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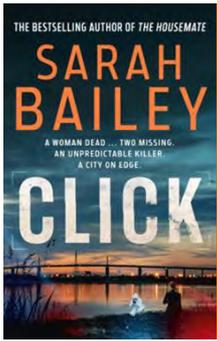
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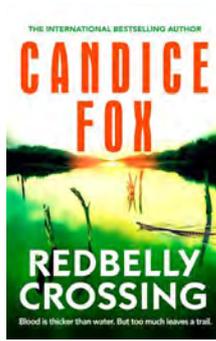
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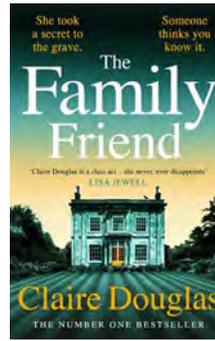
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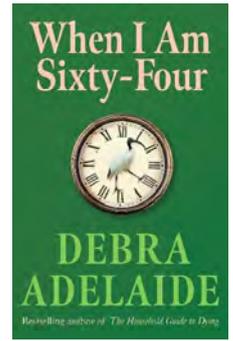
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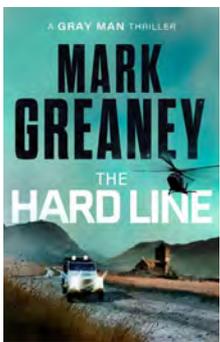
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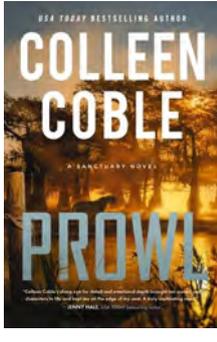
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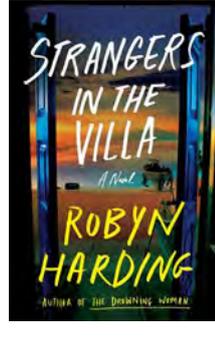
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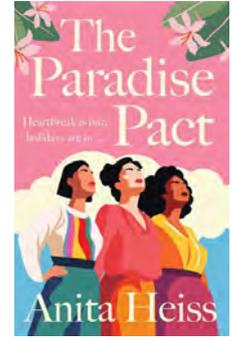
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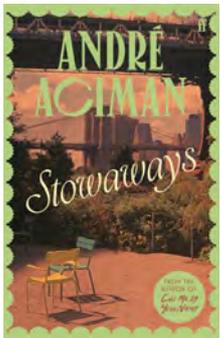
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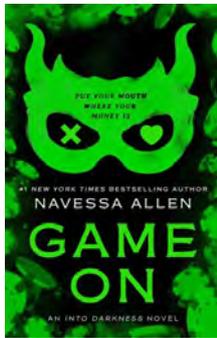
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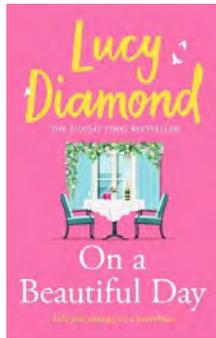
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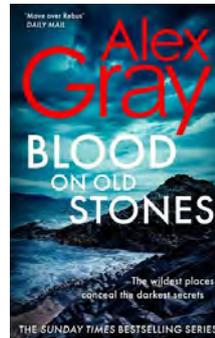
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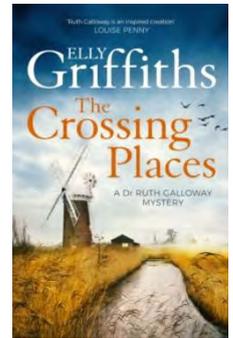
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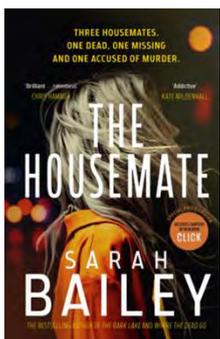
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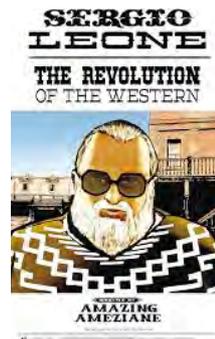
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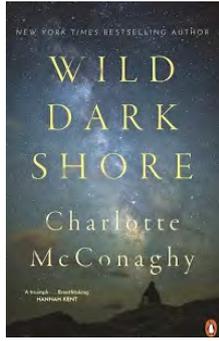
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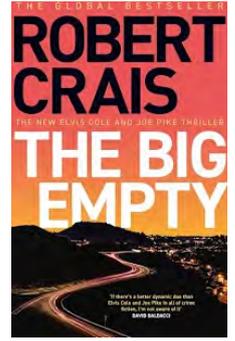
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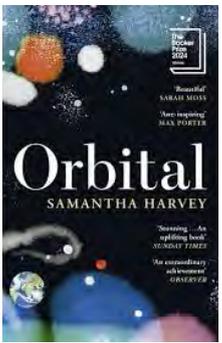
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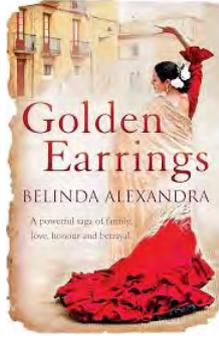
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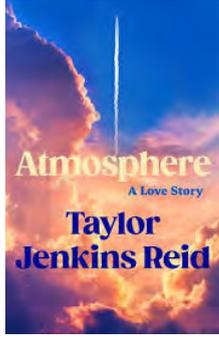
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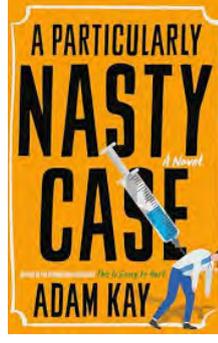
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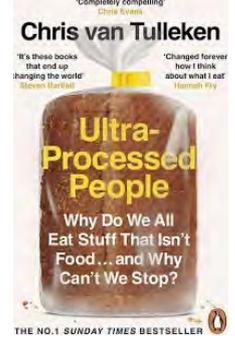
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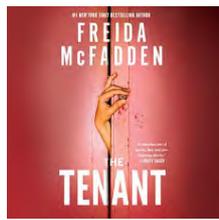


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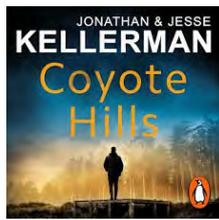
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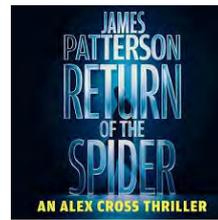
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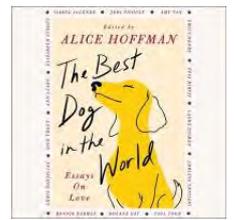
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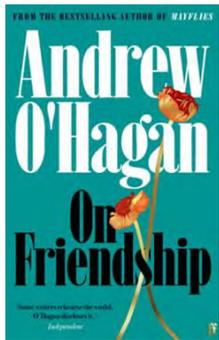
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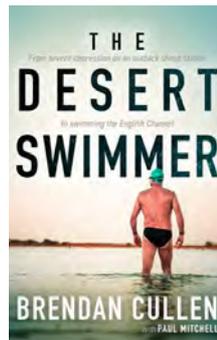
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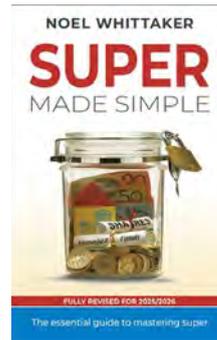
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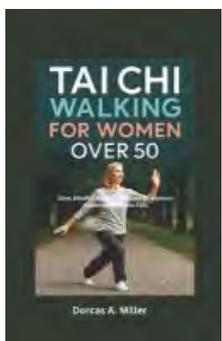
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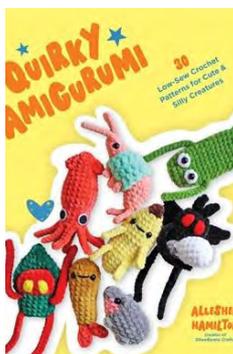
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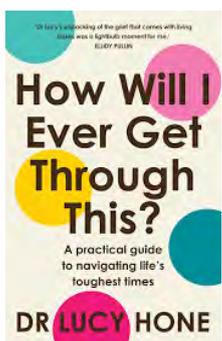
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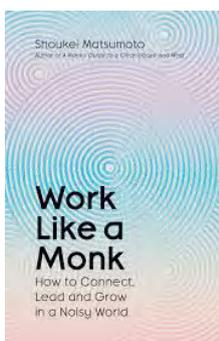
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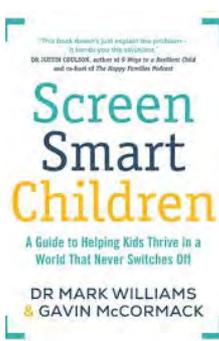
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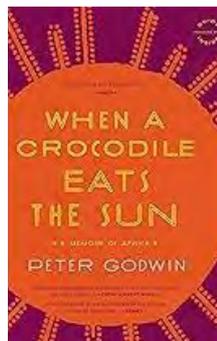
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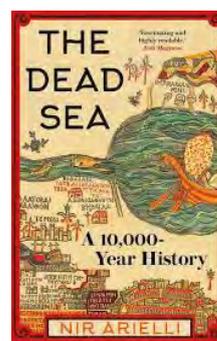
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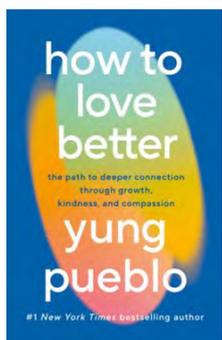
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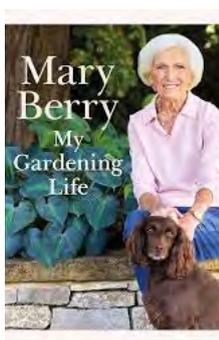
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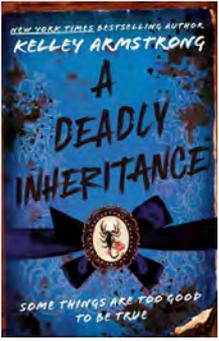


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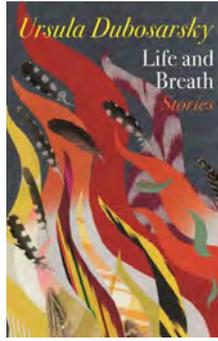
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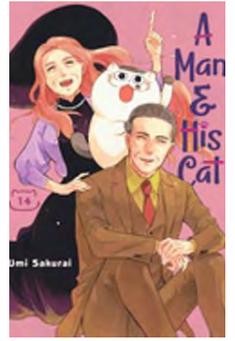
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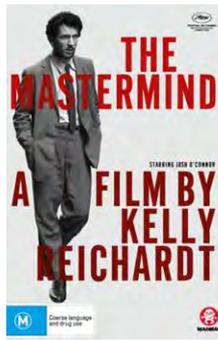
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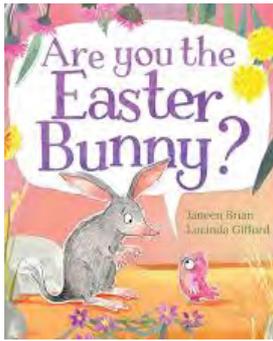
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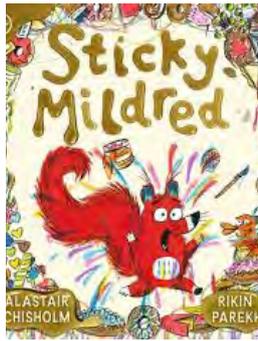


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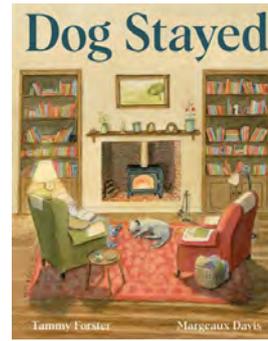
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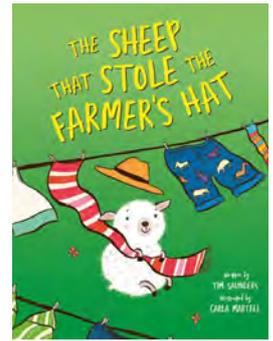
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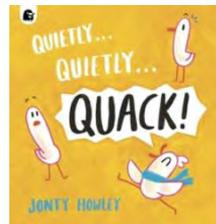
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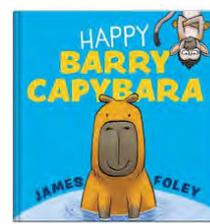
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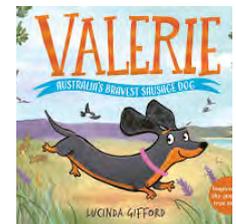
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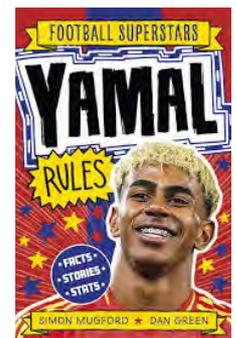
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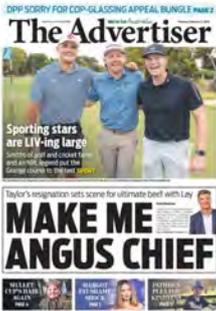
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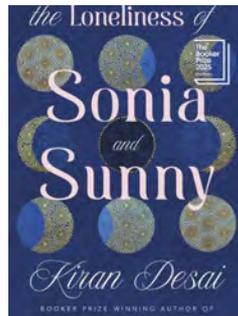
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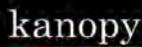
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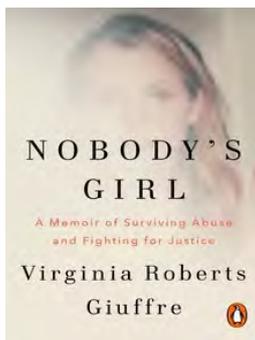
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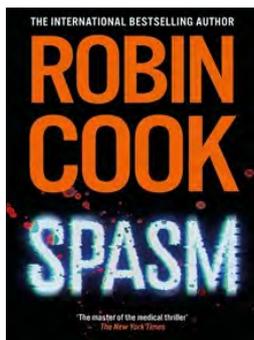
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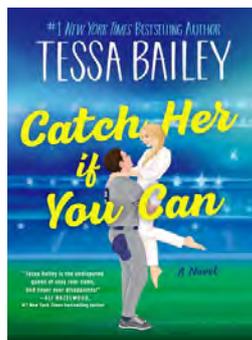
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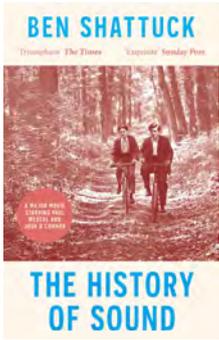
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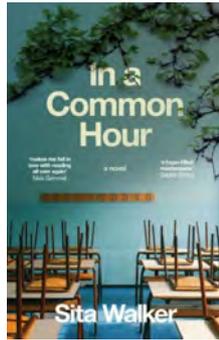


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Sita Walker
When outcast Cameron shares a damning post about his popular English teacher in a public group chat, students and staff race to

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Mother Mary Comes to Me
Arundhati Roy
Longlisted for the 2026 Women's Prize for Non-Fiction, Arundhati Roy's first memoir explores her

complex, formative relationship with her mother, Mary Roy, revealing how this fierce, influential figure shaped her life, politics, and evolution as a writer.



The Ten Year Affair
Erin Somers
When Cora meets Sam at a baby group, their immediate attraction complicates their otherwise happy marriages.

The narrative shifts between fantasy and reality until the boundaries blur, leaving only one version of events—and its consequences.



Departure(s)
Julian Barnes
Julian Barnes' *Departure(s)* blends fiction, memoir, and philosophy in a moving portrait of a couple who fall in love twice—young and old.

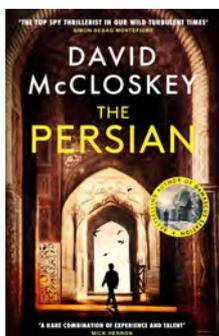
It reflects on aging, the body's failures, and life's final moments, beginning at the end yet reaching beyond it.



Vigil
George Saunders

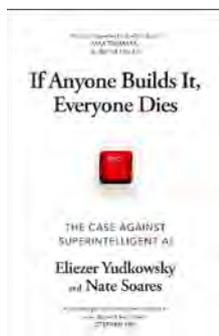
Vigil follows Jill, a ghostly guide who enters the minds of the dying to offer comfort before judgment. Set at the bedside of an oil executive, it

explores the eerie space between life and death with Saunders' signature imagination.



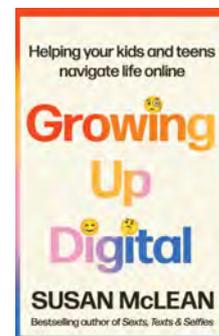
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David McCloskey
Kam, a Swedish dentist born in Iran and secretly working as a Mossad asset, is captured during his final mission in Tehran.

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This book warns that uncontrolled AI development could pose existential risks, arguing that nations and

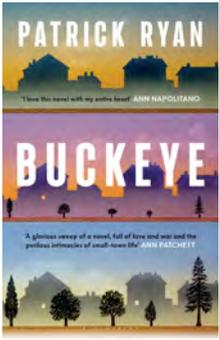
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Growing Up Digital
Susan McLean
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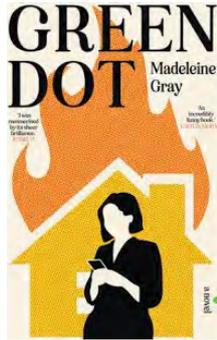
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Patrick Ryan

Set in the small Ohio town of Bonhomie in the aftermath of World War II, families long for safety, stability, and security. The story follows the

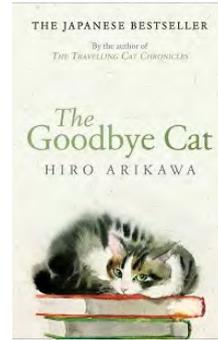
shifting fortunes of the Jenkins and Salt families, whose unlikely encounter triggers an unfolding drama that binds them in unspoken tension for years to come.



Green Dot
Madeleine Gray

Hera, in her mid-20s lands a job as an online content moderator, where she becomes drawn to Arthur, a 40-year-old journalist. As their

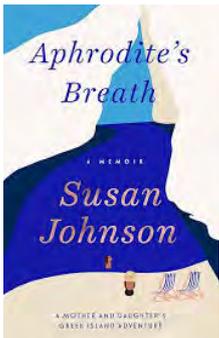
relationship deepens, she learns he is married. Though she never intended to be “the other woman,” Hera becomes captivated by the illusion of ordinary happiness she believes Arthur offers.



The Goodbye Cat
Hiro Arikawa

This collection of seven stories follows abandoned cats who find rescue and new beginnings. While centred on the animals, the

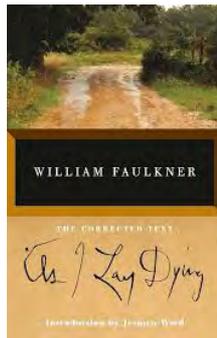
tales also explore family and relationships, and—as the title suggests—many end with moments of parting, tenderness, and the bittersweet nature of saying goodbye.



Aphrodite's Breath
Susan Johnson

Susan Johnson, a novelist and journalist, takes redundancy at 62 and invites her 85-year-old mother to spend a year with her

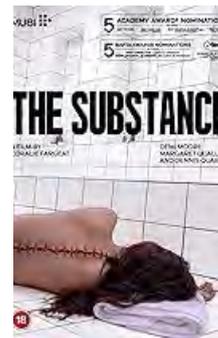
on Kythera, the Greek island believed by some to be Aphrodite's birthplace.



As I Lay Dying
William Faulkner

Faulkner's modernist classic follows the Bundren family as they honour Addie's dying wish to be buried in her hometown. Their

arduous journey across 1930s Mississippi explores religion, suffering, nature's force, and the inescapability of death.



The Substance
(DVD)

The Substance delivers a sharp, unsettling exploration of aging and identity. As Elisabeth's younger alter-ego Sue

takes over, Elisabeth enters a gripping psychological battle. Stylish, disturbing, and emotionally raw, the film exposes the dangers of chasing perfection at any cost.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT



Penguin Fantasy Fest
Sunday, 22 March 2026
2:00pm — 4:00pm
Norwood Concert Hall

Join Dillons Bookshop in partnership with Penguin Fantasy Fest at Norwood Concert Hall for an afternoon celebrating this much-loved genre.

\$12.00
<https://events.humanitix.com/penguin-fantasy-fest/tickets>



Henry Reynolds' 'Looking From the North'

Good Reading Podcasts

Henry Reynolds' ground-breaking re-examination of Australian colonisation from the top down, in 'Looking From the North'

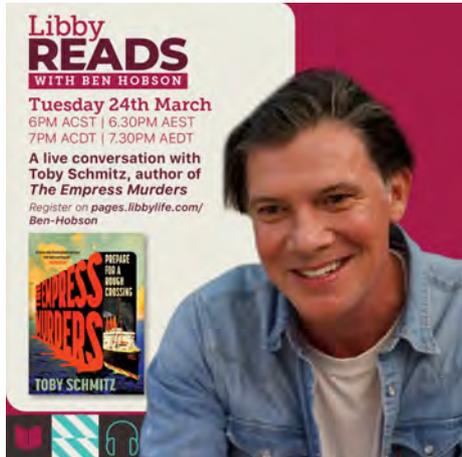
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www.npsp.sa.gov.au/dl



Author Talk: Sarah Bailey
Wednesday, 8 April 2026
6:30pm
Payneham Library

Allen & Unwin, Dillons Bookshop and NPSP Libraries invite you to an evening with author Sarah Bailey. In conversation with Michelle Prak, Sarah will discuss her latest novel, *Click*.

\$10.00. Booking required.



Libby Reads with Ben Hobson
ft. Toby Schmitz

Tuesday, 24 March
6:30pm AEST with Zoom

An evening of discussion with Toby Schmitz, author of *The Empress Murders*, March's featured title on Libby.

Register for Free Zoom Event.

INDIE BOOK AWARDS



2026 Shortlists Announced

Fiction

- Mad Mabel / Sally Hepworth
- Tenderfoot / Toni Jordan
- Wild Dark Shore / Charlotte McConaghy
- One Hundred Years of Betty / Debra Oswald

Nonfiction

- Memorial Days / Geraldine Brooks
- The Mushroom Tapes / Helen Garner, Chloe Hooper & Sarah Krasnostein
- Always Home, Always Homesick / Hannah Kent
- A Bunker in Kyiv / John Lyons

Debut fiction

- The Butterfly Women / Madeleine Cleary
- Daughters of Batavia / Stefanie Koens
- Melaleuca / Angie Faye Martin
- When Sleeping Women Wake / Emma Pei Yin

Illustrated nonfiction

- The ADHD Brain Buddy / Matilda Boseley
- Planting for Native Birds, Bees and Butterflies / Jaclyn Crupi
- Wild by Design / Tim Pilgrim
- THAI / Nat Thaipun



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Baby Time

During school terms

St Peter's Library
Mondays 9:30am – 10:00am

Payneham Library
Tuesdays 9:30am – 10:00am

Free. No booking required.



Story Time

During school terms

St Peter's Library
Mondays, 10:30-11:30am

Payneham Library
Tuesdays, 10:30-11:30am

Free. No booking required.



Everybody Sing! A Multicultural Storytime

Every second Thursday
10:00am
Payneham Library

12 March & 30 April

Free. No booking required.



Movies at the Library

Wednesday, 11 March
2:00pm – 4:00pm
Payneham Library

Come along for a cuppa, chat, and movie at the library.
Doors open 1:45pm.
Movie starts 2pm.

Free. Booking required.



St Peters Fair

Saturday, 14 March 2026
10:00am – 2:00pm
Linde Reserve

St Peters Fair is a fun-filled day for the whole family with live music, delicious food, and an oval full of free children's entertainment.

Free event.



April School Holiday Program

Saturday, 11 -26 Apr 2026

Check out what's on in Norwood Payneham & St Peters Libraries during the April school holiday.

Free and low cost events.
Booking may be required.



Drop-in Tech Help

Payneham Library
Thursdays 2:30-4pm

Norwood Library
Wednesdays 2:30-4pm

Participants can bring their personal laptop or mobile device.

Free. No booking required.



1 on 1 Computer & Mobile Device Help

St Peters Library
Fridays

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

Free. Booking required.



Free. No booking required.

Events at the Libraries

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Opening Hours

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



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