old narrator of this revelatory novel, relaxes by groaning and doing maths problems in his head, eats red - but not yellow or brown - foods and screams when he is touched. When his neighbour's poodle is killed and Christopher is falsely accused of the crime, he decides that he will investigate, which leads him to unravel a very personal issue of his own.	10	2003 240 pages
Hall, Sarah The Wolf Border	For almost a decade Rachel Caine has turned her back on home, kept distant by family disputes and her work monitoring wolves on an Idaho reservation. But now, summoned by the eccentric Earl of Annerdale and his controversial scheme to reintroduce the Grey Wolf to the English countryside, she is back in the peat and wet light of the Lake District. The earl's project harks back to an ancient idyll of untamed British wilderness - though Rachel must contend with modern-day concessions to health and safety, public outrage and political gain - and the return of the Grey after hundreds of years coincides with her own regeneration: impending motherhood, and reconciliation with her estranged family. <i>(Description from Angus & Robertson)</i>	10	2015 448 pages
Halls, Geraldine The Last Summer of the Men Shortage 	Men are hard to come by the summer of 1945, and those that Dinah does find are stolen by Claudia with appalling regularity. Dinah and Claudia are young Adelaide women, teaming up to enjoy their independence in exotic Sydney during days drenched in sunshine and sentimental songs. Claudia is in love with Andrew, who has a wife, a 'way of life' and a taste for cruelty.	10	1976 225 pages
Ham, Rosalie The Dressmaker 	This is the story of the exotic Tilly, a talented and beautiful misfit, who returns from Europe to Dungatar to nurse her mad old mother. Her appearance after twenty years is met with suspicion and malice from the eccentric locals until they discover her startling dressmaking skills. Then she falls in love and things go terribly wrong.	10	2000 296 pages
Hammer, Chris Scrublands 	In an isolated country town brought to its knees by endless drought, a charismatic and dedicated young priest calmly opens fire on his congregation, killing five parishioners before being shot dead himself. A year later, troubled journalist Martin Scarsden arrives in Riversend to write a feature on the anniversary of the tragedy. But the stories he hears from the locals about the priest and incidents leading up to the shooting don't fit with the accepted version of events his own newspaper reported in an award-winning investigation. Martin can't ignore his doubts, nor the urgings of some locals to unearth the real reason behind the priest's deadly rampage.	10	2018 481 pages Crime
Hamid, Mohsin The Reluctant Fundamentalist	A young Pakistani meets a US American in Lahore and tells him about his old "successful" life in the USA – until 9/11, which changed everything. A crime novel - set in our time of huge global change and challenges; it asks fundamental questions about ethnic tolerance and the American Dream today.	10	2007 141 pages

Harari, Yuval Noah <i>Sapiens: A Brief History of Humankind</i>	One hundred thousand years ago, at least six human species inhabited the earth. Today there is just one. Us. Homo sapiens. How did our species succeed in the battle for dominance? Why did our foraging ancestors come together to create cities and kingdoms? How did we come to believe in gods, nations, and human rights; to trust money, books, and laws; and to be enslaved by bureaucracy, timetables, and consumerism? And what will our world be like in the millennia to come? Bold, wide-ranging, and provocative, Sapiens challenges everything we thought we knew about being human: our thoughts, our actions, our heritage...and our future.	10	2014 466 pages Humans
Harding Browne, Carys <i>Carys: diary of a young girl, Adelaide 1940-42</i>	In 1940 a seventeen-year-old girl called Carys Harding Browne comes of age in Adelaide, Australia. At St Mark's University College, young, clever men meet together to share their love of poetry. However, by December 1940, St Mark's College is leased to the Royal Australian Air Force as an embarkation depot. The second World War is in earnest. This story is about young people growing up and falling in love against the backdrop of war where dances, friendship and the arts become a consolation in a fragile and uncertain time. 	10	2018 216 pages
Hardy, Thomas <i>Far from the madding crowd</i>	Bathsheba Everdene is a proud working woman whose life is complicated by three different men – respectable farmer Boldwood, seductive Sergeant Troy and her devoted Gabriel, making her the object of scandal and betrayal. Vividly portraying the superstitions and traditions of a small rural community it shows the precarious position of a woman in a man's world.	10	1874 448 pages Classic
Harper, Jane <i>The dry</i>	Winner of the Abia Book of the Year 2017 – Who Really Killed the Hadler Family? It hasn't rained in Kiewarra for two years. Tensions in the farming community become unbearable when three members of the Hadler family are discovered shot to death on their property. Everyone assumes Luke Hadler committed suicide after slaughtering his wife and six-year-old son. Federal Police investigator Aaron Falk returns to his hometown for the funerals and is unwillingly drawn into the investigation. As suspicion spreads through the town, Falk is forced to confront the community that rejected him twenty years earlier. Because Falk and his childhood friend Luke Hadler shared a secret, one which Luke's death threatens to unearth. 	10	2016 326 pages
Harper, Jane <i>Force of nature</i>	When a group of colleagues are forced to participate in a team-building exercise in the Girralang Ranges, they reluctantly start walking down the muddy track. But Alice Russell doesn't appear at the other end. Her last phone call was to Federal Police Agent Aaron Falk. Alice is the whistleblower in his latest corporate fraud case and as he pursues the investigation, Falk uncovers a tangled web of suspicion and betrayal. How well do we know the people we work with? 	10	2017 421 pages
Hawthorne, Nathaniel <i>The Scarlet Letter</i>	Hester Prynne is a beautiful young woman. She is also an outcast. In the eyes of her neighbours she has committed an unforgivable sin. Everyone knows that her little daughter, Pearl, is the product of an illicit affair but no one knows the identity of Pearl's father. Hester's refusal to name him brings more condemnation upon her. But she stands strong in the face of public scorn, even when she is forced to wear the sign of her shame sewn onto her clothes; the scarlet letter 'A' for Adulteress	10	1850 273 pages Classic
Higgins, Winton <i>Rule of Law</i>	Here we have the drama of the first Nuremberg trial of 1945-6, where the atrocities of the Third Reich were uncovered for a world-wide audience for the first time. Concepts we take for granted now - crimes against humanity, a world court, an international criminal justice system - were born and nurtured in Nuremberg. This gripping account uses fiction to bring to life the personalities, principles and philosophies that contributed to the delivery of justice – & one of history's most important trials. 	10	2016 304 pages Historical fiction Germany Australian

Hirsi Ali, Ayaan Nomad	Following on from Infidel, this the story of Ayaan Hirsi Ali's physical and emotional journey to freedom, as she arrives in the US to build a new life, an ocean away from the death threats made against her by European Islamists. Through stories of the challenges she has faced, she shows the difficulty of reconciling the contradictions of Islam with Western values.	10	2010 274 pages Memoir Islam Non Fiction
Hislop, Victoria The Island	On the brink of a life-changing decision, Alexis Fielding longs to find out about her mother's past. But Sofia has never spoken of it. All she admits to is growing up in a small Cretan village, before moving to London. When Alexis decides to visit Crete, Sofia gives her a letter to take to an old friend and promises that through her she will learn more. On the former leper colony of Spinalonga she finds Fotini, and at last hears the story that Sofia has buried all her life; the tale of her great-grandmother Eleni and her daughters, and a family rent by tragedy, war and passion.	10	2005 490 pages
Hoeg, Peter Miss Smilla's Feeling for Snow	A little boy falls off a roof in Copenhagen and is killed. Smilla, his neighbour, suspects it is not an accident: she has seen his footsteps in the snow, and, having been brought up by her mother, a Greenlander, she has a feeling for snow.	10	1992 410 pages
Honeyman, Gail Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine	Eleanor Oliphant has learned how to survive but not how to live. Eleanor Oliphant leads a simple life. She wears the same clothes to work every day, eats the same meal deal for lunch every day and buys the same two bottles of vodka to drink every weekend. Eleanor Oliphant is happy. Nothing is missing from her carefully timetabled life. Except, sometimes, everything. One simple act of kindness is about to shatter the walls Eleanor has built around herself. Now she must learn how to navigate the world that everyone else seems to take for granted – while searching for the courage to face the dark corners she's avoided all her life. Change can be good. Change can be bad. But surely any change should be better than... fine ?	10	2017 383 pages Relationships Social – isolation Women
Hooper, Chloe The arsonist: a mind on fire 	On the scorching February day in 2009 that became known as Black Saturday, a man lit two fires in Victoria's Latrobe Valley, then sat on the roof of his house to watch the inferno. In the Valley, where the rates of crime were the highest in the state, more than 30 people were known to police as firebugs. But the detectives found themselves on the trail of a man they didn't know. <i>The Arsonist</i> takes readers on the hunt for this man, and inside the strange puzzle of his mind. It is also the story of fire in this country, and of a community that owed its existence to that very element. The command of fire has defined and sustained us as a species – understanding its abuse will define our future.	10	2018 245 pages Bushfires Australia True Crime Non Fiction
Horowitz, Anthony The House of Silk	In London, November 1890, Sherlock Holmes and Dr Watson are enjoying tea by the fire when an agitated gentleman arrives unannounced at 221B Baker Street. He begs for help because of a scar faced stalker which takes Holmes and Watson through a series of puzzling and sinister events from London to Boston searching for the answer to a mysterious entity called 'the House of Silk'.	10	2011 294 pages
Hospital, Janette Turner Orpheus Lost 	Leela is a gifted mathematician who has escaped her small Southern town to study in Boston. From the first moment she hears Mishka, a young Australian musician, playing his violin in a subway, his music grips her, and they quickly become lovers. But Mishka is not all he seems – and the world around them is nothing like Leela thought it was. In this compelling re-imagining of the Orpheus story, Leela travels to an underworld of kidnapping, torture and despair in search of the truth – and the man she loves.	10	2007 358 pages
Hsu, Huan The porcelain thief	It is 1938. The Japanese army were fast approaching Xingang, the Yangtze River hometown of Huan Hsu's great-great-grandfather, Liu. Along with his five granddaughters, Liu prepares to flee. Before they leave, they dig a hole and fill it to the brim with family heirlooms. Amongst their antique furniture, jade and scrolls, was Liu's vast collection of prized antique porcelain. A decades-long flight across war-torn China splintered the family over thousands of miles. Grandfather Liu's treasure remained buried along with a time that no one wished to speak of. And no one returned to find it - until now. (Description by Dymocks)	10	2015 364 pages Memoir Non Fiction

Hughes, Kathryn <i>George Eliot: The Last Victorian</i>	Mary Ann Evans, aka George Eliot (1819-1880) achieved lasting renown with the novels <i>Silas Marner</i> , <i>Middlemarch</i> , and <i>Adam Bede</i> . Her masterworks were written after years of living an unconventional life, including a scandalous voyage to Europe with the married writer and editor George Henry Lewes. The scandal intensified when she moved in with Lewes after he separated from his wife. Eliot re-entered London's social life years later, when her literary success made it impossible for respectable society to dismiss her (even Queen Victoria enjoyed her books). She counted among her friends and supporters Dickens, Trollope, and several other Victorian literati. In this intimate biography, author Hughes provides insight into Eliot's life and work, weighing Eliot's motivations for her controversial actions, and examining the paradoxical Victorian society which she documented to perfection in her novels. (<i>Description from Angus & Robertson</i>)	10	1998 488 pages
Huxley, Aldous <i>Brave New World</i>	Far in the future, the World Controllers have created the ideal society. Through clever use of genetic engineering, brainwashing and recreational sex and drugs all its members are happy consumers. Bernard Marx seems alone harbouring an ill-defined longing to break free. (<i>Description from Angus & Robertson</i>)	10	1932 340 pages
Ishiguro, Kazuo <i>Never Let Me Go</i>	Shortlisted for 2005 Booker Prize for Fiction – Kathy, Ruth and Tommy were pupils at Hailsham – an idyllic establishment deep in the English countryside. The children there were tenderly sheltered from the outside world, brought up to believe they were special, and that their personal welfare was crucial. But why were they really there? It is only years later that Kathy, now thirty-one, allows herself to yield to the pull of memory. What unfolds is a haunting story of how Kathy, Ruth and Tommy slowly come to face the truth about their seemingly happy childhoods – and about their futures.	10	2005 263 pages
Ivey, Eowyn <i>The Snow Child</i>	Alaska, 1920: a brutal place to homestead, and especially tough for recent arrivals Jack and Mabel. Childless, they are drifting apart – he is struggling to maintain the farm; she's crumbling from loneliness and despair. In a moment of levity during the season's first snowfall, they build a child out of snow. The next morning the snow child is gone--but they glimpse a young, blonde-haired girl running through the trees. This little girl, who calls herself Faina, seems to be a child of the woods. She hunts with a red fox at her side, skims lightly across the snow, and somehow survives alone in the Alaskan wilderness. As Jack and Mabel struggle to understand this child, they come to love her as their own daughter. But in this beautiful, violent place things are rarely as they appear, and what they eventually learn about Faina will transform all of them.	10	2012 386 pages
James, Clive <i>Unreliable Memoirs</i> 	"I was born in 1939. The other big event of that year was the outbreak of the Second World War, but for the moment, that did not affect me.' In the first instalment of Clive James's memoirs, we meet the young Clive, dressed in short trousers, and wrestling with the demands of school, various relatives and the occasional snake, in the suburbs of post-war Sydney."	10	1980 182 pages Non fiction Auto-biography
James, P.D. <i>A Certain Justice</i>	An Adam Dalgliesh novel. When Venetia Aldridge QC defends young Gary Ashe, accused of the brutal murder of his aunt, this is just one more opportunity for her to triumph in a distinguished career as a criminal lawyer. Then Miss Aldridge is found dead at her desk, and Dalgliesh is called in...	10	1997 482 pages
James, P.D. <i>The Lighthouse</i>	The eagerly awaited successor to the international bestseller <i>The Murder Room</i> . Combe Island, off the Cornish coast, has a bloodstained history of piracy and cruelty but now, privately owned, it offers respite to over-stressed men and women in positions of high authority who require privacy and guaranteed security. But the peace of Combe is violated when one of the distinguished visitors is bizarrely murdered.	10	2005 400 pages
Jerome, Jerome.K <i>Three men in a boat</i>	What could be more relaxing than a refreshing holiday on the river with your two best friends and faithful canine companion, Montmorency? However there is more to life on the waves than meets the eye -- including navigational challenges, culinary disasters, and heroic battles with swans, kettles and tins of pineapple.	10	Pages Classic

Johnston, Jennifer <i>The Gingerbread Woman</i>	From a rather testy encounter develops a remarkable friendship between a man and a woman. A story of two individuals, of the loves they have lost, and of the troubled bond between parents and children.	10	2000 213 pages Hardcover
Jonasson, Jonas <i>The Hundred-Year-Old Man Who Climbed Out Of The Window And Disappeared</i>	Sitting quietly in his room in an old people's home, Allan Karlsson is waiting for a party he doesn't want to begin. His one-hundredth birthday party to be precise. The Mayor will be there. The press will be there. But, as it turns out, Allan will not... Escaping (in his slippers) through his bedroom window, into the flowerbed, Allan makes his getaway. And so begins his picaresque and unlikely journey involving criminals, several murders, a suitcase full of cash, and incompetent police. As his escapades unfold, Allan's earlier life is revealed. A life in which - remarkably - he played a key role behind the scenes in some of the momentous events of the twentieth century.	10	2009 385 pages
Jones, Dan <i>The Templars</i> 	The Knights Templar were the wealthiest, most powerful and most secretive of the military orders that flourished in the crusading era. This is the story of their rise as a warrior elite, fighting in the greatest international conflict of the Middle Ages, their evolution into power players at the centre of global politics and finance, and their bloody and humiliating fall.	10	2017 415 pages Crusades Masonic order
Jones, Tony <i>The twentieth man</i> 	He was the only one left alive. Now it was his turn to die. In September 1972, Anna Rosen takes an early morning phone call from her boss at the ABC telling her about two bombings in Sydney's busy CBD. It's the worst terrorist attack in the country's history and Anna has no doubt which group is responsible for the carnage. She has been investigating the role of alleged war criminals in the globally active Ustasha movement. High in the Austrian Alps, Marin Katich is one of twenty would-be revolutionaries who slip stealthily over the border into Yugoslavia on a mission planned and funded in Australia. It will have devastating consequences for all involved. Soon the arrival in Australia of Yugoslavia's prime minister will trigger the next move in a deadly international struggle.	10	2017 480 pages
Jordan, Toni <i>Addition</i>  	Grace Lisa Vandenburg counts. The letters in her name (19). The steps she takes every morning to the local café (920), the number of poppy seeds on her slice of orange cake, which dictates the number of bites she will take to finish it. Grace counts everything, because numbers hold the world together. Seamus Joseph O'Reilly (also a 19, with the sexiest hands Grace has ever seen) thinks she might be better off not counting. If she could hold down a job, say. Or open her kitchen cupboards without conducting an inventory or make a sandwich containing an unknown number of sprouts. Grace's problem is that Seamus doesn't count. Her other problem is ... he does.	10	2008 217 pages Contemporary romance
Joyce, Rachel <i>Perfect</i>	Summer, 1972: In the claustrophobic heat, eleven-year-old Byron and his friend begin 'Operation Perfect', a hapless mission to rescue Byron's mother from impending crisis. Winter, present day: As frost creeps across the moor, Jim cleans tables in the local café, a solitary figure struggling with OCD. His job is a relief from the rituals that govern his nights. Little would seem to connect them except that two seconds can change everything. And if your world can be shattered in an instant, can time also put it right?	10	2013 440 pages Time allocation Life changing events
Joyce, Rachel <i>The unlikely pilgrimage of Harold Fry</i>	When Harold Fry nips out one morning to post a letter, leaving his wife hoovering upstairs, he has no idea that he is about to walk from one end of the country to the other. He has no hiking boots or map, let alone a compass, waterproof or mobile phone. All he knows is that he must keep walking. To save someone else's life.	10	2012 357 pages

Kalanithi, Paul <i>When Breath Becomes Air</i>	At the age of 36, on the verge of completing a decade's training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with inoperable lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, the next he was a patient struggling to live. The book chronicles Kalanithi's transformation from a medical student in search of what makes a virtuous and meaningful life into a neurosurgeon working in the core of human identity – the brain – and finally into a patient and a new father.	10	2016 225 pages Non Fiction
Kaminsky, Leah <i>The Waiting Room</i>	Dina is a family doctor living in the melting-pot city of Haifa, Israel. Born in Australia in a Jewish enclave of Melbourne to Holocaust survivors, Dina left behind a childhood marred by misery and the tragedies of the past to build a new life for herself in the Promised Land. After starting a family of her own, she finds her life falling apart beneath the demands of her eccentric patients, a marriage starting to fray, the ever-present threat of terrorist attack and the ghost of her mother, haunting her with memories that Dina would prefer to leave on the other side of the world.	10	2015 281 pages
Kelly, Cathy <i>The house on Willow Street</i>	In the sleepy Irish coastal town of Avalon the big house on Willow Street has stood for generations. Tess Power grew up there, but now, from her cosy cottage shared with teenage son Zach and nine-year-old Kitty, Tess faces a crumbling marriage and a dwindling antiques business. The big house is up for sale and with it its memories, especially for Cashel, who returns to the town for the first time in many years with the ghosts of the distant past – and the woman he swore to forget – still haunting him.	10	2012 460 pages
Kelly, Lynne <i>The memory code</i>	The past, the elders had encyclopaedic memories. They could name all the animals and plants across the landscape and the stars in the sky too. Yet most of us struggle to memorise more than a short poem. This book explores how to train our memories today.	10	2016 336 Pages
Kent, Hannah <i>Burial Rites</i> 	In northern Iceland, 1829, Agnes Magnisdottir is condemned to death for her part in the brutal murder of two men. Agnes is sent to wait out the time leading to her execution on the farm of District Officer Jon Jonsson, his wife and their two daughters. Horrified to have a convicted murderer in their midst, the family avoids speaking with Agnes. Only Toti, the young Assistant Reverend appointed as Agnes' spiritual guardian, is compelled to try to understand her, while he attempts to salvage her soul.	10	2013 338 pages Crime <i>Kingsolver</i>
Kent, Hannah <i>The good people</i> 	Nóra Leahy has lost her daughter and her husband in the same year, and is now burdened with the care of her four-year-old grandson, Micheál. The boy cannot walk, or speak, and Nora, mistrustful of the tongues of gossips, has kept the child hidden from those who might see in his deformity evidence of otherworldly interference. Unable to care for the child alone, Nóra hires a fourteen-year-old servant girl, Mary, who soon hears the whispers in the valley about the blasted creature causing grief to fall upon the widow's house. Alone, hedged in by rumour, Mary and her mistress seek out the only person in the valley who might be able to help Micheál. (Donated Bookset)	10	2016
Kidd, Sue Monk <i>The Invention of Wings</i>	Handful's always been trouble. A slave in the Grimke household like her beloved mother Charlotte, Handful knows the rules, in all their brutality, but no one can stop her pushing them to the limit. When, at ten year old, she's presented to her owner's most difficult daughter, Sarah, as a birthday present, the sparks begin to fly.	10	2014 437 pages American Women's rights
Kidd, Sue Monk <i>The Secret Life of Bees</i>	Set in South Carolina in 1964, telling the story of Lily Owens, whose life has been shaped around the blurred memory of the afternoon her mother was killed. When Lily's fierce-hearted "stand-in mother," Rosaleen, insults three of the town's fiercest racists, Lily decides they should both escape to Tiburon, South Carolina - a town that holds the secret to her mother's past. There they are taken in by an eccentric trio of black beekeeping sisters who introduce Lily to a mesmerising world of bees, honey, and the Black Madonna who presides over their household. This is a remarkable story about divine female power and the transforming power of love. Set includes one DVD.	10	2001 336 pages

Killens, Sharyn & Lewis, Lindsayome <i>The inconvenient child: an abandoned Australian child struggles to survive and find her African American father</i>	It is 1948, Sydney. Pretty, blonde Grace discovers she is pregnant to a black merchant marine that has sailed back to America. The White Australia Policy is in place and society's judgment matters so what will Grace do with this baby? This is the true story of Sharyn Killens, the inconvenient child, who at the age of five was abandoned to an orphanage by her elegant mother but later sets out in search of her roots, a quest taking her across the world.	10	2009 386 pages Racially mixed Australia Biography
Kingsolver, Barbara <i>The Bean Trees</i>	Plucky Taylor Greer grows up in rural Kentucky with two goals: to avoid pregnancy and to get away. She succeeds on both counts when she buys an old car and heads west. But midway across the country motherhood catches up with her when she becomes guardian of an abandoned baby girl she calls Turtle. In Tucson they encounter an extraordinary array of people, and with their help Taylor builds herself and her sweet, stunned child a life.	10	1988 232 pages
Kingsolver, Barbara <i>The Lacuna</i>	Mexico, 1935. Harrison Shepherd is working in the household of famed muralist Diego Rivera and his wife Frida Kahlo. Sometimes cook, sometimes secretary, Shepherd is always an observer, recording his experiences in diaries and notebooks. When exiled Bolshevik leader Lev Trotsky arrives, Shepherd inadvertently casts in his lot with art and revolution and his aim for an invisible life is thwarted forever. The Lacuna is a gripping story of identity, the connection with our past and the power of words to create or devastate.	10	2009 670 pages
Kingsolver, Barbara <i>The Poisonwood Bible</i>	Told by the wife and daughters of Nathan Price, a fierce evangelical Baptist who takes his family and mission to the Belgian Congo in 1959, the story of one family's tragic undoing and remarkable reconstruction over the course of three decades in post-colonial Africa. They carry with them all they believe they will need from home, but soon find that all of it – from garden seeds to Scripture – is calamitously transformed on African soil.	10	1998 614 pages
Kingsolver, Barbara <i>Prodigal Summer</i>	The story of two women from the Appalachian farming community whose lives are profoundly changed over the course of one summer. Deanna, a reclusive forest ranger, is caught off guard by a young hunter and must decide whether to sacrifice her solitary life for love. And Lusa, left widowed by a terrible accident after only one year of marriage, discovers the possibilities in the acres of land which her husband has left her. A few miles down the road are her neighbours with their own stories. These characters find not only their connections to each other but a sense of the beautiful fragile land which they share.	10	2000 447 Pages Mountain life Farm life
Knox, Malcolm <i>Secrets of the Jury Room</i>	Juries are the hinge of our justice system, yet we know almost nothing about them. The jury is a very secret cabal, protected by the law of parliament that prevents outsiders from soliciting jurors' stories and the law of human fear that dissuades jurors from identifying themselves. From the extraordinary account of a dramatic murder trial and the equally remarkable story of how twelve vastly different people, brought together by chance and given the power to decide on a man's future, can find common ground, Knox shows how the jury system can work – despite the failures of the system that undermine it.	9	2005 317 pages Non Fiction Law Out of Print
Koch, Herman <i>The Dinner</i>	Paul Lohman and his brother Serge and their wives are going out to dinner. Paul knows the evening will not be fun. The restaurant will be overpriced and pretentious, and almost everything the charismatic Serge does will infuriate him. When the small talk is over, the conversation will turn to their teenage sons and the terrible thing they have done. And how far the four of them will go to save their children from the consequences of the actions. (Donated Bookset)	10	2009 309 pages
Koppel, Lily <i>The Astronaut Wives Club</i>	Tells the story of the women who stood beside some of the biggest heroes in American history. As their celebrity rose, and as divorce and tragedy began to touch their lives, the wives continued to rally together, forming bonds that would withstand the test of time. They have stayed friends for over half a century.	10	2013 299 pages Non Fiction

Lahiri, Jhumpa <i>The Namesake</i>	Gogol is named after his father's favourite author, but growing up in an Indian family in suburban America the boy starts to hate the awkward name and itches to cast it off, along with the inherited values it represents. Determined to live a life far removed from that of his parents, Gogol sets off on his own path only to discover that the search for identity depends on much more than a name.	10	2003 291 pages
Lansens, Lori <i>The Girls</i>	Rarely has the experience of being a sister been so poignantly and memorably captured. The Girls celebrates life's fundamental joys and trials as it presents Rose and Ruby, sisters destined to live inseparably but blessed with distinct sensibilities that enrich and complicate their shared experiences-of growing up, of finding their way in the world, and of saying good-bye.	10	2005 346 pages
Laveau-Harvie, Vicki <i>The Erratics</i> 	<i>Finch Memoir Prize</i> - When her elderly mother is hospitalised after an accident, Vicki and her sister travel to their parents' isolated ranch home in Alberta, Canada, to help their father. Estranged from their parents for many years, Vicki and her sister are horrified by what they discover on their arrival. For years their mother has camouflaged her manic delusions and savage unpredictability, and over the decades she has managed to shut herself and her husband from the outside world systematically starving him and making him a virtual prisoner in his own home. Vicki and her sister have a lot to do, in very little time. And they have to contend with their mother whose favourite phrase during their childhood years was 'I'll get you and you won't even know I'm doing it'. A sharp, darkly funny and wholly compelling memoir – it will take your breath away.	10	2018 217 pages Family relationships Mental Health Non Fiction Autobiography
Lay, Graeme <i>The Secret Life of James Cook</i>	A fictionalised account of the famous navigator's early naval career, his marriage to Elizabeth and their family life. Graeme examines the relationship between James and his equally remarkable wife, Elizabeth, the woman he married when he was 34 and she 21, and by whom he had six children, all born while he was away at sea. Depicts the often-stormy relationship between the self-made English naval commander Joseph Banks, who accompanied Cook on his first world voyage. 'Feeling the chill of the breeze on his face, James lifted his chin to the wind. This was it, the real beginning..'	10	2013 365 pages Adventure
Le, Nam <i>The Boat</i> 	2009 NSW Premier's Literary Award Book of the Year - A stunningly inventive, deeply moving fiction debut: stories that take us from the slums of Colombia to the streets of Tehran; from New York City to Iowa City; from a tiny fishing village in Australia to a foundering vessel in the South China Sea, in a masterful display of literary virtuosity and feeling. An extraordinary work of fiction that takes us to the heart of what it means to be human, and announces a writer of astonishing gifts.	10	2008 Short stories
Lear, Linda <i>Beatrix Potter: a life in nature</i>	Beatrix Potter, the twentieth century's most beloved children's writer and illustrator, created books that will forever conjure nature for millions. This remarkable new biography is a voyage of discovery into the story of an extraordinary woman. At a time when plunder was more popular than preservation, she brought nature back into the English imagination. "Beatrix Potter: A Life In Nature" reveals a strong, humorous and independent woman, whose art was timeless, and whose generosity left an indelible imprint on the countryside.	10	2007 446 pages Hardcover Non Fiction Biography
Lee, Harper <i>Go Set A Watchman</i>	Twenty six year old Scout returns home from New York City to visit her ageing father, Atticus. Set against the backdrop of the civil rights tensions this novel captures a young woman, and a world, in painful yet necessary transition out of the illusions of the past, a journey that can be guided only by one's own conscience.	10	2015 278 pages
Lee, Harper <i>To Kill a Mockingbird</i>	<i>1961 Pulitzer Prize winner</i> - The classic story of a black man charged with the rape of a white girl and a town steeped in prejudice. Set in Maycomb, Alabama this is an enchanting, intensely moving story as seen through the eyes of Scout and Jem Finch. At the age of eight, Scout Finch is an entrenched free-thinker. She can accept her father's warning that it is a sin to kill a mockingbird, because mockingbird harms no one and gives great pleasure. The time is the Depression, but Scout and her brother, Jem, are seldom depressed. Their father Atticus is a man of unfaltering good will and humour, and partly because of this, the children become involved in some disturbing adult mysteries.	10 + CD	1960 309 pages Classic

Legge, Kate The Marriage Club	On Monday, Leith Kremmer's book-club friends meet in her lounge room, catch up and indulge in her champagne supper. Upstairs, Leith's husband George practices his golf swing. The next morning Leith is dead under suspicious circumstances. One week later George, a family court judge, has delved into his marriage in a desperate attempt to comprehend her death. Leith's friends, in examining their own marriages, have emerged far from unscathed.	8	Out of Print 2009 292 pages Crime
Lessing, Doris The memoirs of a survivor	In a beleaguered city where rats and roving gangs terrorize the streets, where government has broken down and meaningless violence holds sway, a woman – middle-aged and middle-class – is brought a twelve-year old girl and told that it is her responsibility to raise the child. A dystopian novel.	10	1974 213 pages Time-travel Mothers & daughters
Levy, Andrea Small Island	<i>Winner of the 2004 Orange Prize for Fiction and 2005 Commonwealth Writer's Prize</i> - Hortense Joseph arrives in London from Jamaica in 1948 with her life in her suitcase, her heart broken, her resolve intact. Her husband, Gilbert Joseph, returns from the war expecting to be received as a hero, but finds his status as a black man in Britain to be second class. His white landlady, Queenie, raised as a farmer's daughter, befriends Gilbert, and later Hortense, with innocence and courage - until the unexpected arrival of her husband, Bernard, who returns from combat with issues of his own to resolve.	10	2004 448 pages
Levy, Andrea The long song	<i>Finalist for the Man Booker Prize 2010</i> - Told in the irresistibly wilful and intimate voice of Miss July, with some editorial assistance from her son, Thomas, <i>The long song</i> is defiant, funny and shocking. The child of a field slave on the Amity sugar plantation in Jamaica, July lives with her mother until Mrs. Caroline Mortimer, a recently transplanted English widow, decides to move her into the great house and rename her "Marguerite". Set during the last years of slavery and the freedom that followed.	10	2010 395 pages Historical fiction
Lewycka, Marina A Short History of Tractors in Ukrainian	A wise, tender and deeply funny novel about families, the healing of old wounds, the trials and consolations of old age and - really - about the legacy of Europe's history over the last fifty years.	10	2005 304 pages
Lewycka, Marina Various Pets Alive & Dead	Marcus and Doro were part of a left-wing commune from the late 1960s until the early 1990s: lentils, free love spiffs, radical politics, cheesecloth blouses, sex, housework and cooking rotas, crochet, allotments. Their children have grown up rather different from them: primary schoolteacher Clara craves order and clean bathrooms, son Serge is pretending to his parents that he is still doing a Maths Ph.D. at Cambridge, while in fact working making loads of money in the city; third child Oolie Anna, who has Down's Syndrome, is desperate to escape home and live on her own. Once the truth starts breaking through, who knows what further secrets will be revealed about any of them?	10	2012 367 pages
Li, Cuxin Mao's Last Dancer	The extraordinary memoir of a peasant boy raised in rural Maoist China who was plucked from his village to study ballet and went on to become one of the greatest dancers of his generation. The true story of how that one moment in time changed the course of a small boy's life in ways that are beyond description.	10	2003 480 pages Non Fiction Memoir Ballet
Lindsay, Hilarie The washerwoman's dream	Winifred Steger travelled to Australia with her father in the 1880s when he took up a land grant in north Queensland. The grant proved to be worthless, and faced with poverty, endless backbreaking work and isolation, Winifred's father spiraled into depression and alcoholism. Left to fend for herself, Winifred battled insurmountable odds to maintain her dignity and sanity, finding solace in writing to ease her hardship. Fleeing an abusive marriage also meant the heartbreak of abandoning her four children - but then miraculously she found love with an Indian trader, Ali. Winifred bore him children and the family moved to outback Australia where they ran a camel line. A new phase began in Winifred's life, taking her to places she had only ever dreamed of. This is a story of an extraordinary woman with an indomitable spirit, and is now an enduring Australian classic.	10	2002 496 pages

Llewellyn, Kate <i>A Fig at the Gate: the joys of friendship, gardening and the gaining of wisdom</i> 	Following the joyful crafting of her gardens in the Blue Mountains and north of Wollongong, Kate creates a new garden near the sea in Adelaide, planting olives, plums, limes and blood oranges, learning how to keep poultry, setting a duck on eggs. Delight and enrichment come with the learning of new skills, being close to family and old friends, long companionable beach walks, rediscovering old recipes, food and wine.	10	2014 297 pages Non fiction South Australia Friendship
Lodge, David <i>Deaf Sentence</i>	When the university merged his Department of English with Linguistics, Professor Desmond Bates took early retirement, but he is not enjoying it. He misses the routine of the academic year and he has lost his appetite for research. His wife Winifred's late-flowering career goes from strength to strength, reducing his role to that of escort, and the monotony of his days are relieved only by wearisome journeys to London to check on his aged father. But these discontents are nothing compared to the affliction of hearing loss -- a constant source of domestic friction and social embarrassment, leading Desmond into mistakes, misunderstandings and follies. It might be comic for others, but for the deaf person himself, it is no joke.	10	2008 307 pages
Lovell, Mary S. <i>Bess of Hardwick: First Lady of Chatsworth</i>	Bess of Hardwick, born into the most brutal and turbulent period of England's history, did not have an auspicious start in life. Widowed for the first time at sixteen, she outlived four monarchs, married three more times, and died one of the most powerful women the country had ever seen.	10	2005 479 pages Non Fiction History Biography
MacCulloch, Diarmaid <i>Thomas Cromwell: a revolutionary life</i> 	The long-awaited biography of the genius who masterminded Henry VIII's bloody revolution in the English government, which reveals at last Cromwell's role in the downfall of Anne Boleyn. "This is a book that - and it's not often you can say this - we have been awaiting for four hundred years." --Hilary Mantel, author of Wolf Hall. Since the sixteenth century we have been fascinated by Henry VIII and the man who stood beside him, guiding him, enriching him, and enduring the king's insatiable appetites and violent outbursts until Henry ordered his beheading in July 1540. After a decade of sleuthing in the royal archives, Diarmaid MacCulloch has emerged with a tantalizing new understanding of Henry's mercurial chief minister, the inscrutable and utterly compelling Thomas Cromwell.	10	2018 552 pages Politics Great Britain Courts Non Fiction History Biography
Macintyre Ben <i>A spy among friends: Philby and the great betrayal</i>	Kim Philby was the greatest spy in history, a brilliant and charming man who rose to head Britain's counterintelligence against the Soviet Union during the height of the Cold War--while he was secretly working for the enemy. And nobody thought he knew Philby like Nicholas Elliott, Philby's best friend and fellow officer in MI6. The two men had gone to the same schools, belonged to the same exclusive clubs, grown close through the crucible of wartime intelligence work and long nights of drink and revelry. It was madness for one to think the other might be a communist spy, bent on subverting Western values and the power of the free world. But Philby was secretly betraying his friend. Every word Elliott breathed to Philby was transmitted back to Moscow--and not just Elliott's words, for in America, Philby had made another powerful friend: James Jesus Angleton, the crafty, paranoid head of CIA counterintelligence. Angleton's and Elliott's unwitting disclosures helped Philby sink almost every important Anglo-American spy operation for twenty years, leading countless operatives to their doom. Even as the web of suspicion closed around him, and Philby was driven to greater lies to protect his cover, his two friends never abandoned him--until it was too late. The stunning truth of his betrayal would have devastating consequences on the two men who thought they knew him best, and on the intelligence services he left crippled in his wake.	10	2014 298 pages Spies - Great Britain Espionage - Russia Non Fiction

MacLaverty, Bernard <i>Midwinter break</i>	A retired couple, Gerry and Stella Gilmore, fly to Amsterdam for a midwinter break. A holiday to refresh the senses, to see the sights and to generally take stock of what remains of their lives. Amongst the wintery streets and icy canals, we see their relationship fracturing beneath the surface. When memories re-emerge of a troubled time in their native Ireland things begin to fall apart. As their midwinter break ends, we understand how far apart they are – and can only watch as they struggle to save themselves.	10	2018 240 pages
Mackinnon, A.J. <i>The Unlikely Voyage of Jack De Crow</i>	A couple of weeks sailing on the River Severn was the intention. Somehow, things got out of hand. A year later, I had reached Romania and was still going. Travel with Sandy from the borders of north Wales to the Black Sea and enjoy the adventure.	10	2002 355 pages Sailing
Magarey, Susan & Round, Kerrie <i>Roma the First: A Biography of Dame Roma Mitchell</i>	Dame Roma Mitchell's life is a story of contradictions...A reformer, she was also a traditionalist. An internationalist, she was also a loyal local. As a woman, she gained authority in a world dominated by men. As generous as she was ambitious, she shines and shines like a good deed in a naughty world.	10	2007 400 pages Non Fiction Biography Australia
			
Malouf, David <i>The Great World</i>	<i>Winner of 1991 Miles Franklin Literary Award</i> - Gives a voice to the experience of generations of young Australian men who have enlisted to fight other peoples' battles – from Gallipoli and the Somme to Malaya and Vietnam. More than a novel of war, ranging over 70 years of Australian life, from Kings Cross to the Hawkesbury River, it is a remarkable novel of self-knowledge and lost innocence, of survival and witness.	10	1990 330 pages
			
Mankell, Henning <i>Eye of the Leopard</i>	Hans Olofson is the son of a Swedish lumberjack. Alone and adrift, as a young man his only desire is to fulfil his dead lover's dream and visit the grave of a legendary missionary who survived alone in the remote hills of Northern Zambia. On reaching Africa, Hans is struck by its beauty and mystery. Set in the 1970s and 80s, the novel explores the relationship between the white farmers and their native workers. Through Olofson's descent into near mental collapse, it becomes clear that many years spent in a foreign land do not necessarily breed an understanding of its people.	10	2008 315 pages
Mantel, Hilary <i>Bring Up The Bodies</i>	<i>Winner of 2012 Man Booker Prize</i> – The incredibly successful sequel to Wolf Hall. By 1535 Thomas Cromwell, the blacksmith's son, is far from his humble origins. Chief Minister to Henry VIII, his fortunes have risen with those of Anne Boleyn, Henry's second wife, for whose sake Henry has broken with Rome and created his own church. But Henry's actions have forced England into dangerous isolation, and Anne has failed to do what she promised: bear a son to secure the Tudor line. When Henry visits Wolf Hall, Cromwell watches as Henry falls in love with the silent, plain Jane Seymour. As Cromwell eases a way through the sexual politics of the court, its miasma of gossip, he must negotiate a 'truth' that will satisfy Henry and secure his own career. But neither minister nor king will emerge undamaged from the bloody theatre of Anne's final days.	10	2012 407 pages
Marani, Diego <i>New Finnish Grammar</i>	Translated by Judith Landry – Doctor Friari's eyes were the first living thing I saw emerging out of nothingness...I was on a ship, I could feel its slight pitching, though I could detect no sense of movement. I am a man with no language and no memory.	10	2000 187 pages
Marchetta, Melina <i>Tell the truth, shame the devil</i>	Chief Inspector Bish Ortley of the London Met, divorced and grieving the death of his son, has been drowning his anger in Scotch. Something has to give and he's no sooner suspended from the force than a busload of British students is hit by a bomb in France. On board is Bish's daughter... a cracking fusion of suspense and heart-rending drama.	10	2016 405 pages Crime

Marsh, Nigel Fat, Forty and Fired 	Nigel Marsh was a stressed, overweight mortgage slave struggling to balance a high- pressured career running a Sydney advertising agency, a marriage and the demands of four small children under eight. Then the unthinkable happened – he lost his job. After the initial shock (and some unpleasant surgery) Nigel decided to embrace life outside the office and spend a year taking stock. A candid and often hilarious account of what happened next, as he attempts to master the art of hands-on parenting, lose 20 kilos, train for an ocean swimming race and come to terms with the growing realisation that he's an alcoholic.	10	2005 304 pages Non Fiction Memoir Humour
McBride, James Color of Water	McBride's unforgettable memoir tells his mother's brave, eccentric story in her own words. Daughter of a failed orthodox Jewish rabbi in the American South, she ran away to Harlem, became a Baptist, married a black man, raised 12 children and put them all through college. Around her story is McBride's story of his own struggles for identity, and towards faith in a God neither black nor white, but 'the color of water'.	10	1996 291 pages Non Fiction Memoir Racism
McCann, Colum Dancer	Taking his inspiration from fact, Colum McCann tells a fictionalised story of the epic life and times of Rudolf Nureyev. In this dazzlingly inventive masterpiece, he tells Nureyev's story through a chorus of voices: there is Anna Vasileva, Rudi's first ballet teacher, who rescues her protege from the stunted life of his town; Yulia, whose ambitions are thwarted by her Soviet-sanctioned marriage; and Victor, the Venezuelan hustler, who reveals the lurid underside of the gay celebrity set.	10	2003 290 pages
McCann, Colum Zoli	Begins in Czechoslovakia in the early 1930s when Zoli, a young Roma girl, is six years old. The fascist Hlinka guards had driven most of her people out onto the frozen lake & forced them to stay there until spring, when the ice cracked & everyone drowned. With the rise of the Nazis, the suppression of the gypsies intensifies. The war ends when Zoli is 16 & with the spread of socialism, the Roma are suddenly regarded as 'comrades' again. But when the government try to use Zoli to help them 'settle' gypsies, her community turns against her and she is exiled forever. (<i>Description from Dymocks</i>)	10	2006 279 pages
McCarthy, Cormac The Road	<i>Winner of 2007 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction</i> - A father and young son walk alone through burned America, heading slowly for the coast. Nothing moves in the ravaged landscape save the ash on the wind. They have nothing but a pistol to defend themselves against the men who stalk the road, the clothes they are wearing, a cart of scavenged food - and each other.	10	2006 307 pages
McEwan, Ian Amsterdam	<i>Winner of the 1998 Booker Prize</i> - Gathered at the funeral of Molly Lane – desirable, talented, dead at 46 of an unspecified madness-inducing disease – are her unpopular widow George, a plutocratic publisher and at least three of her lovers. The lovers' lives intersect in unexpected ways after Molly's death with photographs of one cross-dressing are brought to light and another has the power to publish them, while the third feels to publish will betray Molly who took the snaps in private.	10	1998 178 pages
McEwan, Ian Enduring Love	One windy spring day in the Chilterns Joe Rose's calm, organised life is shattered by a ballooning accident. The afternoon, Rose reflects, could have ended in mere tragedy, but for his brief meeting with Jed Parry. Unknown to Rose, something passes between them - something that gives birth in Parry to an obsession so powerful that it will test to the limits Rose's beloved scientific rationalism, threaten the love of his wife Clarissa and drive him to the brink of murder and madness.	10	1997 231 pages
McEwan, Ian Nutshell	Trudy has betrayed her husband, John. She's still in the marital home – a dilapidated, priceless London townhouse – but not with John. Instead, she's with his brother, the profoundly banal Claude, and the two of them have a plan. But there is a witness to their plot: the inquisitive, nine-month-old resident of Trudy's womb. Nutshell is a classic tale of murder and deceit from one of the world's master storytellers.	10	2016

McEwan, Ian <i>On Chesil Beach</i>	Shortlisted for 2007 Booker Prize for Fiction - It is June, 1962. In a hotel on the Dorset coast, overlooking Chesil beach, Edward and Florence, who got married that morning, are sitting down to dinner in their room. Neither is entirely able to suppress their anxieties about the wedding night to come ... another masterwork from Ian McEwan - a story about how the entire course of a life can be changed by a gesture not made or a word not spoken. (<i>Description from Dymocks</i>)	10	2007 166 pages
McEwan, Ian <i>Saturday</i>	Henry Perowne is a contented man – a successful neurosurgeon, happily married to a newspaper lawyer, and enjoying good relations with his children. Henry wakes to the comfort of his large home in central London on this, his day off. He is as at ease here as he is in the operating room. Outside the hospital, the world is not so easy or predictable. There is an impending war against Iraq, and a general darkening and gathering pessimism since the New York and Washington attacks two years before. On this particular Saturday morning, Perowne's day moves through the ordinary to the extraordinary...	10	2005 304 pages
McEwan, Ian <i>Sweet Tooth</i>	Serena Frome, the beautiful daughter of an Anglican bishop, has a brief affair with an older man during her final year at Cambridge, and finds herself being groomed for the intelligence services. The year is 1972. Britain, confronting economic disaster, is being torn apart by industrial unrest and terrorism and faces its fifth state of emergency. The Cold War has entered a moribund phase, but the fight goes on, especially in the cultural sphere. Serena, a compulsive reader of novels, is sent on a 'secret mission' which brings her into the literary world of Tom Haley, a promising young writer. First she loves his stories, and then she begins to love the man. Can she maintain the fiction of her undercover life? And who is inventing whom? To answer these questions, Serena must abandon the first rule of espionage - trust no one...	10	2013 376 pages Undercover <i>SET 1 & SET 2</i>
McEwan, Ian <i>The Children Act</i>	Fiona Maye, a leading High Court judge, renowned for her fierce intelligence and sensitivity, is called on to try an urgent case. For religious reasons, a 17 year old boy is refusing the medical treatment that could save his life. Time is running out. She visits the boy in hospital – an encounter which stirs long buried feelings in her and powerful new emotions in the boy. But it is Fiona who must ultimately decide whether he lives or dies and her judgement will have momentous consequences for them both.	10	2014 215 pages
McInerney, Monica <i>At Home with the Templetons</i>	When the Templeton family from England takes up residence in a stately home in country Australia, they set the locals talking and with good reason. From the outside, The seven Templetons seem so unusual, peculiar even. No one is more intrigued by the family than their neighbours, single mother Nina Donovan and her young son Tom. Before long, The two families' lives become entwined in unexpected ways	10	2010 593 pages
McInerney, Monica <i>Family baggage</i>	Tour guide Harriet Turner knows all about journeys. She's arranged hundreds of them for the travel agency that her family owns and operates. But nothing has prepared her for the drama, the hilarity or the passion of the Willoughby tour.  	10	2005 481 pages Relationships
McInnes, William <i>A Man's Got to Have a Hobby</i>	William's father was the archetypal stoic Aussie bloke: a hero on the battlefield and a disaster-waiting-to-happen around the house. While William and his siblings were crawling all over Redcliffe, Queensland, and causing havoc, their dad was enthusiastically immersing himself in Labor Party fundraising activities. Meanwhile, William's mother strives for patience – and complicity – with her energetic family. With humour and great affection, William writes about his family and the characters in their lives, their misadventures, pranks, dreams and triumphs. A realistic, down-to-earth book by a man who had a great time growing up, his warmth and humour light up every page.	10	2005 280 pages Non Fiction Memoir Australia Humour

McInnes, William & Sarah Watt <i>Worse things happen at sea</i> 	Tales of life love family and the everyday beauty in between – “When you begin to share a life, no matter how awry it goes on occasions, it’s the beginning of something splendid. My father once said that it was fun to be a lad. Running amok, he said, was a fine thing to do. But it’s when you share a life and you give part of yourself to somebody else that the fun begins.”	10	2011 251 pages Australia Non fiction
McIntosh Fiona <i>The pearl thief</i> 	Severine Kassel is asked by the Louvre in 1963 to aid the British Museum with curating its antique jewellery, her specialty. Her London colleagues find her distant and mysterious, her cool beauty the topic of conversations around its quiet halls. No one could imagine that she is a desperately damaged woman, hiding her trauma behind her chic, French image. It is only when some dramatic Byzantine pearls are loaned to the Museum that Severine's poise is dashed and the tightly controlled life she's built around herself is shattered. Her shocking revelation of their provenance sets off a frenzied hunt for Nazi Ruda Mayek. Mossad's interest is triggered and one of its most skilled agents comes out of retirement to join the hunt, while the one person who can help Severine - the solicitor handling the pearls - is bound by client confidentiality. As she follows Mayek's trail, there is still one lifelong secret for her to reveal - and one for her to discover. From the snowy woodlands outside Prague to the Tuileries of Paris and the heather-covered moors of Yorkshire comes a confronting novel that explores whether love and hope can ever overpower atrocity in a time of war and hate.	10	2018 492 pages Historical fiction
McSpadden, Lezley <i>Tell the truth & shame the devil: the life, legacy, and love of my son Michael Brown</i> 	When Michael Orlandus Darrion Brown was born, he was adored and doted on by his aunts, uncles, grandparents, his father, and most of all by his sixteen-year-old mother, who nicknamed him Mike Mike. McSpadden never imagined that her son's name would inspire the resounding chants of protesters in Ferguson, Missouri, and ignite the global conversation about the disparities in the American policing system. A riveting family memoir about the journey of a young woman triumphing over insurmountable obstacles and learning to become a good mother, then later picking up the pieces of the tragedy that shook her life and the country to their core and reveals the unforgettable story of her life, her son, and their truth.	10	2016 254 pages Police brutality African-American Riots
Mears, Gillian <i>Foal's bread</i> 	<i>ALS Gold Medal winner 2012</i> – Set in hardscrabble farming country around the show jumping circuit that flourished in Australia prior to the Second World War this is the story of two generations of the Nancarrow family and their fortunes as dictated by the vicissitudes of the land. When Noah Childs meets Roley Nancarrow at a country show, a union is forged which will last the length of their lives. Their love finds its greatest expression in their lucky charm, a heart-shaped foal's bread which hangs from a string in the doorway, reminding them to 'hope on, hope ever'.	10	2011 359 pages Australia Horses
Miller, Alex <i>Coal Creek</i> 	Bobby Blue is caught between loyalty to his only friend, Ben Tobin, and his boss, Daniel Collins, the new constable at Mount Hay. 'Ben was not a big man but he was strong and quick as a snake. He had his own breed of pony that was just like him, stocky and reliable on their feet!' Bobby understands the people and the ways of Mount Hay; Collins studies the country as an archaeologist might, bringing his coastal values to the hinterland. Bobby says, 'I do not think Daniel would have understood Ben in a million years.'	2013 291 pages Police Cattle stations Queensland	
Miller, Alex <i>Autumn Laing</i> 	Autumn Laing seduces Pat Donlon and not only compromises the trusting love of her husband Arthur, she also steals the future from Pat's young wife Edith and their unborn child. 53 years later, cantankerous, engaging, unrestrainable 85 year old Autumn is shocked to find within herself a powerful need for redemption. She begins to tell her story with "They are all dead and I am old and skeleton gaunt. This is where it began..."	10	2011 452 pages Australian Redemption

Miller, Alex Lovesong 	Winner of 2010 Age Book of the Year & 2011 Christina Stead Prize for Fiction - Strangers did not, as a rule, find their way to Chez Dom, a small Tunisian café in Paris. Run by the widow Houria and her young niece, Sabiha, the café offers a home away from home for the North African migrant workers at the great abattoirs of Vaugirard who, as with Houria and Sabiha themselves, have grown used to the smell of blood in the air. When one day a lost Australian tourist, John Patterner, seeks shelter in the café from a sudden Parisian rainstorm, a tragic love story begins to unfold. Years later John is haunted by what happened to him and Sabiha and confides his story to Ken, an ageing writer, who sees in John's account the possibility for one last simple love story.	10	2009 354 pages Australia / France Intercountry marriage
Miller, Alex Prochownik's Dream 	Toni Powlett is an artist in the grip of a crisis. Since the death of his father, Moniek Prochownik, four years earlier, Toni has been at a creative standstill – until Marina Golding, the wife of his former teacher and mentor, Robert Schwartz, contacts him and everything changes, his creative energies are re-awakened. But Toni's newfound inspiration and artistic energy come at the direct expense of his relationship with his wife and daughter. How to reconcile the transgressive nature of his imaginative life with the daily life of his family, who he loves?	10	2005 322 pages Artists Family relationships
Miller, Andrew Pure	Deep in the heart of Paris, its oldest cemetery is, by 1785, overflowing, tainting the very breath of those who live nearby. Into their midst comes Jean-Baptiste Baratte, a young, provincial engineer charged by the king with demolishing it. At first Baratte sees this as a chance to clear the burden of history, a fitting task for a modern man of reason. But before long, he begins to suspect that the destruction of the cemetery might be a prelude to his own.	10	2011 342 pages
Mistry, Rohinton Family Matters	Shortlisted for 2002 Booker Prize for Fiction - A domestic drama and an intently observed portrait of present-day Bombay, in all its vitality and corruption. At the age of seventy-nine, Nariman Vakeel, already suffering from Parkinson's disease, breaks an ankle and finds himself wholly dependent on his family. His step-children have a spacious apartment, but are too squeamish and resentful to tend to his physical needs. Nariman must now turn to his younger daughter, Roxana, her husband, Yezad, and their two sons, who share a small, crowded home. Their decision will test not only their material resources but, in surprising ways, all their tolerance, compassion, integrity, and faith.	10	2002 448 pages India
Mistry, Rohinton A Fine Balance	With a compassionate realism and narrative sweep that recall the work of Charles Dickens, this magnificent novel captures all the cruelty and corruption, dignity and heroism, of India. The time is 1975. The place is an unnamed city by the sea. The government has just declared a State of Emergency, in whose upheavals four strangers – a spirited widow, a young student uprooted from his idyllic hill station, and two tailors who have fled the caste violence of their native village – will be thrust together, forced to share one cramped apartment and an uncertain future.	10	1995 603 pages
Mistry, Rohinton Such a Long Journey	Shortlisted for 1991 Booker Prize for Fiction – set in Bombay against the backdrop of war in the Indian subcontinent and the birth of Bangladesh, telling the story of the peculiar way in which the conflict impinges on the lives of Gustad Noble and his family.	10	1991 400 pages
Mitchell, David Black Swan Green	Tracks a year in the life of thirteen-year-old Jason Taylor, as he negotiates the black hole between childhood and adolescence. He lives in what he perceives to be the sleepiest village in muddiest Worcestershire, in a dying Cold War England, 1982. But the thirteen chapters, each a short story in its own right, create an exquisitely observed world that is anything but sleepy. Pointed, funny, profound, left-field, elegiac.	10 + CD	2006 371 pages
Mitchell, David Thousands of Autumnns of Jacob de Zoet	Set at a turning point in history on a tiny island attached to mainland Japan, this is a tale of power, passion and integrity that transports us to a world that is at once exotic and familiar: an extraordinary place and an era when news from abroad took months to arrive, yet when people behaved as they always do - loving, lustng and yearning, cheating, fighting and killing. Bringing to vivid life a tectonic shift between East and West, The Thousand Autumnns of Jacob de Zoet is dramatic, funny, heartbreaking, enlightening and thought-provoking. Reading it is an unforgettable experience. <i>(Description from Dymocks)</i>	10	2012 546 pages

Modjeska, Drusilla The Mountain 	In 1968 Papua New Guinea is on the brink of Independence, and everything is about to change. Amidst the turmoil filmmaker Leonard arrives from England with his Dutch wife Rika to study and film an isolated village high in the mountains. The villagers' customs and art have been passed down through generations, and Rika is immediately struck by their paintings on cloth made of bark. But it is when Rika meets brothers Jacob and Aaron that all their lives are changed forever.	10	2012 426 pages Friendship
Modjeska, Drusilla The Orchard 	A beautifully written narrative, turning on the stories of four women at different ages, and through their self-analysis, the story of many more. This raises important questions about the relationship between writing and experience. Is there a line between fiction and history, memory and imagination, literature and interpretation, stories and life?	10	1994 268 pages
Mones, Nicole A Cup of Light	As an American appraiser of fine Chinese porcelain, Lia Frank holds fragile beauty in her hands, examines priceless treasure with a magnifying lens. But when Lia looks in the mirror, she sees the flaws in herself, a woman wary of love, cut off from the world around her. Still, when she is sent to Beijing to authenticate a collection of rare pieces, Lia will find herself changing in surprising ways...coming alive in the shadow of an astounding mystery.	10	2002 304 pages
Moore, Peter Swahili for the Broken-hearted	A week after breaking up with the girl next door Peter Moore heads off to Africa to lose himself for a while. This book is about travelling through Africa, which strikes Peter as the ideal place to find solitude and anonymity in the face of personal crisis.	10	2002 341 pages Non Fiction Travel Africa
Moore, Wes The other Wes Moore: Name one Two fates	Two kids named Wes Moore were born blocks apart within a year of each other. Both grew up fatherless in similar Baltimore neighbourhoods and had difficult childhoods; both hung out on street corners with their crews; both ran into trouble with the police. How, then, did one grow up to be a Rhodes Scholar, decorated veteran, White House Fellow, and business leader, while the other ended up a convicted murderer serving a life sentence? Wes Moore, the author of this fascinating book, sets out to answer this profound question. In alternating narratives that take readers from heart-wrenching losses to moments of surprising redemption, The Other Wes Moore tells the story of a generation of boys trying to find their way in a hostile world.	10	2010 239 pages
Morgan, Helen Blue Mauritius: the hunt for the world's most valuable stamps	Mauritius is famous for its dodo but there is another near-extinct export that has its own fabulous story - the world's most sought after postage stamps. This is an adventure that begins at a fancy dress ball on a tropical Indian Ocean island, and unfolds through discoveries of the stamps in Bordeaux, Mauritius, India and Britain. <i>(Description from Dymocks)</i>	10	2006 302 pages Hardcover Non Fiction
Moriarty, Liane Big Little Lies 	Single mum Jane has just moved to town. She's got her little boy in tow, plus the secret she's been carrying for five years. On the first day of the school run she meets two women who both take Jane under their wings, while careful to keep their own secrets under wraps, but a minor incident involving the children of all three women rapidly escalates which is when the secrets come out, and now someone is going to pay with their life.	10	2014 465 pages Domestic violence Friendship
Morris, Heather The tattooist of Auschwitz	Based on the powerful true story of Lale Sokolov and behind one of the most potent symbols of the Holocaust – the blue numbers tattooed on prisoners' arms. When Lale, a Slovakian Jew, was given the job of tattooist in Auschwitz, he used his infinitesimal freedom of movement to keep his fellow victims alive. If caught he would have been killed; many owed him their survival. Waiting in line to be tattooed was a terrified and shaking young girl. For Lale it was love at first sight and he was determined he and Gita would survive.	10	2018 258 pages

Morrison, Toni <i>God Help the Child</i>	Toni Morrison's fierce and provocative new novel exposes the damage adults wreak on children, and how this echoes through the generations.	10	2015 178 pages
Morrison, Toni <i>Love</i>	<i>Winner of 1993 Nobel Prize for Literature</i> - A symphony of passion and hatred, power and perversity, colour and class that spans three generations of black women in a fading beach town. In life, Bill Cosey enjoyed the affections of many women, who would do almost anything to gain his favour. In death his hold on them may be even stronger. Wife, daughter, granddaughter, employee, mistress: As Morrison's protagonists stake their furious claim on Cosey's memory and estate, using everything from intrigue to outright violence, she creates a work that is shrewd, funny, erotic, and heart wrenching.	10	2003 224 pages
Morrison, Toni <i>Song of Solomon</i>	<i>Winner of 1993 Nobel Prize for Literature</i> - In an effort to hide his southern, working class roots, Macon Dead, an upper-class Northern black businessman, tries to insulate his family from the danger and despair of the blacks with whom he shares the neighbourhood. The plan leads his son Milkman - a name he earned after his mother nursed him well past the proper age - onto a path exactly opposite the one his father had hoped. Milkman is driven into the arms of a violent, lower-class woman, into a clandestine circle of blacks, who repay white violence in kind, and into the awareness that he can fulfil his own potential by understanding the mistakes of his ancestors, as they relate to his own. A novel that surveys nearly a century of history as it impinges on a single black American family.	10	1977 333 pages
Morrison, Zoe <i>Music and freedom</i>	Alice Murray learns to play the piano aged three on an orange orchard in rural Australia. Recognising her daughter's gift, her mother sends Alice to boarding school in England, and there Alice stays for the rest of her childhood. Then she's offered a scholarship to the Royal College of Music in London, and on a summer school in Oxford she meets Edward, an economics professor who sweeps her off her feet and so brings her a relationship of love and violence. Her dream is to be a concert pianist but Alice can't find it in herself to carry on. Alice must embrace life again if she is to survive.	10	2016 342 pages Domestic violence Women pianists
Mortenson, G & Relin, D.O. <i>Three Cups of Tea</i>	In 1993, after a terrifying and disastrous attempt to climb K2, a mountaineer called Greg Mortenson drifted, cold and dehydrated into an impoverished Pakistan village in the Karakoram Mountains. Moved by the inhabitants' kindness, he promised to return and build a school. This is the story of that promise and its extraordinary outcome. Over the next decade Mortenson built not just one but fifty-five schools in remote villages across the forbidding and breathtaking landscape of Pakistan and Afghanistan, just as the Taliban rose to power. His story is at once a riveting adventure and a testament to the power of the humanitarian spirit.	10	2006 331 pages Non Fiction Memoir Pakistan
Morton, Kate <i>The Secret Keeper</i>	1961: on a sweltering summer's day, while the family picnics by the stream on their Suffolk farm, 16 year old Laurel hides out in her childhood tree house dreaming of the bright future she can't wait to seize. But before the idyllic afternoon is over she will have witnessed a shocking crime that changes everything. 2011: now a much loved actress, Laurel finds herself overwhelmed by shades of the past. Haunted by memories she returns to her family home and begins to piece together secret histories shifting between the 1930's and the present.	10	2012 588 pages Family secrets Manners Customs
Murasaki Shikibu <i>The Tale of Genji (Abridged)</i>	Written in the 11 th century, this exquisite portrait of courtly life in medieval Japan is widely celebrated as the world's first novel – and it is certainly one of its finest. Genji, the Shining Prince, is the son of an emperor. He is a passionate character whose tempestuous nature, family circumstances, love affairs, alliances and shifting political fortunes form the core of this magnificent epic. In this abridged edition of his superb translation, Royall Tyler once again skilfully catches the erotic flavour, the vivid characterization and the allusive poetry of this classic.	10	2001 319 pages Japanese

Murgatroyd, Sarah The dig tree 	This is the story of Burke and Wills, the great explorers of the Australian outback. Alternatively comic and desperately tragic this story tells us of their travels. Governor MacDonnell had commissioned a report from Charles Todd, who unsurprisingly, stated that an overland route through the centre of the continent was the best option for the telegraph line. While the overland route seemed the most logical solution, there was one problem. No one had actually travelled from one coast to the other ie from South Australia to the Northern Territory, so who could say where the telegraph should go?	10	2002 361 pages History Non Fiction
Murn, Molly Heart of the grass tree 	Pearl remembers Nell's feet stretched towards the campfires on the beach, her fourth toe curled in and nestled against the middle toe like a small prawn. They all have a curled fourth toe - Diana, Lucy, Pearl. When Pearl's grandmother Nell dies unexpectedly, Pearl and her family - mother Diana, sister Lucy - return to Kangaroo Island to mourn and farewell her. Each of them knew Nell intimately but differently, and each woman must reckon with Nell's passing in her own way. But Nell had secrets, too, and as Pearl, Diana and Lucy interrogate their feelings about the island, Pearl starts to pull together the scraps Nell left behind - her stories, poems, paintings - and unearths a connection to the island's early history, of the early European sealers and their first contact with the Ngarrindjeri people. As the three women are in grief pulled apart from each other, Pearl's deepening connection to their history, the island's history, grounds her, and will ultimately bring the women back to each other.	10	2019 291 pages Local Author
Myron, Vicki Dewey: the small town cat 	On the coldest morning of the year, Vicki found a tiny bedraggled kitten almost frozen to death in the night drop box of the library where she worked, and her life - and the town of Spencer, Iowa - would never be the same. Vicki's biggest challenge was to raise the spirits of a small out-of-the-way town, deep in the farm crisis of the 1980s. Dewey, as the townspeople named the kitten, quickly grew into a strutting and adorable library cat whose antics kept patrons in stitches, and whose sixth sense about those in need created hundreds of loving friendships. As news of the library cat spread, fans drove hundreds of miles to meet Dewey, and people all over the world fell in love with him.	10	2008 277 pages Non Fiction
Naipaul, V.S. Half a life	In a corner of India untouched by anti-colonial agitation Willy Chandran's father stood at odds with the world - aspiring to greatness whilst living out the dreary life marked out for him by his ancestors. In an attempt to defy his past, he marries a low-caste woman only to find himself at the mercy of his own fury. From this unhappy union the utterly compelling character of Willy Chandran emerges, oddly like his father, naively eager to find something that will place him both in and apart from the world. He is drawn to England and the immigrant community of post war London. His wife Ana leads him to her home, a province of Portuguese Africa, a country whose inhabitants are all uncertainly living out the last days of colonialism. Naipaul delineates the relationship between father and son with wonderful clarity and compassion; the comic brilliance of the London scenes and the penetrating descriptions of Africa are hard to beat. (<i>Description from Dymocks</i>)	10	2001 240 pages
Nannup, Alice When the Pelican Laughed 	Tells the remarkable story of Alice Nannup. Deeply informed by Alice's battling spirit and her particular voice, it is a story of learning to be strong in who you are. Born on a Pilbara station in 1911, of an Aboriginal mother and European father, Alice was taken south at the age of twelve and trained in domestic service. After a full and eventful life, including many battles with authority and raising ten children, she returned home sixty-four years later 'to make peace with my country'.	6	1992 224 pages Aboriginal Biography Out of Print
Nasht, Simon The Last Explorer: Hubert Wilkins, Australia's unknown hero 	Sir Hubert Wilkins was born at Mount Bryan East, South Australia, on 31 October 1888, and was the 13th child of a South Australian sheep-farming family. He went on to be a war correspondent, polar explorer, naturalist, geographer, climatologist, aviator, author, balloonist, war hero, reporter, secret agent, submariner and navigator. In his day Wilkins was one of the most famous men in the world. He was a front-line photographer in World War I - and was twice decorated. When he died in 1958 he was buried at sea at the North Pole by the US Navy. How can a man who achieved so much be so little remembered, not only in Australia, but his home state, S.A.?	10	2005 316 pages Non Fiction Biography History Exploration

Nesbo, Jo The Bat	Detective Harry Hole is meant to keep out of trouble. A young Norwegian girl taking a gap year in Sydney has been murdered and Harry has been sent to Australia to assist in any way he can. He's not supposed to get too involved. When the team unearths a string of unsolved murders and disappearances nothing will stop Harry from finding out the truth. The hunt for a serial killer is on, but the murderer will talk only to Harry. He might just be the next victim.	10	1997 369 pages
Nordberg, Jenny The underground girls of Kabul	In Afghanistan, a culture ruled most entirely by men, the birth of a son is celebrated but a daughter's is often mourned. Yet a third kind of child exists here, in reaction to the subversion of this preference for male offspring – the <i>bacha posh</i> , a girl temporarily raised as a boy. Told with deep insight into everyday Afghan life those born as girls but who live as boys through childhood and puberty only to be forced later to resume their roles as women, entering into marriage and bearing children of their own.	10	2014 306 pages
Obama, Barack Dreams From My Father	In this lyrical, unsentimental, and compelling memoir, the son of a black African father and a white American mother searches for a workable meaning to his life as a black American. It begins in New York, where Barack Obama learns that his father - a figure he knows more as a myth than as a man - has been killed in a car accident. This sudden death inspires an emotional odyssey - first to a small town in Kansas, from which he retraces the migration of his mother's family to Hawaii, and then to Kenya, where he meets the African side of his family, confronts the bitter truth of his father's life, and at last reconciles his divided inheritance. (<i>Description from Dymocks</i>)	10	2004 442 pages Non Fiction Memoirs USA
Obama, Michelle Becoming	As First Lady of the United States of America - the first African-American to serve in that role - she helped create the most welcoming and inclusive White House in history. Whilst doing so she also established herself as a powerful advocate for women and girls in the U.S. and around the world, dramatically changing the ways that families pursue healthier and more active lives and standing with her husband as he led America through some of its most harrowing moments. Along the way she showed us a few dance moves, crushed Carpool Karaoke, and raised two down-to-earth daughters under an unforgiving media glare. In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her - from her childhood on the south side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address. With unerring honesty and lively wit, she describes her triumphs and her disappointments, both public and private, telling her full story as she has lived it, in her own words and on her own terms.	10	2018 421 pages Biography Politics Non Fiction
Obreht, Tea The Tiger's Wife	<i>Winner of the Orange Prize for Fiction 2011</i> - A young doctor, Natalia, struggles to make sense of her grandfather's death in a Balkan country still scarred by war. From fragments of stories her grandfather told her as a child, Natalia realises he may have died searching for the deathless man, a vagabond who was said to be immortal. Struggling to understand why a man of science would undertake such a quest, she stumbles upon a clue that will lead her to a tattered copy of The Jungle Book, and then to the extraordinary story of the tiger's wife.	10	2011 336 pages War
O'Connor, Anne Marie The lady in gold	This is the story of Gustav Klimt's 1907 masterpiece—the breathtaking portrait of a Viennese Jewish socialite, Adele Bloch-Bauer. The celebrated painting, stolen by the Nazis during World War II, subsequently became the subject of a decade-long dispute between her heirs and the Austrian government. When the U.S. Supreme Court became involved in the case, its decision had profound ramifications in the art world. Expertly researched, masterfully told, <i>The Lady in Gold</i> is at once a stunning depiction of fin-de siècle Vienna, a riveting tale of Nazi war crimes, and a fascinating glimpse into the high-stakes workings of the contemporary art world.	10	2016 368 pages Art Non Fiction
Olsson, Linda Let Me Sing You Gentle Songs	One bleak March evening Veronika, a young writer, arrives in a small village in pursuit of stillness and solitude, to enable her to come to terms with grief and loss and to complete a novel. Her arrival is silently observed by Astrid, her elderly, reclusive neighbour, who in the safety of her home guards dark family secrets and personal tragedy. Against a backdrop of changing seasons the two women embark on a tender and unusual friendship. What happens will change the lives of both women forever.	10	2005 254 pages

Ondaatje, Michael <i>War light</i>	It is 1945, and London is still reeling from the Blitz and years of war. 14-year-old Nathaniel and his sister, Rachel, are apparently abandoned by their parents, left in the care of an enigmatic figure named The Moth. They suspect he might be a criminal, and grow both more convinced and less concerned as they get to know his eccentric crew of friends: men and women with a shared history, all of whom seem determined now to protect, and educate (in rather unusual ways) Rachel and Nathaniel. But are they really what and who they claim to be? A dozen years later, Nathaniel begins to uncover all he didn't know or understand in that time, and it is this journey	10	2019 312 pages WW1 Abandoned children
Orr, Stephen <i>Time's Long Ruin</i>	Nine-year-old Henry Page is a club-footed, deep-thinking loner, spending his summer holidays reading, roaming the melting streets of his suburb, playing with his best friend Janice and her younger brother and sister. Then one day Janice asks Henry to spend the day at the beach with them. He declines a decision that will stay with him forever. Loosely based on the disappearance of the Beaumont children from Glenelg beach on Australia Day 1996, this is a novel about friendship, love and loss; a story about those left behind, and how they carry on: the searching, the disappointments, the plans and dreams that are only ever put on hold.	10	2010 422 pages Local author
Overington, Caroline <i>I Came to Say Goodbye</i>	It was four o'clock in the morning. A young woman pushed through the hospital doors. Staff would later say they thought the woman was a new mother, returning to her child – and in a way, she was. She walked into the nursery, where a baby girl lay sleeping. The infant didn't wake up when the woman placed her gently in the shopping bag she had brought with her. There is CCTV footage of what happened next, and most Australians will have seen it, either on the internet or on the news. Where the footage ends isn't where the story ends, however. It's not even where the story starts...	10	2010 295 pages
Owens, Delia <i>Where the crawdads sing</i>	For years, rumors of the "Marsh Girl" have haunted Barkley Cove, a quiet town on the North Carolina coast. So in late 1969, when handsome Chase Andrews is found dead, the locals immediately suspect Kya Clark, the so-called Marsh Girl. But Kya is not what they say. Sensitive and intelligent, she has survived for years alone in the marsh that she calls home, finding friends in the gulls and lessons in the sand. Then the time comes when she yearns to be touched and loved. When two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty Kya opens herself to a new life - until the unthinkable happens.	10	2018 368 pages Solitude Murder
Palin, Michael <i>Erebus</i> 	In the early years of Queen Victoria's reign, <i>HMS Erebus</i> undertook two of the most ambitious naval expeditions of all time. On the first, she ventured further south than any ship had ever been. On the second, she vanishes with her 129 strong crew in the wastes of the Canadian Arctic. Her fate remained a mystery for over 160 years. Then, in 2014, she was found. This is her story...	10	2018 310 pages Shipwreck
Pascoe, Bruce <i>Dark Emu</i>  	If we look at the evidence presented to us from the diaries and records of Australian explorers it will explain that Aboriginal people did build houses & dams, sew, irrigate and store produce. They altered the course of rivers and utilised domestic plants. This book reveals enormous Aboriginal achievement. It may open your eyes.	10	2018 229 Pages First Nation People Non fiction
Patchett, Ann <i>Bel Canto</i>	Somewhere in South America, at the home of the country's vice president, a lavish birthday party is being held in honour of the powerful businessman Mr Hosokawa. Roxane Coss, opera's most revered soprano, has mesmerized the international guests with her singing. It is a perfect evening – until a band of fun-wielding terrorists takes the entire party hostage. But what begins as a panicked, life-threatening scenario slowly evolves into something quite different, a moment of great beauty, as terrorists and hostages forge unexpected bonds and people from different continents become compatriots, intimate friends and lovers. (Donated Bookset)	10	2001 318 pages

Patchett, Ann <i>Run</i>	Since their mother's death, Tip and Teddy Doyle have been raised by their loving, possessive, and ambitious father. As the former mayor of Boston, Bernard Doyle wants to see his sons in politics, a dream the boys have never shared. But when an argument in a blinding New England snowstorm inadvertently causes an accident that involves a stranger and her child, all Bernard cares about is his ability to keep his children, all his children safe.	10 + CD	2008 <i>295 pages</i>
Penney, Stef <i>The tenderness of wolves</i> <i>NEW!</i>	The year is 1867 and winter tightens its grip on the isolated settlement of Dove River. A local woman, Mrs. Ross, stumbles upon a crime scene and sees the tracks leading from the dead man's cabin north toward the forest and the tundra beyond. It is Mrs. Ross's knock on the door of the largest house in Caulfield that launches the investigation. Within hours she will regret that knock with a mother's love -- for soon she makes another discovery: her seventeen-year-old son Francis has disappeared and is now considered a prime suspect.	10	2006 450 pages Canada Historical fiction
Perkins, Emily <i>The Forrests</i>	Dorothy Forrest is immersed in the sensory world around her; she lives in the flickering moment. From the age of seven, when her odd, disenfranchised family moves from New York City to the wide skies of Auckland, to the very end of her life, this is her great gift and possible misfortune. Through the wilderness of a commune, to falling in love, to early marriage and motherhood, from the glorious anguish of parenting to the loss of everything worked for and the unexpected return of love, Dorothy is swept along by time. Her family looms and recedes; revelations come to light; death changes everything, but somehow life remains as potent as it ever was, and the joy in just being won't let her go.	10	2012 <i>340 pages</i>
Perlman, Elliot <i>Seven Types of Ambiguity</i>	Following years of unrequited love, an out-of-work school teacher decides to take matters into his own hands, triggering a chain of events that neither he nor his psychiatrist could have anticipated. At once a psychological thriller and a social critique, <i>Seven Types of Ambiguity</i> is a story of obsessive love in an age of obsessive materialism. It's a story of impulse and paralysis, of empty marriages, lovers and a small boy, gambling and the market, of adult children and their parents, of poetry and prostitution, psychiatry and the law. Brimming with emotional, intellectual and moral dilemmas, the page-turning story is reminiscent of the richest fiction of the 19th century in its labyrinthine complexity.	10	2003 <i>607 pages</i>
Perlman, Elliot <i>The Street Sweeper</i>	Recently released from prison, Lamont Williams, an African American probationary janitor in a Manhattan hospital and father of a little girl he can't locate, strikes up an unlikely friendship with an elderly patient, a Holocaust survivor who had been a prisoner in Auschwitz-Birkenau. A few kilometres uptown, Australian historian Adam Zignelik, an untenured Columbia professor, finds both his career and his long-term romantic relationship falling apart. Emerging out of the depths of his own personal history, Adam sees, in a promising research topic suggested by an American World War II veteran, the beginnings of something that might just save him professionally and perhaps even personally. As these two men try to survive in early twenty-first-century New York, history comes to life in ways neither of them could have foreseen... (<i>Description from Dymocks</i>)	10	2011 <i>544 pages</i>
Perlman, Elliot <i>Three Dollars</i>	The story of Eddie, an honest, compassionate man who finds himself with a wife, a child, and three dollars. Eddie's world revolves around the three women in his life: his brilliant wife Tanya, a passionate academic, their six year old daughter Abby, who heightens the stakes on every decision Eddie makes, and his childhood sweetheart, the beautiful, privileged Amanda, who reappears in his life with mathematical certainty every nine and a half years. Surviving with a blend of self-deprecating wit, spirited sensitivity and a big heart, his life is rich with the pleasures and pains of love, family, friendship and marriage. But, with only three dollars to his name, Eddie will be faced with a choice that will change his direction forever.	10	1998 <i>381 pages</i>
Pierre, DBC <i>Vernon God Little</i>	The riotous adventures of 15 yo Vernon Gregory Little in small-town Texas and beach-front Mexico mark one of the most spectacularly irreverent, satirically acute and critically acclaimed debuts of the 21 st century so far. The only novel to be set in the barbecue sauce capital of central Texas, Vernon God Little suggests that desperate times throw up the most unlikely of heroes.	10	2003 <i>277 pages</i>

Pilkington, Doris <i>Follow the Rabbit-Proof Fence</i>	In the 1930s Doris Pilkington's mother Molly led her two sisters on an extraordinary 1,600 kilometre walk home, after being forcibly removed from their aboriginal families and taken to a native settlement north of Perth. The three girls – aged 8, 11 and 14 – manage to escape from the settlement's repressive conditions and brutal treatment. Barefoot, without provisions or maps, and desperate to return to the world they knew, they set out to find the rabbit-proof fence – knowing it passed their home in the north.	10	1996 133 pages Australia
Poitier, Sidney <i>The measure of a man</i>	"I have no wish to play the pontificating fool, pretending that I've suddenly come up with the answers to all life's questions. Quite that contrary, I began this book as an exploration, an exercise in self-questing. In other words, I wanted to find out, as I looked back at a long and complicated life, with many twists and turns, how well I've done at measuring up to the values I myself have set." In this luminous memoir, a true American icon looks back on his celebrated life and career. His body of work is arguably the most morally significant in cinematic history, and the power and influence of that work are indicative of the character of the man behind the many storied roles. Sidney Poitier here explores these elements of character and personal values to take his own measure—as a man, as a husband and a father, and as an actor. He credits his parents and his childhood on tiny Cat Island in the Bahamas for equipping him with the unflinching sense of right and wrong and of self-worth that he has never surrendered and that have dramatically shaped his world. "In the kind of place where I grew up," recalls Poitier, "what's coming at you is the sound of the sea and the smell of the wind and momma's voice and the voice of your dad and the craziness of your brothers and sisters...and that's it." Without television, radio, and material distractions to obscure what matters most, he could enjoy the simple things, endure the long commitments, and find true meaning in his life.	10	2000 243 pages
Potter, Jennifer <i>Seven Flowers: And How They Shaped Our World</i>	The lotus, lily, sunflower, opium poppy, rose, tulip and orchid. Seven flowers: seven stories full of surprise and secrets. Where and when did these flowers originate? What is the nature of their power and how was it acquired? What use has been made of them in gardens, literature and art? These are both histories and detective stories, full of incident, unexpected revelations, and irony. These are flowers of life and death; of purity and passion; of greed, envy and virtue; of hope and consolation; of the beauty that drives men wild. All seven demonstrate the enduring ability of flowers to speak metaphorically - if we could only decode what they have to say. (<i>Description from Angus & Robertson</i>)	10	2013 236 pages Non fiction
Rebanks, James <i>The shepherd's life</i>	In evocative and lucid prose, James Rebanks takes us through a shepherd's year, offering a unique account of rural life and a fundamental connection with the land that most of us have lost. It is a story of working lives, the people around him, his childhood, his parents and grandparents, a people who exist and endure even as the culture changes around them.	10	2015
Rickard, Ann <i>Three in a bed in the Med</i>	When long-term marries Ann and Geoffrey travelled the Mediterranean with single friend and business partner, Amanda, they have no idea how close their relationship would become. Go on this delightful rollercoaster ride with Ann as she quaffs caipirinha cocktails in the Greek Islands, dines on a rich ragu in Italy, enjoys a Michelin star dining experience in France and discovers just how hard it is to hold on to both marriage and friendship when there are three in a bed.	10	2010 240 pages Non fiction Travel
Robinson, Marilynne <i>Gilead</i>	<i>Winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction</i> - In 1956, towards the end of Reverend John Ames life, he begins a letter to his young son: "I told you last night that I might be gone sometime...you reached up and put your fingers on my lips and gave me that look I never in my life saw on any other face besides your mother's. It's a kind of furious pride, very passionate and stern. I'm always a little surprised to find my eyebrows unsinged after I've suffered one of those looks. I will miss them."	10	2004 282 pages

Rose, Heather The Butterfly Man	If Lord Lucan escaped his past, what was his future? On 7 November, 1974 a young English nanny named Sandra Rivett was murdered in London's West End. Her employer, Lord Lucan, was named as her attacker. It was widely assumed he had mistaken her for his wife. Lord Lucan disappeared the night Sandra Rivett died and has not been seen since. Henry Kennedy lives on a mountain on the other side of the world. He is not who he says he is. Is he a murderer or a man who can never clear his name? And is he the only one with something to hide?	10	2005 310 pages
Rosnay, Tatiana De Sarah's Key	Paris, July 1942: Sarah, a 10 year-old girl, is brutally arrested with her family by the French police as they go door-to-door arresting Jewish families in the middle of the night. Desperate to protect her younger brother, Sarah locks him in the bedroom cupboard, promising to come back for him as soon as they are released. Sixty years later: Sarah's story intertwines with that of Julia Jarmond, an American journalist investigating the roundup. Julia stumbles onto a trail of secrets that link her to Sarah, and to questions about her own romantic future.	10	2006 293 pages
Rowley, Hazel Franklin and Eleanor: An Extraordinary Marriage	A ground breaking account of a marriage described by remarkable courage and lack of convention—private and public—that kept them together, a partnership that was both supportive and daring. Most of all it depicts an extraordinary evolution—from conventional Victorian marriage to the bold and radical partnership that has made Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt go down in history as one of the most inspiring and fascinating couples of all time.	10	2011 302 pages Non fiction America History
Rowley, Hazel Tête-à-Tête: The Lives and Loves of Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre	They are one of the world's legendary couples. Simone de Beauvoir and Jean-Paul Sartre – those passionate, free-thinking existentialist philosopher-writers – had a committed but notoriously open union that generated no end of controversy. Though original interviews and access to new primary sources, Hazel Rowley portrays them up close: their romantic entanglements, their Parisian café social circle, their discussions of each other's work. Theirs is a story – and a great story is precisely what they wanted their lives to be.	10	2006 392 pages Non fiction
Rowling, J.K. The Casual Vacancy	When Barry Fairbrother dies the idyllic English village of Pagford is left in shock. Pagford is not what it first seems and the empty Council seat left by Barry on the Pagford Council soon becomes the catalyst for the biggest war the town has yet seen. Who will triumph in an election fraught with passion, duplicity and unexpected revelations?	10	2012 503 pages England Country life
Ruiz Zafon, Carlos The Angel's Game	In an abandoned Barcelona mansion David Martin is working himself to ill-health churning out steamy melodramas under a pseudonym, while yearning for the unattainable Cristina. When his own novel is published to scathing reviews, David is close to despair. Then he receives an extraordinary proposal from a reclusive French editor named Andreas Corelli – a proposal that could bring him great wealth and fame. But David has discovered photographs and letters hidden in his house that hint at a sinister mystery. And, like slow poison, the history of the place seeps into his bones.	10	2009 441 pages
Sage, Helen A flower between the cracks 	It's every parent's nightmare. One ordinary evening, Helen's 22-year-old daughter Jayne is involved in a catastrophic car accident. Lying in a coma, her young life in the balance, Helen begins penning tender letters to Jayne, trying to make sense of the tragedy. When Jayne finally wakes, she can't talk or walk. Her life, and the lives of her family, will never be the same again. <i>A Flower Between the Cracks</i> is an extraordinarily powerful account of a mother's love and a daughter's immeasurable courage. It is a story of hope and survival, laced with surprising humour. Never has a memoir spoken of the complexity of caring for a disabled loved one with such grace and candour. This is a book for all Australians - reminding us of the profound joys to be found in each day. (<i>Description from Angus & Robertson</i>)	10	2013 298 pages
Sarre, Alastair Ecstasy Lake 	Hidden near Ecstasy Lake in the outback is a billion dollar gold deposit. Steve West, mining engineer and ex-footy star is the third person to know about it, the second is his good mate Tasso and the first has been brutally murdered. All Steve and Tasso need to do is keep their discovery a secret, stay out of gang wars and try not to get killed. Easier said than done.	10	2016 305 pages

Sarre, Alastair <i>Prohibited Zone</i> 	Steve West, mining engineer and ex-footy star, just wants a dirty weekend in town, but he can't stop people telling him their secrets. When crusading Kara incites a breakout in the desert, Westie finds himself her reluctant accomplice. Soon he has a runaway asylum seeker in tow, and all the world, it seems, on his tail. There is a way – but it's in the prohibited zone. Set between Adelaide and Woomera, this is a first novel by a local author.	10	2011 363 pages Local author
Saunders, George <i>Lincoln in the Bardo</i>	February 1862. The American Civil War rages while President Lincoln's beloved 11-year-old son lies gravely ill. Days later, Willie dies and is laid to rest in a Georgetown cemetery. Newspapers report that a grief stricken Lincoln returns to the crypt several times alone to hold his boy's body.	10	2017 343 pages
Schlink, Bernard <i>The Reader</i>	For 15-year-old Michael, an encounter with an older woman leads to far more than he ever imagined; before long they embark on a passionate, clandestine affair, which leaves Michael both euphoric and confused. For Hanna is not all she seems. Years later, as a law student observing a trial, Michael is shocked to find Hanna in the dock. The woman he loved is a war criminal. Much about her behaviour during the trial does not make sense, Hanna must answer for a horrible crime, but she is desperately concealing an even deeper secret.	10	1997 216 pages
Sebag Montefiore, Simon <i>The Romanovs 1616-1918</i>	The Romanovs were the most successful dynasty of modern times, ruling a sixth of the world's surface. How did one family turn a war-ruined principality into the world's greatest empire? And how did they lose it all?	10	2016 654 pages Non fiction History Kings & Rulers
Sebba, Anne <i>That Woman</i>	The first full biography by a woman of Wallis Simpson, Duchess of Windsor. 'That woman', as she was referred to by the Queen Mother, became a hate figure for ensnaring a British king and destabilising the monarchy. Neither beautiful nor brilliant, she nevertheless became one of the most talked-about women of her generation and she inspired such deep love and adoration in Edward VIII that he gave up a throne and an empire for her. Wallis lived by her wit and her wits, while both her apparent and alleged moral transgressions added to her aura and dazzle.	10	2011 283 pages Non fiction
Sedaris, David <i>SantaLand Diaries</i>	"I was in a coffee shop looking through the want ads when I read, 'Macy's Herald Square, the largest store in the world, has big opportunities for outgoing, fun-loving people of all shapes and sizes who want more than just a holiday job! Working as an elf in Mach's SantaLand means being the centre of the entertainment..." A collection of six short stories sharing a Christmas theme.	10	1999 138 pages
See, Lisa <i>Snowflower and the Secret Fan</i>	In 19 th century China, in a remote Hunan county, a girl named Lily, at the tender age of seven, is paired with a laotong, 'old same', in an emotional match that will last a lifetime. The laotong, Snow Flower, introduces herself by sending Lily a silk fan on which she's painted a poem in nu shu, a unique language that Chinese women created in order to communicate in secret, away from the influence of men. As the years pass, Lily and Snow Flower send messages on fans, compose stories on handkerchiefs, reaching out of isolation to share their hopes, dreams, and accomplishments. Together, they endure the agony of foot-binding, and reflect upon their arranged marriages, shared loneliness, and the joys and tragedies of motherhood. But, when a misunderstanding arises, their deep friendship suddenly threatens to tear apart.	10	2005 340 pages China Historical fiction Film - 2011
See, Lisa <i>The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane</i>	In their remote mountain village, Li-yan and her family align their lives around the seasons and the farming of tea. For the Akha people, ensconced in ritual and routine, life goes on as it has for generations – until, one day, a stranger appears at the village gate, marking the first entrance of the modern world in their lives. Slowly, Li-yan begins to reject the customs of her people. Forging a relationship with a man her parents believe to be a poor match, she has a child out of wedlock and then gives that child up for adoption, tucking a special tea cake into her blankets. Li-yan's journey of self-discovery leads her to an education, a business, and city life, but all the while she longs for her lost daughter..includes book group questions.	10	2017 364 pages

Seierstad, Asne <i>The Bookseller of Kabul</i>	Two weeks after September 11, award-winning journalist Asne Seierstad went to Afghanistan to report on the conflict. In the following spring, she returned to live with a bookseller and his family of thirteen for several months. Bookseller Sultan Khan defied the authorities for twenty years to supply books to the people of Kabul. He was arrested, interrogated and imprisoned by the communists and watched illiterate Taliban soldiers burn piles of his books in the street. But while Khan is passionate in his love of books and hatred of censorship, he is also a committed Muslim with strict views on family life. As an outsider, Seierstad is able to move between the private world of the women - including Khan's two wives - and the more public lives of the men. The result is an intimate and fascinating portrait of a family which also offers a unique perspective on a troubled country.	10	2003 245 pages Hardcover Non Fiction Memoir Afghanistan
Seiffert, Rachel <i>The Dark Room</i>	Shortlisted for 2001 Booker Prize for Fiction - Tells the stories of three ordinary Germans: Helmut, a young photographer in Berlin in the 1930s, who uses his craft to express his patriotic fervour; Lore, a twelve-year-old girl who in 1945 guides her young siblings across a devastated Germany after her Nazi parents are seized by the Allies; and, fifty years later, Micha, a young teacher obsessed with what his loving grandfather did in the war, struggling to deal with the past of his family and his country.	10	2001 391 pages
Seth, Vikram <i>An Equal Music</i>	The author of the international bestseller <i>A Suitable Boy</i> returns with a powerful and deeply romantic tale of two gifted musicians. Michael Holme is a successful violinist, part of the famous Maggiore Quartet. He has long been haunted, though, by memories of the beautiful pianist he loved ten years earlier, Julia McNicholl. Then one day Julia comes back into his life: married now, with a small child and a devastating secret. The romance flares up once more, as Julia agrees to tour Vienna and Venice with Michael and the Quartet. Against the magical backdrop of concert halls and canals, Michael and Julia confront the truth about themselves, their love, and the music that both unites and divides them.	10	1999 381 pages
Seth, Vikram <i>Two Lives</i>	The heartrending true story of a friendship, a marriage, and a century. Weaving together the strands of two extraordinary lives – Shanti Behari Seth, an immigrant from India who came to Berlin to study in the 1930s, and Helga Gerda Caro, the young German Jewish woman he befriended and later married – <i>Two Lives</i> is both a history of a violent era seen through the eyes of two survivors and an intimate, unforgettable portrait of a complex, abiding love.	10 + CD	2005 544 pages Non fiction
Setterfield, Diane <i>The Thirteenth Tale</i>	Angelfield House stands abandoned and forgotten. It was once the imposing home of the March family – fascinating, manipulative Isabelle, Charlie, her brutal and dangerous brother, and the wild, untamed twins, Emmeline and Adeline. But Angelfield House conceals a chilling secret whose impact still resonates... Now Margaret Lee is investigating Angelfield's past – and the mystery of the March family starts to unravel. What has the house been hiding? What is the connection with the author Vida Winter? And what is it in Margaret's own troubled past that causes her to fall so powerfully under Angelfield's spell?	10	2006 456 pages
Shaffer, Mary Ann <i>Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society</i>	January 1946: London is emerging from the shadow of the Second World War, and writer Juliet Ashton is looking for her next book subject. Who could imagine that she would find it in a letter from a man she's never met, a native of the island of Guernsey, who has come across her name written inside a book by Charles Lamb. As Juliet and her new correspondent exchange letters, Juliet is drawn into the world of this man and his friends, and what a wonderfully eccentric world it is. Written with warmth and humour as a series of letters, this novel is a celebration of the written word in all its guises, and of finding connection in the most surprising ways. (<i>Description from Angus & Robertson</i>)	10	2008 268 pages Hardcover

Shamsie, Kamila <i>Home fire</i>	The suspenseful and heartbreaking story of a family ripped apart by secrets and driven to pit love against loyalty, with devastating consequences. Isma is free. After years of watching out for her younger siblings in the wake of their mother's death, an invitation from a mentor in America has allowed her to resume a dream long deferred. But she can't stop worrying about Aneeka, her beautiful, headstrong sister back in London, or their brother, Parvaiz, who's disappeared in pursuit of his own dream, to prove himself to the dark legacy of the jihadist father he never knew. When he resurfaces half the globe away, Isma's worst fears are confirmed. Then Eamonn enters the sisters' lives. Son of a powerful political figure, he has his own birthright to live up to—or defy. Is he to be a chance at love? The means of Parvaiz's salvation? Suddenly, two families' fates are inextricably, devastatingly entwined, in this searing novel that asks: What sacrifices will we make in the name of love?	10	2017 260 pages Islamic fundamentalism Families Social classes
Shepard, Jim <i>The Book of Aron</i>	Aaron is a 9-year-old Polish Jew and a troublemaker. His mother despairs of him, his father beats him. He tries to be good but in 1939 as the walls go up around the Jewish ghetto in Warsaw, as lice and typhus rage, families starve and fight, it is Aron who finds a way, however dangerous, and treacherous, to survive. It isn't until he lands at the feet of Janusz Korczak, orphanage director and reluctant hero that he learns of something greater than survival.	10	2015 272 pages
Shetterly, Margot Lee <i>Hidden figures</i>	Before Neil Armstrong walked on the moon, a group of professionals worked as 'Human Computers', calculating the flight paths that would enable these historic achievements. Among these were a coterie of bright, talented African-American women. Segregated from their white counterparts, these 'colored computers' used pencil and paper to write the equations that would launch rockets, and astronauts, into space. Moving from World War II through NASA's golden age, touching on the civil rights era, the Space Race, the Cold War, and the women's rights movement, interwoven is a rich history of mankind's greatest adventure with the intimate stories of five courageous women whose work forever changed the world.	10	2017 384 pages
Shields, Carol <i>Larry's Party</i>	<i>Winner of the 1998 Orange Prize</i> – In the ordered riotousness of Hampton Court's maze, Larry Weller discovers his passion in life. As he searches for identity, through two failed marriages and the shifting sands of the 70s, 80s, and 90s, this is a compassionate and witty look at the male condition at the end of the 20th century.	10	1997 339 pages
Silvey, Craig <i>Jasper Jones</i> 	<i>Winner of 2010 ABIA Book of the Year</i> - Late on a hot summer night at the tail-end of 1965, Charlie Bucktin, a precocious and bookish boy of thirteen, is startled by an urgent knock on the window of his sleep out. His visitor is Jasper Jones, an outcast in the mining town of Corrigan. Rebellious, mixed-race and solitary, Jasper is a distant figure of danger and intrigue for Charlie. So, when Jasper begs for his help, Charlie steals into the night by his side, terrified but desperate to impress. Jasper takes him through town to his secret glade in the bush, and it's here that Charlie bears witness to Jasper's horrible discovery. Carrying the secret like a brick in his belly, Charlie is harried by a suspicious town tightening in fear.	10	2009 394 pages
Simon, Rachel <i>The story of Beautiful Girl</i>	It is 1968. Lynnie, a young white woman with a developmental disability, and Homan, an African American deaf man, are locked away in an institution, the School for the Incurable and Feeble-minded, and have been left to languish, forgotten. Deeply in love, they escape, and find refuge in the farmhouse of Martha, a retired schoolteacher and widow. But the couple is not alone—Lynnie has just given birth to a baby girl. When the authorities catch up to them that same night, Homan escapes into the darkness, and Lynnie is caught. But before she is forced back into the institution, she whispers two words to Martha: "Hide her." Reading group guide at back of book.	10	2012 346 pages Love Survival Institution
Simsion, Graeme <i>The Rosie Project</i>	A first-date dud, socially awkward, and overly fond of quick-dry clothes, Don Tillman has given up on love. Until a chance encounter gives him an idea. He will design a questionnaire—a sixteen-page, scientifically researched questionnaire—to uncover the perfect partner. She will most definitely not be a barmaid, a smoker, a drinker or a late-arriver. Rosie is all these things. She is also fiery and intelligent, strangely beguiling. And looking for her biological father—a search that a DNA expert might just be able to help her with. The Rosie Project is a romantic comedy like no other. It is arrestingly endearing and entirely unconventional, and it will make you want to drink cocktails.	10	2013 295 pages Hardcover

Simsion, Graeme & Buist, Anne <i>Two steps forward</i>	Zoe, a sometime artist, is from California. Martin, an engineer, is from Yorkshire. Both have ended up in picturesque Cluny, in central France. Both are struggling to come to terms with their recent past - for Zoe, the death of her husband; for Martin, a messy divorce. Looking to make a new start each set out alone to walk two thousand kilometres from Cluny to Santiago in northwestern Spain, in the footsteps of pilgrims who have walked the Camino for centuries. The Camino changes you, it's said. It's a chance to find a new version of yourself. But can these two very different people find each other?	10	2017 353 pages Hiking Relationships
Sinclair, Tim <i>Nine Hours North</i>	Things stopped making sense from the moment Adam arrived in Japan - the conservative job, the shoebox apartment and the growing weight of his relationship with Sarah. By the time Marianne arrives, he's been battery-caged for so long it all seems normal - but then she changes everything..	10	2006 210 pages
Singh, Simon & Edzard Ernst <i>Trick or Treatment?: Alternative Medicine on trial</i>	Prince Charles is a staunch defender and millions of people swear by it; most UK doctors consider it to be little more than superstition and a waste of money. But how do you know which treatments are effective and which are potentially harmful? Now you can find out. Whether you are a follower, a sceptic or just baffled by the subject, this delivers the ultimate verdict on alternative medicine with clarity, scientific rigour and absolute authority.	10	2008 410 pages Non Fiction Alternative medicine
Skloot, Rebecca <i>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</i>	In 1951 a young black woman died of cancer. Her death changed the history of medicine. Her name was Henrietta Lacks, but scientists know her as HeLa. She was a poor Southern tobacco farmer whose cancer cells – taken without her knowledge – became one of the most important tools in medicine. The first ‘immortal’ human tissue grown in culture, HeLa cells were vital for developing the polio vaccine; uncovered secrets of cancer, viruses and the effects of the atom bomb; helped lead to important advances like in vitro fertilisation, cloning and gene mapping; and have been bought and sold by the billions. Yet Henrietta herself remains virtually unknown, buried in an unmarked grave. Captures the beauty and drama of scientific discovery, as well as its human consequences.	10	2010 328 pages Non Fiction Medicine Ethics
Slater, Nigel <i>Toast</i>	Toast is Nigel Slater's truly extraordinary story of a childhood remembered through food. Whether relating his mother's ritual burning of the toast, his father's dreaded Boxing Day stew or such culinary highlights of the day as Arctic Roll and Grilled Grapefruit (then considered something of a status symbol in Wolverhampton) this remarkable memoir vividly recreates daily life in sixties suburban England. Nigel's likes and dislikes, aversions and sweet-toothed weaknesses form a fascinating and amusing backdrop to this incredibly moving and deliciously evocative memoir of childhood, adolescence and sexual awakening.	10	2003 247 pages Non fiction 60's England Childhood Growing up
Smiley, Jane <i>A Thousand Acres</i>	<i>Winner of the 1992 Pulitzer Prize & National Book Critic's Circle Award</i> - A successful Iowa farmer decides to divide his farm between his three daughters. When the youngest objects, she is cut out of his will. This sets off a chain of events that brings dark truths to light and explodes long-suppressed emotions. An ambitious reimagining of Shakespeare's King Lear cast upon a typical American community in the late twentieth century.	10	1991 371 pages
Smith, Dominic <i>The Electric Hotel</i>	The Electric Hotel winds through the nascent days of cinema in Paris and Fort Lee, New Jersey – America's first movie town – and on the battlefields of Belgium during World War I. For nearly half a century, Claude Ballard, has been living at the Hollywood Knickerbocker Hotel. Claude now spends his days foraging for mushrooms and taking photographs of runaways and the striplings along Sunset Boulevard. But when a film-history student comes to interview Claude the past comes surging back.	10	2019 441 pages



Smith, Dominic The last painting of Sara de Vos 	In 1631 Sara de Vos is admitted to the Guild of St Luke in Holland as a master painter, the first woman to be so honoured. Three hundred years later only one work attributed to de Vos is known to remain: a haunting winter scene, <i>At the edge of a Wood</i> , which hangs over the Manhattan bed of a wealthy descendant of the original owner. An Australian grad student, Ellie Shipley, struggling to stay afloat in New York, agrees to paint a forgery of the landscape, a decision that will haunt her. Because now, half a century later, she's curating an exhibition of female Dutch painters, and both versions threaten to arrive. A mesmerising story that grapples with the demands of the artistic life... shows how the deceits of the past can forge the present.	10	2016 372 pages Historical fiction
Smith, Tom Rob Child 44	Under Stalin's terrifying regime families live in fear. When the all-powerful State claims there's no such thing as crime, who dares disagree? An ambitious secret police officer, Leo Demidov has spent his career arresting anyone who steps out of line. Suddenly his world is turned upside down when he uncovers evidence of a killer at large. Now, with only his wife at his side, Leo much risk both their lives to save the lives of others.	10	2008 437 pages Espionage
Smith, Tom Rob The Farm	Daniel thought that his parents were safely in Sweden enjoying a peaceful retirement on their remote farm. With a single phone call everything changes. His father called to say his mother was unwell, in fact she'd been committed to a mental hospital. Then his mother calls, everything your father has said is a lie, I need the police. Whom should he believe, whom should he trust?	10	2014 351 pages Family secrets
Smith, Zadie On Beauty	<i>Winner of the 2006 Orange Prize for Fiction</i> - Why do we fall in love with the people we do? Why do we visit our mistakes on our children? What makes life truly beautiful? Set in England mainly and London partly, concerns a pair of feuding families, the Belseys and the Kipps, and a clutch of doomed affairs. It puts low mortals among high ideals and asks some searching questions about what life does to love. For the families the confusions, both personal and political, of our uncertain age are about to be brought close to home, right to the heart of the family.	10	2005 443 pages
Smith, Zadie Swing time	Set in London, New York and West Africa, Swing time is about two brown girls from Willesden who dream of being dancers. Only one - Tracey - has the talent. But the other has ideas which take her further than she could ever have imagined. It is the story of finding happiness in the meanest of places and feeling sad when all around you are happy. It's about the choices we make and the choices made for us. Above all, its a tale of the friendships that anchor us, define us, and change us forever.	10	2016 453 pages Race Class Gender
Solding, Anna The Hum of Concrete	Set in the multicultural city of Malmo, Sweden, this is the story off five people whose lives intersect. Consumed with despair, Palestinian Nassrin walks into the ocean with her baby in her arms. Susanna dares to take a stand against gay – bashers. By starlight, Bodil sees the city from the roof of a church. Estella meets her tough little half – brother for the first time. Lonely Rhyme seeks shelter in a tree full of fairy lights. And all around them the hum of concrete...	10	2012 250 pages Sweden immigrant
Spargo-Ryan, Anna  The Gulf	Skye's sixteen, and her Mum's got yet another new boyfriend. Trouble is Jason's bad news. Really bad. Now Mum's quit her job and they're all moving to Port Flinders, population nobody. Skye would do anything to keep her ten-year-old brother safe and when Jason gets violent Skye knows she has to take control. The train home to Adelaide leaves first thing each morning and they both need to be on it. Everything else can wait...	10	2017 285 pages
St John, Madeleine  Ladies in Black	Sydney 1959. On the second floor of Goode's famous department store, the Ladies in Black are girding themselves for the Christmas rush. Lisa, the new Sales Assistant (Temporary) is assigned to Ladies Cocktail. She is about to meet the glamourous Continental refugee, Magda, a guardian of the rose-pink cave of Model Gowns.	10	2018 228 pages

Stedman, M. L. <i>The Light Between Oceans</i>	This is a story about right and wrong and how they sometimes look the same. It is 1926. Tom Sherbourne is a young lighthouse keeper on a remote island off Western Australia. Tom and his wife Isabel, the only inhabitants of Janus Rock, live a quiet life, cocooned from the rest of the world. One morning a boat washes ashore carrying a dead man and a crying infant - and the path of the couple's lives hits an unthinkable crossroads. Years later, they discover the devastating consequences of the decision they made that day.	10	2012 362 pages
Stegner, Wallace <i>Crossing To Safety</i>	When two young couples meet for the first time they quickly find they have much in common. Charity and Sally are both pregnant, while their husbands Sid and Larry both have jobs in the English department at the local University. Immediately a lifelong friendship is born. They share decades of love, loyalty, vulnerability and conflict.	10	1987 327 pages
Steinbach, Alice <i>Without Reservations: the travels of an independent woman</i>	Who am I, Alice Steinbach wanted to know, away from the things that define me – my family, children, job, friends? Steinbach searches for the answer to this question in some of the most exciting places in the world. In Paris she finds a soul mate in a Japanese man; in Oxford she takes a course on the English village; and in Milan she befriends a young woman about to be married. Take the journey with Alice.	10	2000 278 pages Non Fiction Travel
Stockett, Kathryn <i>The Help</i>	Skeeter has just returned home after graduating from Ole Miss. She may have a degree, but it is 1962 in Mississippi and there is the divide of black and white to be remembered. Skeeter's mother will not be happy till she has a ring on her finger. Skeeter would normally find solace with her beloved maid Constantine, the woman who raised her, but Constantine has disappeared and no one will tell Skeeter where she has gone. Aibileen is a black maid, a wise, regal woman raising her seventeenth white child. She is devoted to the little girl she looks after, though she knows both their hearts may be broken. Minny, Aibileen's best friend, is short, fat, and perhaps the sassiest woman in Mississippi. She can look like nobody's business, but she can't mind her tongue, so she's lost yet another job. A remarkable heroic book.	10	2009 449 pages
Stuart, Amanda Mackenzie <i>Consuelo and Alva Vanderbilt</i>	When Consuelo Vanderbilt's grandfather died, he was the richest man in America. Her father soon started to spend the family fortune, enthusiastically supported by Consuelo's mother, Alva, who was determined to take the family to the top of New York society—forcing a heartbroken Consuelo into a marriage she did not want with the underfunded Duke of Marlborough. But the story of Consuelo and Alva is more than a tale of enterprising social ambition, Gilded Age glamour, and the emptiness of wealth. It is a fascinating account of two extraordinary women who struggled to break free from the world into which they were born—a world of materialistic concerns and shallow elitism in which females were voiceless and powerless—and of their lifelong dedication to noble and dangerous causes and the battle for women's rights.	10	2005 509 pages Non fiction
Swift, Graham <i>Tomorrow</i>	Paula lies awake thinking of her husband and two teenage children. As morning approaches Paula recalls the years before and after her children were born. Her story is both a celebration of love possessed and a moving acknowledgement of the fear of loss, the fragilities, illusions and secrets on which even our most intimate sense of who we are can rest.	10	2007 248 pages Family secrets
Szubanski, Magda <i>Reckoning: a memoir</i>	If you had met my father you would never, not for an instant, have thought he was an assassin. He was warm hearted, friendly, engaging, intelligent, generous, humorous, honourable, affectionate, arrogant, blunt, loyal. He was a family man...My mother wants me to stop talking about my father. "Stop calling him an assassin". But I remind her how I would ask, "What did you do in the war?" And he would laugh, self-mockingly. "I was an assassin." Magda was born in Liverpool, and as her mother would always say, the 'youngest of four'. She insists I was not a mistake. "You were a joy!"	10	2015 374 pages Aust. actress biography Non fiction
Tartt, Donna <i>The Goldfinch</i>	Winner of the Pulitzer Prize - Theo Decker as a thirteen-year-old survives an accident that kills his mother and is abandoned by his father. Theo is taken in by a wealthy Park Avenue family. He is bewildered by his strange new home and tormented by his longing for his mother, clings to the one thing that reminds him of her, a small mysterious painting that has come into his possession.	10	2015 771 pages Loss (psychology)

Tavris, Carol & Aronson, Elliot <i>Mistakes Were Made (but Not by Me)</i>	Renowned social psychologists Carol Tavris and Elliot Aronson take a compelling look into how the brain is wired for self-justification. When we make mistakes, we must calm the cognitive dissonance that jars our feelings of self-worth. And so we create fictions that absolve us of responsibility, restoring our belief that we are smart, moral, and right - a belief that often keeps us on a course that is dumb, immoral, and wrong. Backed by years of research and delivered in lively, energetic prose, "Mistakes Were Made (But Not by Me)" offers a fascinating explanation of self-deception - how it works, the harm it can cause, and how we can overcome it. (<i>Description from Angus & Robertson</i>)	10	2007, 2015 303 pages Non fiction Psychology Cognitive dissonance
Temple, Peter <i>The Broken Shore</i> 	Joe Cashin was different once. He moved easily then, but there are consequences when you've come so close to dying. For Cashin, they included a posting away from the world of homicide to the quiet place on the coast, where he grew up. Now all he has to do is play the country cop and walk the dogs ... as tragedy unfolds relentlessly into tragedy, he finds himself holding onto something that might be better let go.	10	2005 345 pages Discrimination Aboriginal
Thien, Madeleine <i>Do not say we have nothing</i>	Looking inside an extended family in China, this shows us the lives of two successive generations-those who lived through Mao's Cultural Revolution and their children, who became the students protesting in Tiananmen Square. At the center of this epic story are two young women, Marie and Ai-Ming. Through their relationship Marie strives to piece together the tale of her fractured family in present-day Vancouver, seeking answers in the fragile layers of their collective story. Her quest will unveil how Kai, her enigmatic father, a talented pianist, and Ai-Ming's father, the shy and brilliant composer, Sparrow, along with the violin prodigy Zhuli were forced to reimagine their artistic and private selves during China's political campaigns and how their fates reverberate through the years with lasting consequences.	10	2016 463 pages Chinese customs
Thomson, Glenna <i>Stella and Margie</i>	Stella and her mother-in-law, Margie, are two very different women. Stella is kind, compassionate and just a little chaotic. Margie is prickly, demanding and a stickler for convention. Stella has exciting dreams for the future. Margie has only bitter memories of the past. When Margie needs help recovering from a major operation, Stella offers her a place to stay. With no other options, Margie returns to the family farm where for decades, until Stella's arrival, she was the one in charge. Margie has never made life easy for her daughter-in-law, and that's not going to change now she's been made a guest in her former home. But as the dry summer turns to a beautiful autumn, the two women gradually form an unlikely bond, as the ambitions, secrets and tragedies that have shaped their lives are slowly uncovered.	10	2018 292 pages Family Farms
Thomas, Rosie <i>The Kashmir Shawl</i>	Newly-wed Nerys Watkins leaves rural Wales for the first time in her life to accompany her husband on a missionary posting to India. Travelling from lonely Ladakh, high in the Himalayas, she discovers a new world in the lakeside city of Srinagar. Here, in the exquisite heart of Kashmir, the British live on carved wooden houseboats and dance, flirt and gossip as if there is no war. But the battles draw ever closer, and life in Srinagar becomes less frivolous when the men are sent away to fight....Years later, when Mair Ellis clears out her father's house, she finds an antique shawl. Wrapped within its folds is a lock of child's hair. Tracing her grandparents' roots back to Kashmir, Mair embarks on a quest that will change her life forever.	10	2011 468 pages WW2 family India
Toibin, Colm <i>Brooklyn</i>	Ireland in the 1950s...for many young Irish girls opportunities are scarce. So when her sister arranges for her to emigrate to New York, Eilis knows she must go, leaving behind her family and her home for the first time. Arriving in crowded Brooklyn, Eilis can only be reminded of what she has sacrificed. She is far from home - and homesick. Then, just as she takes tentative steps towards friendship, and perhaps something more, Eilis receives news which sends her back to Ireland. There she will be confronted by a terrible dilemma - a devastating choice between duty and one great love.	10	2009 252 pages Women immigrants Ireland
Toltz, Steve <i>A Fraction of the Whole</i>	Shortlisted for 2008 Man Booker Prize - Martin Dean spent his entire life analysing absolutely everything ...and passing on his self-taught knowledge to his son, Jasper. As he recollects the extraordinary events that led to his late father's demise, Jasper recounts a boyhood of outrageous schemes and shocking discoveries - about his infamous criminal uncle, his mysteriously absent mother, and Martin's constant battle to leave his mark on the world. From the Australian bush to the cafes of Paris; from the highs of first love to the lows of failed ambition, this is an unforgettable, rollicking and deeply moving family story.	10	2008 710 pages Australian Humorous Families

Towles, Amor A gentleman in Moscow 	On 21 June 1922, Count Alexander Rostov – a recipient of the Order of Saint Andrew, member of the Jockey club, Master of the Hunt – is escorted out of the Kremlin, across Red Square and through the elegant revolving doors of the Hotel Metropol. Deemed an unrepentant aristocrat by a Bolshevik tribunal, the Count has been sentenced to house arrest indefinitely. But instead of his usual suite, he must now live in an attic room while Russia undergoes decades of tumultuous upheaval. Can a life without luxury be the richest of all? He couldn't leave his hotel. You wouldn't want to!	10	2016 462 pages Moscow House detention Historical fiction
Treloar, Lucy Salt Creek 	Salt Creek, 1855, lies at the far reaches of the remote, beautiful and inhospitable coastal region, the Coorong, in the new province of South Australia. The area, becomes home to Stanton Finch and his large family, including 15-year-old Hester Finch. Once wealthy political activists, the Finch family has fallen on hard times. Hester and her siblings make connections where they can: with the few travellers that pass along the nearby stock route - among them a young artist, Charles - and the Ngarrindjeri people they have dispossessed. Over the years an Aboriginal boy, Tully, becomes part of the family. Stanton's attempts to tame the landscape bring ruin to the Ngarrindjeri people and unleash a chain of events that will tear the family asunder.	10	2015 399 pages Aboriginal Pioneers South Aust
Trinca, Helen Madeleine	A life of Madeleine St John. Madeleine St John was in her fifties when she wrote her first novel, <i>The Women in Black</i> – a sparkling gem set in post-war Sydney. But its charm belied the terrible sadness that defined its author. When Madeleine was twelve her beautiful, sophisticated French mother died, and Madeleine's life changed irreparably.	10	2013 243 pages Biography
Tunnicliff, Hannah The color of tea	After moving with her husband to the tiny, bustling island of Macau, Grace Miller finds herself a stranger in a foreign land, a lone redhead towering above the crowd on the busy Chinese streets. As she is forced to confront the devastating news of her infertility, Grace's marriage is fraying and her dreams of family have been shattered. She resolves to do something bold, something her impetuous mother would do, and she turns to what she loves: baking and the pleasure of afternoon tea. Grace opens a cafe where she serves tea, coffee, and macarons; the delectable, delicate French cookies colored like precious stones, to the women of Macau. There, among fellow expatriates and locals alike, Grace carves out a new definition of home and family. When her marriage reaches a crisis, secrets Grace thought she had buried long ago rise to the surface. Grace realises it's now or never to lay old ghosts to rest and to begin to trust herself. With each mug of coffee brewed, each cup of tea steeped and each macaron baked, Grace comes to learn that strength can be gleaned from the unlikeliest of places.	7	2012 336 pages Women China
Twain, Mark The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn	Huckleberry Finn had a tough life with his drunk father until an adventure with Tom Sawyer changed everything. But when Huck's dad returns and kidnaps him, he must escape down the Mississippi River with runaway slave, Jim. They encounter trouble at every turn, from floods and gunfights to armed bandits and the long arm of the law. Through it all the friends stick together - but can Huck and Tom free Jim from slavery once and for all?	10	1884 451 pages
Twohig, Peter The Cartographer 	Melbourne, 1959. An 11-year-old boy witnesses a murder as he spies through the window of a strange house. God, whom he no longer counts as a friend, obviously has a pretty screwed-up sense of humour: just one year before the boy had looked on helplessly as his twin brother, Tom, suffered a violent death. Now, having been seen by the angry murderer, he is a kid on the run. With only a shady grandfather, a professional standover man and an incongruous local couple as adult mentors, he takes refuge in the dark drains and grimy tunnels beneath the city, transforming himself into a series of superheroes and creating a rather unreliable map to plot out places where he is unlikely to cross paths with the bogeyman.	10	2012 386 pages Detective mystery Runaway teenagers
Tyler, Anne Digging to America	Two very different families form a lifelong connection when they adopt baby girls from Korea on the very same day. Packed with hilarious moments and toe-curling misunderstandings, this novel is about belonging and otherness, about insiders and outsiders, pride and prejudice, young love and unexpected old love, families and the impossibility of ever getting it right, and about striving for connection and goodness against all the odds.	10	2006 288 pages

Tyler, Anne Ladder of Years	On a beach holiday 40-year-old Cordelia Grinstead, dressed only in swimsuit and beach robe, walks away from her family and just keeps on walking. Not only does she put herself in a dire financial situation, she also places herself in a psychologically damaging situation with her family and husband as well. As she deals with entering the workforce and considering what is most important in her life. In doing so, she comes to terms with herself.	10	1982 326 pages
Uglow, Jenny Nature's Engraver. A Life of Thomas Bewick	At the end of the 18 th century Britain fell in love with nature. One of the books that marked this moment was Thomas Bewick's <i>History of British Birds</i> , the first 'field guide' for ordinary people, illustrated by woodcuts of astonishing accuracy and beauty. Uglow tells the story of the farmer's son from Tyneside who revolutionised wood-engraving and influenced book illustration for a century to come.	10	2006 403 pages Wood- engraver Biography Non fiction
Updike, John Rabbit is Rich	It's 1979 and Rabbit is no longer running, he's walking, and beginning to get out of breath. He's Chief Sales Representative and co-owner of Springer Motors; his wife, at home or in the club, is keeping trim, he wears good suits and the cash is pouring in. So why is it that he finds it so hard to accept the way that things have turned out? And why, when he looks at his family, is he haunted by regrets about all those lives he'll never live?	10	1981 440 pages Psychological fiction
Van Niekerk, Marlene Agaat	In the waning days of South African apartheid, Milla, a 67-year-old white woman, is condemned to silence by a creeping paralysis. As she struggles to communicate with her maid servant turned caretaker, Agaat, the complicated history of their relationship is revealed.	10	2004 576 pages South Africa Farm Women
Vickers, Salley The cleaner of Chartres	When a strange young woman is found sleeping in the porch of the ancient cathedral of Chartres, none of the residents of this quiet little town realize what changes lie in store for them. With her dark skin, her colourful clothes and her curious manner, Agnès Morel catches the eye of everyone she encounters. Before long she is cleaning for the Abbé Paul in the cathedral, organizing lonely Professor Jones's chaotic papers and helping Philippe Nevers with his irresponsible sister and her newborn child. At the same time, she bewitches the local painter, Robert Clément, with her topaz eyes and captures the heart of Alain, the handsome restorer who works alongside her in the cathedral each morning. Little by little, day by day, she has a magical effect on each of their lives.	10	2012 298 pages France
Vickers, Salley Mr Golightly's holiday	Many years ago, Mr. Golightly wrote a work of dramatic fiction that grew to be an astonishing international bestseller. But his reputation is on the decline and he finds himself badly out of touch with the modern world. He decides to take a holiday hoping to use the opportunity to bring his great work up to date. But as soon as he gets to know his new neighbours, Mr Golightly is forced to re-examine his attitude to life.	10	2003 368 pages England
Visciglio, Margaret The blue roses of Orroroo	People's Choice Award South Australian Writers Festival 2013 – A humorous account of rape, incest and Stolen Generations as related by Rose Walsh, a not always reliable witness, as she strives to rescue her family from destitution and to restore her own self-esteem.	10	2011 289 pages South Australia



Wainwright, Robert <i>Sheila: the Australian beauty who bewitched British Society</i>  	Vivacious, confident and striking young Australian Sheila Chisholm met her English husband, Lord Francis Edward Scudamore St Clair-Erskine in Egypt during the First World War. Arriving in London as a young married woman, the world was at her feet – and she enjoyed it immensely. Her affair with young Bertie, the future George VI of England was, naturally, problematic. Sheila had torrid love affairs with numerous men including Rudolph Valentino and Prince Obolensky of Russia. Among her friends were Evelyn Waugh, Lord Beaverbrook and Wallis Simpson. An extraordinary woman unknown to most Australians. This is her story.	10	2014 388 pages England Socialite customs Non Fiction Biography
Walker, Alice <i>The Color Purple</i> 	This is the story of two sisters—one a missionary in Africa, and the other a child wife living in the South—who sustain their loyalty to and trust in each other across time, distance, and silence. Beautifully imagined and deeply compassionate, this classic novel of American literature is rich with passion, pain, inspiration, and an indomitable love of life.	10	1970 288 pages America
Wall, Barbara <i>Our Own Matilda</i> 	Matilda Evans arrived in South Australia in 1852. Her life was arduous and difficult, but she battled on to become a successful writer, school teacher and parent. She published fourteen novels, all set in Adelaide or the surrounding countryside. Her books were read widely in Australia and overseas.	10	1994 170 pages Non Fiction Biography
Walter, Bob <i>There's nothing wrong with me: the veteran's journey into the PTSD minefield</i>	Forty years after his army service in Vietnam, the author was diagnosed with chronic late onset post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). He was but one of the many veterans affected. While undergoing rehabilitation at the Repatriation Hospital, Bob found that it helped to express his thoughts and feelings through poetry. He later discovered other veterans and their partners who had written poems or short stories about their own journey with PTSD and its impact on their lives. This book offers insights, encouragement, and above all, hope. It also assists the wider community to understand the human costs incurred on the veteran and their family throughout their lives.	10	2012
Waters, Sarah <i>The little stranger</i> 	Shortlisted for the 2009 Man Booker Prize - In a dusty post-war summer in rural Warwickshire a doctor is called to a patient at lonely Hundreds Hall. Home to the Ayres family for over two centuries, the Georgian house, once grand and handsome, is now in decline, its masonry crumbling, its gardens choked with weeds, the clock in the stable yard permanently fixed at twenty to nine. Its owners – mother, son and daughter – are struggling to keep pace with a changing society, as well as conflicts of their own. But are the Ayres haunted by something more sinister than a dying way of life?	10	2009 499 pages Haunted houses
Waters, Sarah <i>The night watch</i>	This is the story of four Londoners - three women and a young man with a past, drawn with absolute truth and intimacy. Kay, who drove an ambulance during the war and lived life at full throttle, now dresses in mannish clothes and wanders the streets with a restless hunger, searching and Helen, clever, sweet, much-loved, harbouring a painful secret and Viv, glamour girl, stubbornly, even foolishly loyal to her soldier lover Duncan, an apparent innocent, who has had his own demons to fight during the war. Their lives and their secrets connect in sometimes startling ways. War leads to strange alliances. Tender, tragic and beautifully poignant set against the backdrop of feats of heroism both epic and ordinary here is a novel of relationships that offers up subtle surprises and twists.	10	2006 470 pages

Watson, Don The Bush: Travels in the heart of Australia 	Most Australians live in cities and cling to the coastal fringe, yet our sense of what an Australian is – or should be – is drawn from the vast and varied inland called the bush. Starting with his forebears' battle to drive back nature and eke a living from the land, Don Watson explores the bush as it was and as it now is: the triumphs and the ruination, the commonplace and the bizarre, the stories we like to tell about ourselves and the national character, and those we don't. Via mountain ash and Mallee, the birds and the beasts, slaughter, fire, flood and drought, swagmen, sheep and their shepherds, the strange and the familiar, the tragedies and the follies – here is a journey that only our leading writer of non-fiction could take us on.	10	2014 378 pages Non fiction Australian landscape
Westover, Tara Educated	Tara Westover grew up preparing for the End of Days, watching for the sun to darken, for the moon to drip as if with blood. She spent her summers bottling peaches and her winters rotating emergency supplies, hoping that when the World of Men failed, her family would continue on, unaffected. She hadn't been registered for a birth certificate. She had no school records because she'd never set foot in a classroom, and no medical records because her father didn't believe in doctors or hospitals. According to the state and federal government, she didn't exist. As she grew older, her father became more radical, and her brother, more violent. At sixteen Tara decided to educate herself. Her struggle for knowledge would take her far from her Idaho mountains, over oceans and across continents, to Harvard and to Cambridge. Only then would she wonder if she'd travelled too far. If there was still a way home.	10	2018 377 pages Memoir
Wharton, Edith The Age of Innocence	Newland Archer and May Welland are the perfect couple. He is a wealthy young lawyer and she is a lovely sweet-natured girl. All seems set for success until the arrival of May's unconventional cousin, Ellen Olenska, who returns from Europe without her husband and proceeds to shake up polite New York society. To Newland, she is a breath of fresh air and a free spirit, but the bond that develops between them throws his values into confusion and threatens his relationship with May.	10	1920 308 pages
White, Patrick Flaws in the Glass 	With candour, force and emotion, Patrick White writes of his youth in Australia, his English boarding school, his life at Cambridge and trips to Germany, London during the Blitz, RAF wartime intelligence in the Middle East and his first meeting with the man who was to become the central focus of his life.	10	1981 257 pages Non fiction Memoir
Wilkins, Damien Max Gate 	It's 1928. Thomas Hardy is on his deathbed at his Dorset home <i>Max Gate</i> . A tug-of war is taking place over his legacy and the eventual fate of his mortal remains. What counts for him: the wishes of his family and his dutiful second wife Florence or the opinion of his literary friends? What about his own express desires or the will of the Nation? An entertaining insight into the eccentricities of a writer's life and a raw, intriguing tale of torn loyalty, ownership and jealousy.		2016 219 pages Legacy Relationships
White, Patrick Voss 	In 1973, Australian writer Patrick White was awarded the Nobel Prize in Literature 'for an epic and psychological narrative art which has introduced a new continent into literature.' Set in nineteenth-century Australia, Voss is White's best-known book, a sweeping novel about a secret passion between the explorer Voss and the young orphan Laura. As Voss is tested by hardship, mutiny, and betrayal during his crossing of the brutal Australian desert, Laura awaits his return in Sydney, where she endures their months of separation as if her life were a dream and Voss the only reality. Marrying a sensitive rendering of hidden love with a stark adventure narrative, Voss is a novel of extraordinary power and virtuosity from a twentieth-century master.	10	1957 440 pages
Winch, Tara June Swallow the Air 	<i>Winner of the David Unaipon Award for Indigenous Writers</i> - When May's mother dies suddenly, she and her brother Billy are taken in by Aunty. However, their loss leaves them both searching for their place in a world that doesn't seem to want them. While Billy takes his own destructive path, May sets off to find her father and her Aboriginal identity. Her journey leads her from the Australian east coast to the far north, but it is the people she meets, not the destinations that teach her what it is to belong. In this startling debut, Tara June Winch uses a fresh voice and unforgettable imagery to share her vision of growing up on society's fringes.	10	2006 216 pages Hardcover

Winchester, Simon Bomb, Book and Compass	The story of a remarkable man called Joseph Needham, who, inspired by a wartime mission to occupied China, embarked on his lifetime's work: a twenty-four-volume masterpiece chronicling China's astonishing history of invention and technology over five thousand years.	10	2008 275 pages Non Fiction China History
Winchester, Simon The Map that Changed the World	True story of William Smith, who was not rich or well-connected, but his passion for rocks and fossils and his 20 year obsession with single-handedly mapping the geology of Britain made him one of the most significant men of the nineteenth century. His vision though cost him dearly – his wife went mad, his work was stolen by jealous colleagues who eventually ruined him, and he was imprisoned for debt.	10	2001 322 pages Non Fiction History Biography Geology
Winchester, Simon The Surgeon of Crowthorne	The story of Dr W C Minor, a major contributor to the Oxford English Dictionary in the late 19th century. To the surprise of the editor, after the dictionary was finished, Minor was found to be an inmate of the Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum.	10	1998 207 pages Non Fiction Biography
Winterson, Jeanette Oranges Are Not the Only Fruit	<i>Winner of the 1985 Whitbread Award for a First Novel</i> - tells the story of a young girl's coming of age. Jeanette is an orphan who is adopted into a strict religious family. During the process of being trained to become a missionary, she falls in love with another woman. The main story is interrupted by several metaphorical fairy tales. This thought-provoking story traces Jeanette's struggles between her mother, her Christian community, and her sexual preference.	10	1995 171 pages
Winton, Tim The Boy Behind the Curtain 	A remarkable work of nonfiction taking us behind the scenes, sharing the extraordinarily powerful true stories that have influenced his view of the world and fuelled his fiction. Like those of his characters, Tim Winton's life has been shaped by havoc. This book shows the unexpected links between car crashes and religious faith, between surfing and writing, and how going to the wrong movie at the age of eight opened him up to a life of the imagination.	10	2016 296 pages Non fiction Biography
Winton, Tim Breath 	<i>Winner of 2009 Miles Franklin Literary Award</i> - When paramedic Bruce Pike is called out to deal with another teenage adventure gone wrong, he knows better than his partner - better than the parents - what happened and how. Thirty years before, that dead boy could have been him. An extraordinary evocation of an adolescence spent resisting complacency, testing one's limits against nature, finding like-minded souls, and discovering just how far one breath will take you. A story of extremes - extreme sports and extreme emotions.	10	2008 265 pages
Winton, Tim Eyre 	Tom Keely has lost his bearings and his reputation is in ruins. He has cut himself off until one day he encounters his neighbours: a woman from his past and her introverted young boy. Despite his misgivings he lets them into his life, but the pair comes with a dangerous past of their own and Keely is soon immersed in a world that threatens to destroy everything he has learnt to love.	10	2013 424 pages West Australia Recluse
Winton, Tim The Riders 	After travelling through Europe for two years, Scully and his wife Jennifer wind up in Ireland, and on a mystical whim of Jennifer's, buy an old farmhouse which stands in the shadow of a castle. While Scully spends weeks alone renovating the old house, Jennifer returns to Australia to liquidate their assets. When Scully arrives at Shannon Airport to pick up Jennifer and their seven-year-old daughter, Billie, it is Billie who emerges - alone. There is no note, no explanation, not so much as a word from Jennifer, and the shock has left Billie speechless. In that instant, Scully's life falls to pieces.	10	1994 377 pages

Winton, Tim The Shepherd's Hut 	"For the first time in my life I know what I want and I have what it takes to get there. But it wasn't always like this. I been through fire to get here." For years, Jaxie Clackton has dreaded going home. His beloved Mum is dead and he wishes his dad were too, until one terrible moment leaves his life stripped to nothing. No one ever told Jaxie to be careful what he wishes for. So Jaxie runs. There is just one person in the world who understands him, but to reach her he will have to cross the salt lands of Western Australia. It is a place that harbours criminals and threatens to kill those who haven't reckoned with its hot, waterless vastness. This is a journey that only a dreamer – or a fugitive – would attempt.	10	2018 267 pages
Wright, Clare The forgotten rebels of Eureka 	<i>The Stella Prize 2014 Winner (and others)</i> – The Eureka Stockade is one of Australia's foundation legends – yet the story has always been told as if half the participants weren't there. But what if the hot-tempered free-spirited gold miners we learned about at school were actually husbands and fathers, brothers and sons? What if there were women and children right there beside them, inside the Stockade, when the bullets started flying? And how do the answers to these questions change what we thought we know about the so-called "birth of Australian democracy"?	10	2013 474 pages History Ballarat Victoria
Wroblewski, David The Story of Edgar Sawtelle	On a farm in remote Wisconsin, the mute and brilliant Edgar Sawtelle leads an idyllic life with his parents, raising a unique breed of dog. But when Edgar's uncle unexpectedly returns home, the scene is set for a family tragedy of Shakespearean proportions. Forced to flee into the wilderness, Edgar comes of age fighting for survival ... a brilliant retelling of an ancient story, a haunting exploration of a boy and the dogs he loves, and an epic tale of devotion, betrayal and courage in the American heartland.	10	2008 562 pages
Wyld, Evie All the birds singing 	Jake Whyte is the sole resident of an old farmhouse on an unnamed British island, a place of ceaseless rains and battering winds. It is just her, her untamed companion, Dog, and a flock of sheep. But something is coming for the sheep – every few nights it picks one off, leaves it in rags. It could be anything. There are foxes in the woods, a strange boy and a strange man, rumours of an obscure formidable beast.	10	2013 229 pages Thriller
Wynhausen, Elisabeth Dirt Cheap: Life at the wrong end of the job market	Over a period of 10 months this journalist went undercover and worked as a factory hand, an office cleaner, a retail worker and a kitchen hand, moving from state to state and attempting to live on her meagre earnings. This is her story of what it is like to work 12-hour days sorting eggs at a battery hen farm; of working a 13-hour split shift cleaning a nursing home for just over 10 dollars an hour. She discovers that many so-called 'unskilled' jobs actually require an incredible amount of skill.	9	2005 240 pages Non Fiction Sociology
Yanagihara, Hanya A little life	When four classmates from a small Massachusetts college move to New York to make their way, they're broke, adrift, and buoyed only by their friendship and ambition. There is kind, handsome Willem, an aspiring actor; JB, a quick-witted, sometimes cruel Brooklyn-born painter seeking entry to the art world; Malcolm, a frustrated architect at a prominent firm; and withdrawn, brilliant, enigmatic Jude, who serves as their centre of gravity. Over the decades, their relationships deepen and darken, tinged by addiction, success, and pride. Yet their greatest challenge, each comes to realize, is Jude himself, by midlife a terrifyingly talented litigator yet an increasingly broken man, his mind and body scarred by an unspeakable childhood, and haunted by what he fears is a degree of trauma that he'll not only be unable to overcome—but that will define his life forever.	10	2015 720 pages Male friendship
Yates, Richard Revolutionary Road	The story of Frank and April Wheeler, a bright young couple who are bored by the banalities of suburban life and long to be extraordinary. With heartbreaking compassion and clarity, Richard Yates shows how Frank and April's decision to change their lives for the better leads to betrayal and tragedy. A modern American classic.	10	1961 337 pages

Yeldham, Peter A Bitter Harvest I 	Senator William Patterson, wealthy and influential, hides a scandal from his past that could ruin him. Stefan Muller, a young penniless immigrant, seeks a promised new life in a land that does not welcome him. When the senator's cherished daughter Elizabeth falls in love with the impoverished Stefan, it creates a family conflict that threatens to destroy them. From a tumultuous and vibrant Sydney to the lyrical landscape of the Barossa Valley, A Bitter Harvest is an epic saga of prejudice, political turmoil and lasting love from one of Australia's favourite storytellers.	10	1997	578 pages
Zable, Arnold Café Scheherazade 	Takes the reader on a journey that ranges from Kobe to Paris, from Vilna to Melbourne. It remains faithful to the experiences of Jewish survivors of World War II whose lives reflect the courage of refugees everywhere.	10	2001	223 pages
Zusak, Markus The Book Thief 	Set during World War II in Germany, this is the story of Liesel Meminger, a foster girl living outside Munich. Liesel scratches out a meagre existence for herself by stealing, when she encounters something she can't resist – books. With the help of her accordion-playing foster father, she learns to read and shares her stolen books with her neighbours during bombing raids as well as with the Jewish man hidden in her basement before he is marched to Dachau. This is an unforgettable story about the ability of books to feed the soul.	10	2005	560 pages WW2 Holocaust
Zusak, Markus Bridge of Clay 	The Dunbar boys bring each other up in a house run by their own rules. A family of ramshackle tragedy - their mother is dead, their father has fled - they love and fight, and learn to reckon with the adult world. It is Clay, the quiet one, who will build a bridge; for his family, for his past, for his sins. He builds a bridge to transcend humanness; to survive. <i>{Description from Dymocks}</i>	2018	579 pages	