

# BOOK CLUB TITLES LIST 2022

## New for 2022



**Elif SHAFAK, 10 MINUTES 38 SECONDS IN THIS STRANGE WORLD**

– Our brains stay active for ten minutes after our heart stops beating. For Tequila Leila, each minute brings with it a new memory. Each memory reminds Leila of the five friends she met along the way - the friends who are now desperately trying to find her.

**(311 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**

**Themes: Literary, Psychological, Contemporary, Prostitution, Turkish, Friendship, Death**



**## Larissa BEHRENDT, AFTER STORY** - When Indigenous lawyer Jasmine decides to take her mother Della on a tour of England's most revered literary sites, Jasmine hopes it will bring them closer together and help them reconcile the past.

**(307 pages)**

**Also available in library collection eBook**

**Themes: Contemporary, Family, Indigenous**

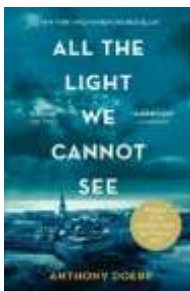


**Edith WHARTON, THE AGE OF INNOCENCE** - In the highest circle of New York social life during the 1870's, Newland Archer, a young lawyer, prepares to marry the docile May Welland. Before their engagement is announced, he meets May's cousin, the mysterious, nonconformist Countess Ellen Olenska, who has returned to New York after a long absence.

**(305 pages) \*\* Kit includes DVD, Audiobook**

**Also available in library collection eBook, eAudiobook**

**Themes: Literary, Classic, Marriage, Society, Scandal**

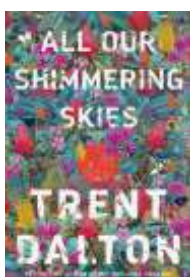


**Anthony DOERR, ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE** - Set during World War II Europe, this novel is sobering without being sentimental. The tension builds as the alternating, parallel stories of Werner and Marie-Laure unfold, and their paths cross.

**(530 pages) \*\* Kit includes Audiobook**

**Also available in library collection eBook**

**Themes: Literary, Historical, War War II, Blindness**



**## Trent DALTON, ALL OUR SHIMMERING SKIES** - Darwin, 1942, and as Japanese bombs rain down, motherless Molly Hook, the gravedigger's daughter, turns once again to the sky for guidance. She carries a stone heart inside a duffel bag next to the map that leads to Longcoat Bob, the deep-country sorcerer who put a curse on her family.

**(436 pages) Also available in library collection eBook, eAudiobook**

**Themes: World War II, Magical realism, Historical, Domestic violence, Indigenous**



**## Ruth Coker BURKS, ALL THE YOUNG MEN** - The true story of Ruth Coker Burks, a young single mother in Hot Springs, Arkansas, who finds herself driven to the forefront of the AIDS crisis, and becoming a pivotal activist in America's fight against AIDS.

**(304 pages)**

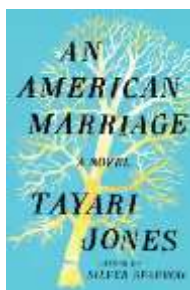
**Themes: Memoir, Medical, History, LGBTQ**



**Freda Marnie NICHOLLS, THE AMAZING MRS LIVESEY** - The truly remarkable life of the notorious Ethel Livesey, a serial fraudster and confidence trickster who became a media sensation after she ran out on her society wedding in 1945 and was later arrested for obtained goods by false pretences.

**(303 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**

**Themes: Biography, Australian, Family**



**Tayari JONES, AN AMERICAN MARRIAGE** - Could you put your life on hold for twelve years? A stunning love story about family, injustice and marriage, and three people at once bound and separated by forces beyond their control.

**(306 pages) Also available in library collection eBook, eAudiobook**

**Themes: Literary, Contemporary, Marriage, Racism, Prison**



**Chimamanda Ngozi ADICHIE, AMERICANAH** - 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.

**(477 pages) \*\* Kit includes Audiobook**

**Also available in library collection eBook**

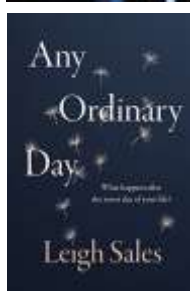
**Themes: Literary, Political, Nigeria, Immigration, Racism**



**Sarah VAUGHAN, ANATOMY OF A SCANDAL** - Centres on a high-profile marriage that begins to unravel when the husband is accused of a terrible crime. Sophie is sure her husband, James, is innocent and desperately hopes to protect her precious family. Kate is the barrister who will prosecute the case – she is equally certain that James is guilty and determined he will pay for his crimes.

**(392 pages) Available in library collection eBook**

**Themes: Thriller, Legal, Rape**



**Leigh SALES, ANY ORDINARY DAY** - As a journalist, Leigh Sales often encounters people experiencing the worst moments of their lives in the full glare of the media. But one particular string of bad news stories - and a terrifying brush with her own mortality - sent her looking for answers about how vulnerable each of us is to a life-changing event.

**(264 pages) Also available in library collection eBook, eAudiobook**

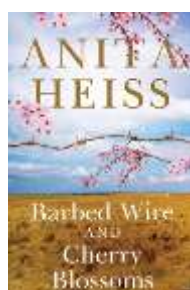
**Themes: Biography, Grief, Journalism**



**Elizabeth STEAD, THE AUNT'S HOUSE** - Recently orphaned, Angel Martin moves into a boarding house populated by an assortment of eccentric and colourful characters. Angel refuses to accept her fate. She is determined to forge a sense of belonging despite rejection from her two maiden aunts. Her Sunday visits to the aunts house by the Bay expand her world in ways she couldn't have imagined.

**(281 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**

**Themes: History, Family, Mental illness, Australian**

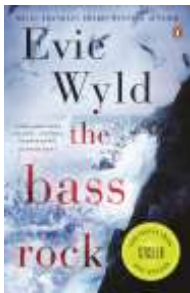


**Anita HEISS, BARBED WIRE AND CHERRY BLOSSOMS** – Hiroshi manages to escape from Cowra prison camp to Erambie Station, an Aboriginal mission. Banjo Williams offers Hiroshi refuge. Love blossoms between Mary, Banjo's daughter, and Hiroshi, and they each dream of a future together. But how long can Hiroshi be hidden safely and their bond kept a secret?

**(264 pages)**

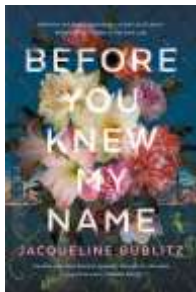
**Also available in library collection eBook, eAudiobook**

**Themes: Mainstream, Historical, War War II, Indigenous, Australian**



**## Evie WYLD, THE BASS ROCK** - Surging out of the sea, the Bass Rock has for centuries watched over the lives that pass under its shadow on the Scottish mainland. And across the centuries the fates of three women are linked- to this place, to each other.

**(355 pages) Also available in library collection eBook, eAudiobook**  
**Themes: Domestic violence, Scotland, Women, Gothic, Literary**



**## Jacqueline BUBLITZ, BEFORE YOU KNEW MY NAME** - When she arrived in New York on her 18th birthday Alice Lee was looking for a fresh start. Now, just one month later, she is the city's latest Jane Doe, an unidentified murder victim. Ruby Jones is also trying to start over; she travelled halfway around the world only to find herself lonelier than ever. Until she finds Alice's body by the Hudson River.

**(328 pages) Also available in library collection eBook, eAudiobook**  
**Themes: Mystery, Feminism, American**



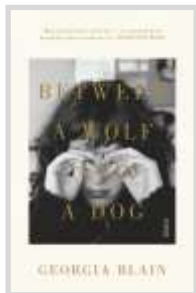
**## Imbolo MBUE, BEHOLD THE DREAMERS** - In 2007, Manhattan-based Cameroonian immigrant Jende Jonga gets a job chauffeuring for Lehman Brothers executive Clark Edwards, easing the financial strain on his family. At first, all goes well, but problems in the Edwards' marriage lead to problems for the Jongas, and when Lehman falls, both families are caught up in the terrible aftermath.

**(382 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**  
**Themes: Immigrants, Cameroon, Recession, Literary, Contemporary**



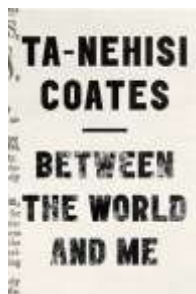
**Eli GOTTLIEB, BEST BOY** - First-person account of Todd Aaron, a 50-something autistic man who's been institutionalized for more than 40 years. The Payton Living Centre is peopled with orderlies and patients who are by turns belligerent and compassionate, dangerously disturbed and insanely well adjusted.

**(246 pages)**  
**Themes: Psychological, Hospital, Autism, Family**



**Georgia BLAIN, BETWEEN A WOLF AND A DOG** - Ester is a family therapist with an appointment book that catalogues the anxieties of the middle class: loneliness, relationships, death. She spends her days helping others find happiness, but her own family relationships are tense and frayed. Estranged from both her sister, April, and her ex-husband, Lawrence, Ester wants to fall in love again.

**(272 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**  
**Themes: Family, Mainstream, Therapy**



**Ta-Nehisi COATES, BETWEEN THE WORLD AND ME** - In a series of essays, written as a letter to his son, Coates confronts the notion of race in America and how it has shaped American history, many times at the cost of black bodies and lives.

**(152 pages) \*\* Kit includes Audiobook**  
**Themes: Memoir, Race, Social justice**



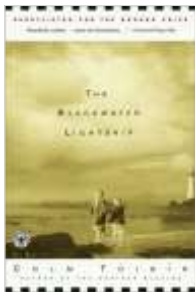
**## Anita HEISS, BILA YARRUDHANGLANGDHURAY** - Gundagai 1852. The powerful Murrumbidgee River surges through town leaving death and destruction in its wake. Wagadhaany is one of the lucky ones. She survives. But is her life now better than the fate she escaped?

**(393 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**  
**Themes: History, Indigenous, Romance**



**S. PATRIC, BLACK ROCK WHITE CITY** - During a hot Melbourne summer Jovan's cleaning work at a bayside hospital is disrupted by acts of graffiti and violence becoming increasingly malevolent. For Jovan the mysterious words that must be cleaned away dislodge the poetry of the past. He and his wife Suzana were forced to flee Sarajevo and the death of their children.

**(248 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**  
**Themes: Literary, Contemporary, Refugees, Balkan War**



**Colm TOIBIN, BLACKWATER LIGHTSHIP**– With AIDS about to claim a well-loved young man, three generations of his family are reunited at his bedside in Ireland, in a novel that explores the nature of love and the complex interrelationships among family members.

**(272 pages)**  
**Themes: Literary, Domestic, LGBTQ, Ireland, Terminal illness**



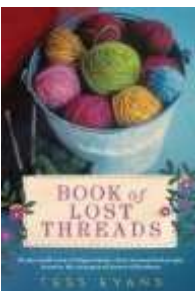
**## John DOYLE, BLESSED** – *Blessed* follows one year in the life of the boy who would become Rampaging Roy Slaven, a boy who, even at the age of fifteen, knew he was destined for greatness but had to get through high school first.

**(295 pages)**  
**Themes: Humour, Biographical fiction**



**Kyle PERRY, THE BLUFFS**– When a school group of teenage girls go missing in the remote wilderness of Tasmania's Great Western Tiers, the people of Limestone Creek are immediately on alert. Not long ago, six young girls went missing in the area of those dangerous bluffs, and the legends of 'the Hungry Man' still haunt locals to this day.

**(420 pages) Also available in library collection eBook, eAudiobook**  
**Themes: Contemporary, Mystery, Tasmania**



**Tess EVANS, BOOK OF LOST THREADS**– Tender, funny and memorable, *Book of Lost Threads* is a story about love and loss, parents and children, hope, faith and the value of simple kindness.

**(350 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**  
**Themes: Contemporary, Mainstream, Relationships**



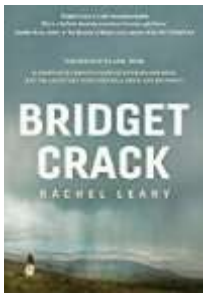
**Abbi WAXMAN, THE BOOKISH LIFE OF NINA HILL**– A confirmed introvert finds her simple life upended when the father she never knew passes away, revealing an enormous extended family that overwhelms her budding relationship with a fellow trivia buff.

**(332 pages)**  
**Themes: Family, Quirky, Romance, Books**



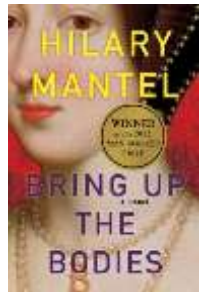
**Trent DALTON, BOY SWALLOWS UNIVERSE** – Brisbane, 1983: A lost father, a mute brother, a mum in jail, a heroin dealer for a stepfather and a notorious crim for a babysitter. A novel of love, crime, magic, fate and coming of age, set in Brisbane's violent working class suburban fringe.

**(480 pages) \*\* Kit includes Audiobook**  
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**Themes: Coming of age, Contemporary, Bildungsroman, Domestic violence, Drugs**



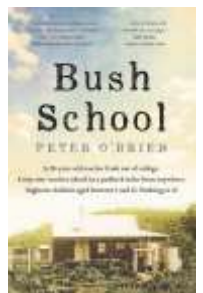
**Rachel LEARY, BRIDGET CRACK** - Van Diemen's Land, 1826. A desperate convict flees into the wilderness. But the land that hides her will show her no mercy.

**(320 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**  
Themes: Colonial history



**Hilary MANTEL, BRING UP THE BODIES** - Depicts the downfall of Anne Boleyn at the hands of Henry VIII and Thomas Cromwell as Anne and her powerful family fight back while she is on trial for adultery and treason.

**(608 pages)**  
Also available in library collection eBook, eAudiobook  
Themes: English history, Literary, Biographical fiction



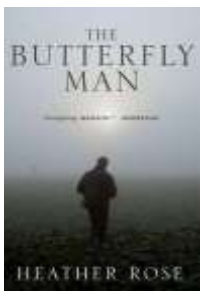
**Peter O'BRIEN, BUSH SCHOOL** - A 20-year-old teacher fresh out of college, a tiny one-teacher school in a paddock miles from anywhere, eighteen children aged between 5 and 15, it is an engaging and fascinating memoir of how a young man rose to a challenge most would shrink from today.

**(284 pages)**  
Also available in library collection eBook  
Themes: Memoir, Education, Australia



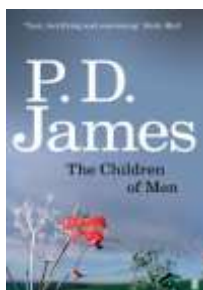
**Alannah HILL, BUTTERFLY ON A PIN : A MEMOIR OF LOVE, DESPAIR AND REINVENTION** - Alannah Hill, one of Australia's most successful fashion designers, tells a fierce and intelligent account of how a freckle-faced teenage runaway metamorphosed into a trailblazer and true original.

**(352 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**  
Themes: Memoir, Australia, Fashion



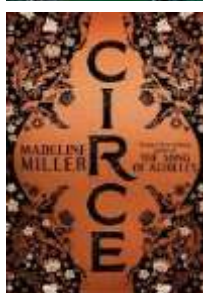
**Heather ROSE, THE BUTTERFLY MAN** - On 7 November, 1974 a young English nanny Rivett was murdered in London's West End. Her employer, Lord Lucan, was named as her attacker. Lord Lucan disappeared the night Sandra died and has never been seen since. Henry Kennedy lives on a mountain on the other side of the world. He is not who he says he is. Is he a murderer or a man who can never clear his name?

**(336 pages) \*\* Kit includes Audiobook**  
Also available in library collection eBook  
Themes: Mystery



**P. D. JAMES, THE CHILDREN OF MEN** - The year is 2021. The country is under the absolute rule of the Warden. Then by chance, Theo Faron meets a young woman who seeks to challenge the power of the Warden's regime.

**(241 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**  
Themes: Dystopian, Speculative fiction, Mystery



**Madeline MILLER, CIRCE** - Follows the banished witch daughter of Titans as she hones her powers and interacts with famous mythological beings before a conflict with one of the most vengeful Olympians forces her to choose between the worlds of the gods and mortals.

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Themes: Literary, Historical, Fantasy, Witchcraft, Mythology



**## Elizabeth MACNEAL, CIRCUS OF WONDERS** - Set apart because of the birthmarks that speckle her skin, Nell's world is her beloved brother and devotion to the sea. But when Jasper Jupiters Circus of Wonders arrives in the village, Nell is kidnapped. Her father has sold her, promising Jasper Jupiter his very own leopard girl.

**(376 pages)**

**Themes: History, Magical realism, Social**



**James BRADLEY, CLADE** - A provocative, urgent novel about time, family and how a changing planet might change our lives. The story follows scientist Adam and several generations of his descendants.

**(336 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**

**Themes: Science fiction, Family, Climate, Immigration, Speculative fiction**



**Edwidge DANTICAT, CLAIRE OF THE SEA LIGHT** - The interconnected secrets of a coastal Haitian town are revealed when one little girl, the daughter of a fisherman, goes missing.

**(256 pages)**

**Themes: Literary, Contemporary, Family, Haiti, Magical realism, Missing person**

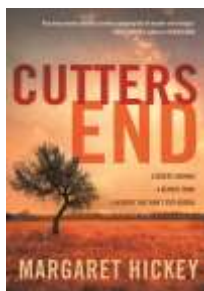


**Tim WINTON, CLOUDSTREET** - Cloudstreet traces the fortunes and misfortunes of two rural families who move to Perth and struggle to rebuild their lives after being touched by disaster.

**(426 pages) \*\* Kit includes DVD, Audiobook**

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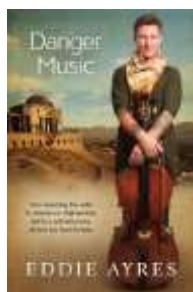
**Themes: Literary, Family, Australia**



**## Margaret HICKEY, CUTTERS END** - A desert highway. A remote town. A murder that won't stay hidden. A mysterious death on New Year's Eve 1989 leads to a shocking murder investigation 32 years later...

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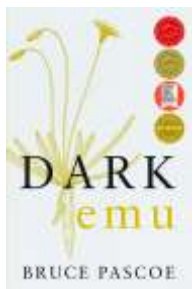
**Themes: Mystery, Murder, Australia**



**Eddie AYERS, DANGER MUSIC** - Eddie takes us through the bombing and chaos of Kabul, into the lives of the Afghan children who are transported music. Alongside these epic experiences, Emma determines to take the final steps to secure her own peace; she becomes the man always there inside.

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**Themes: Memoir, Gender identity, Music, Afghanistan, Depression, War**



**Bruce PASCOE, DARK EMU** - Argues for a reconsideration of the 'hunter-gatherer' tag for pre-colonial Aboriginal Australians and attempts to rebut the colonial myths that have worked to justify dispossession.

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**Themes: History, Indigenous, Agriculture**

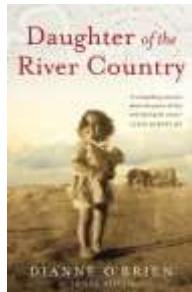


**Lamorna ASH, DARK, SALT, CLEAR : LIFE IN A CORNISH FISHING TOWN**

- A lyrical and deeply discerning portrait of life in the Cornish town of Newlyn, the largest working fishing port in Britain. Ash lodges in a spare room by the harbor and lets the village wash over her in all of its clamouring unruliness, thumping machinery, and tangled nets - its history, dialect, and centuries-old industry.

**(310 pages)**

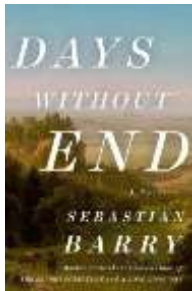
**Themes: Memoir, Travel, Society**



**## Dianne O'BRIEN, DAUGHTER OF THE RIVER COUNTRY** - Born in country NSW in the 1940s, baby Dianne is immediately taken from her Aboriginal mother. Her mother Val promises Dianne that one day they will take a trip and she will 'tell her a secret'. But before they get the chance, Val tragically dies. Abandoned by her adoptive father, Dianne is raped at the age of 15. Miraculously she finds a way to forgive her traumatic past and becomes a leader in her own right, vowing to help other 'stolen people' just like her.

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**Themes: Memoir, Indigenous, Stolen generation, Abuse, Resilience**



**Sebastian BARRY, DAYS WITHOUT END** - Thomas McNulty signs up for the U.S. Army in the 1850s. With his brother in arms, John Cole, Thomas goes on to fight in the Indian Wars and, ultimately, the Civil War. Orphans of terrible hardships themselves, the men find these days to be vivid and alive, despite the horrors they see and are complicit in.

**(259 pages)**

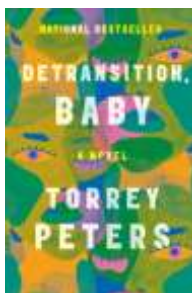
**Themes: History, American Civil War, Literary, Gay men, Indian Wars**



**William LANDAY, DEFENDING JACOB** - Andy Barber has been an assistant district attorney for more than twenty years. He is respected in his community, tenacious in the courtroom, and happy at home with his wife, Laurie, and son, Jacob. But when a shocking crime shatters their New England town, Andy is blindsided by what happens next. His fourteen-year-old son is charged with the murder of a fellow student.

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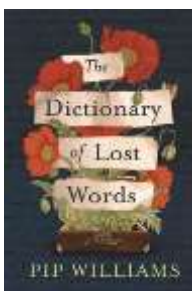
**Themes: Thriller, Legal**



**## Torrey PETERS, DETRANSITION, BABY** - Three women—transgender and cisgender—whose lives collide after an unexpected pregnancy forces them to confront their deepest desires around gender, motherhood, and sex.

**(340 pages)**

**Themes: Transgender, Family, Contemporary, LGBTQ, Motherhood**



**Pip WILLIAMS, THE DICTIONARY OF LOST WORDS** - In 1901, the word 'Bondmaid' was discovered missing from the Oxford English Dictionary. This is the story of the girl who stole it.

**(423 pages)**

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**Themes: History, Feminism**

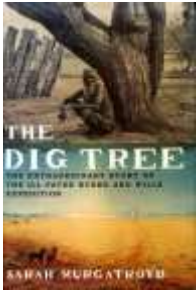


**Bill CLEGG, DID YOU EVER HAVE A FAMILY** - Portrait of a community in the aftermath of a tragedy. June Reid, the broken woman at the epicentre of the novel, is struggling with a loss so profound that she is unable to see beyond her grief, unaware that it has touched many people. Clegg tells their stories with heartbreaking sensitivity and insight.

**(293 pages) \*\* Kit includes Audiobook**

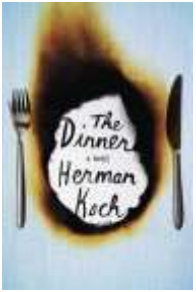
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**Themes: Literary, Death, Family**



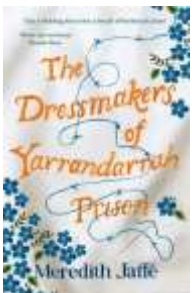
**Sarah MURGATROYD, THE DIG TREE** - Describes the mid-nineteenth-century Burke and Wells expedition in which eighteen amateur explorers took on the task of charting a course across the vast unmapped interior of Australia from Melbourne to the northern coast, recounting the tragic, nightmarish results of that odyssey.

**(372 pages) \*\* Kit includes Audiobook**  
**Also available in library collection eAudiobook**  
**Themes: History, Explorers**



**Herman KOCH, THE DINNER** - A summer's evening in Amsterdam and two couples meet at a fashionable restaurant. Between mouthfuls of food and over the delicate scraping of cutlery, the conversation remains a gentle hum of politeness. But the empty words hide a terrible conflict and, with every forced smile and every new course, the knives are being sharpened...

**(304 pages) \*\* Kit includes DVD, Audiobook**  
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**Themes: Psychological suspense**



**## Meredith JAFFE, THE DRESSMAKERS OF YARRANDARRAH**

**PRISON** - Derek's daughter Debbie is getting married. He's desperate to be there, but he's banged up in Yarrandarra Correctional Centre. He wants to make a grand gesture - to show her how much he loves her. But what? Inspiration strikes while he's at his weekly prison sewing circle - he'll make her a wedding dress.

**(359 pages)**  
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**Themes: Prisoners, Family, Australia, Friendship**



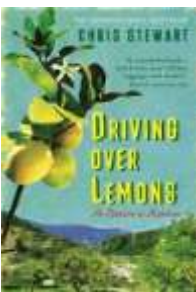
**Rosalie HAM, THE DRESSMAKER'S SECRET** - Tilly Dunnage is working for a pittance in a second-rate Melbourne salon. Her talents go unappreciated, and the madame is a bully and a cheat. Tilly's name starts to feature in the fashion pages, and the jig is up. Along with Tilly's hopes of keeping her secrets hidden...

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**Themes: Historical, Cultural, Revenge**



**Olga TOKARCZUK, DRIVE YOUR PLOW OVER THE BONES OF THE DEAD** - When her neighbour turns up dead, and then other bodies turn up under strange circumstances, Janine, a recluse in a remote Polish village who prefers the company of animals over humans, inserts herself into the investigation, certain she knows whodunit

**(274 pages) Also available in library collection eBook**  
**Themes: Literary, Mystery, Poland, Animal rights**



**Chris STEWART, DRIVING OVER LEMONS : AN OPTIMIST IN ANDALUCIA** - A warm, funny account of a British family's attempt to make a home in southern Spain follows the first drummer for the rock band Genesis as he heads for Andalucia with his wife and kids.

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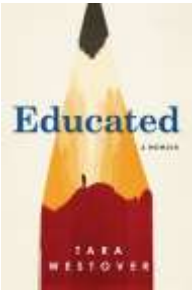




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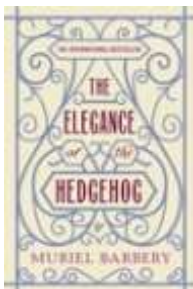


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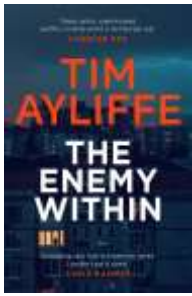


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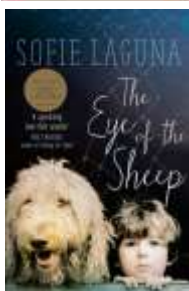
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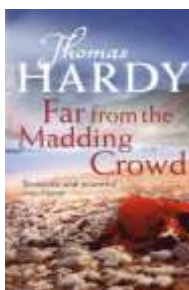


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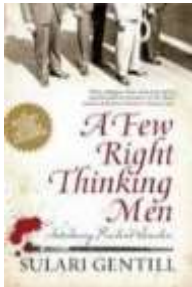


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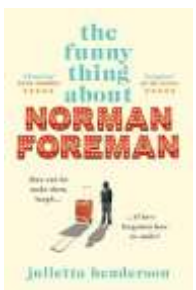
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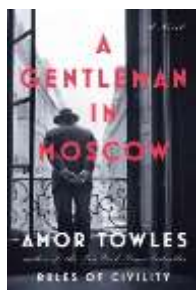
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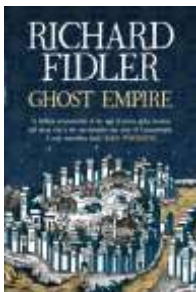
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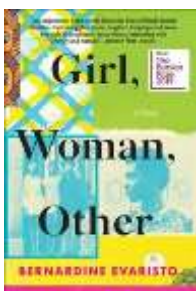
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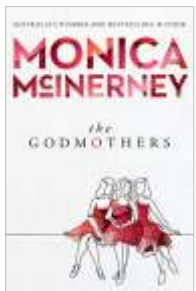


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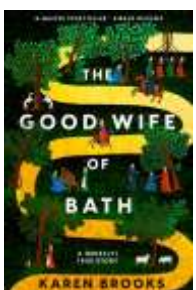


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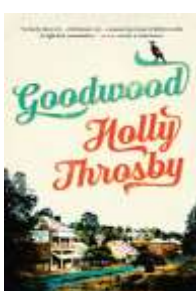
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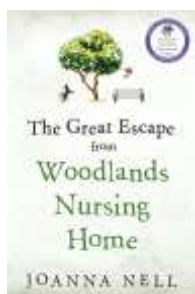
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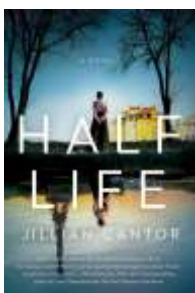


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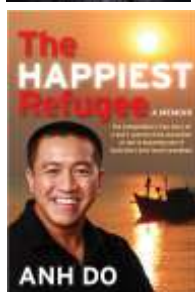
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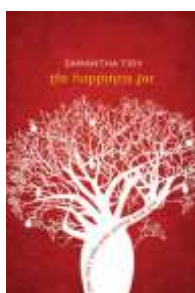
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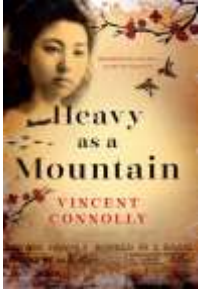
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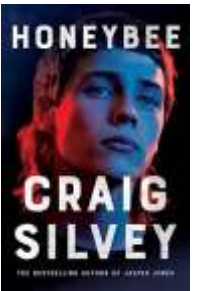
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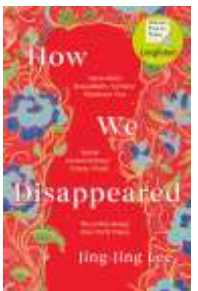
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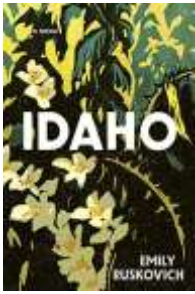
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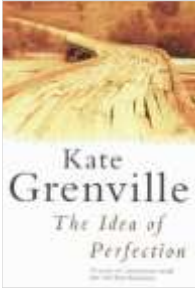
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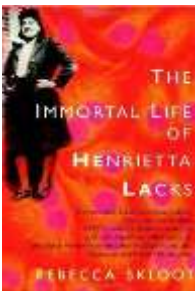
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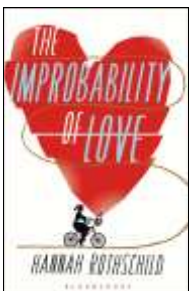
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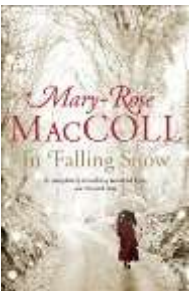
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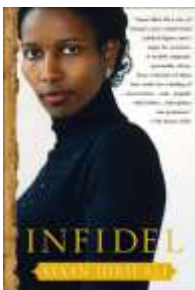
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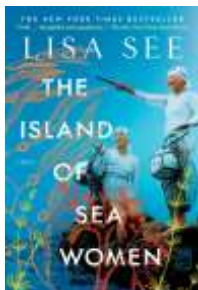
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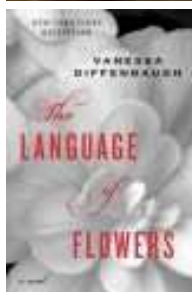
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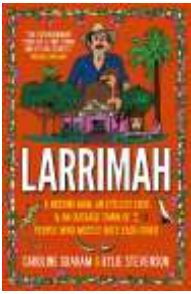
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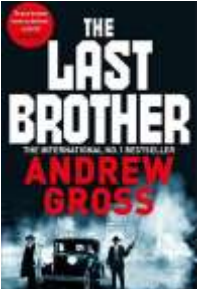
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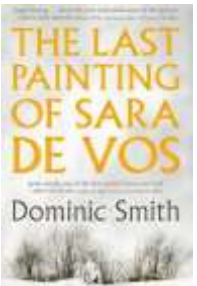
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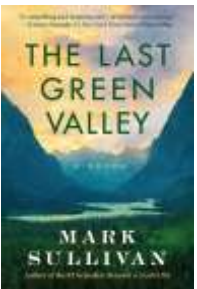
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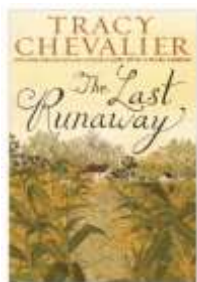
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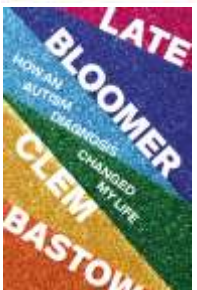
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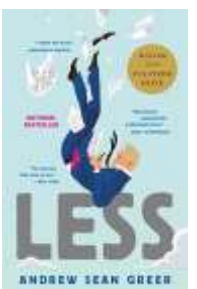
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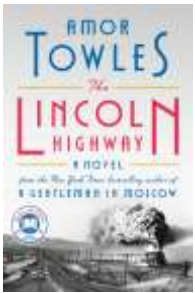
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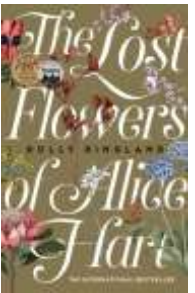
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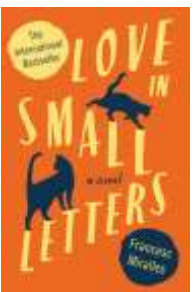
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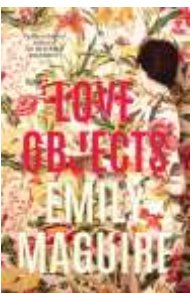
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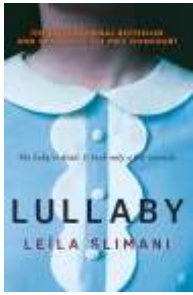
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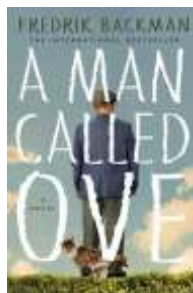
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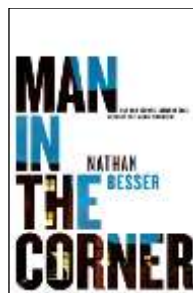
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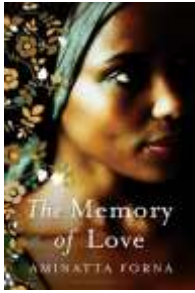
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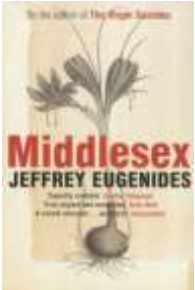
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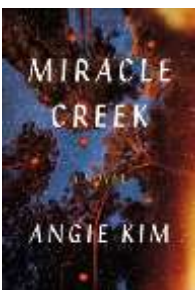
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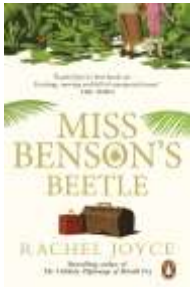
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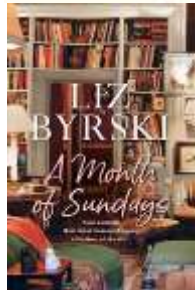
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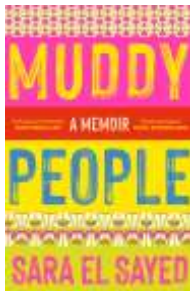
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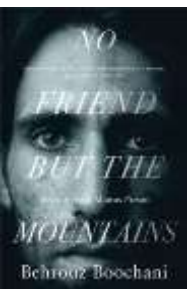
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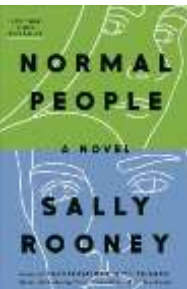
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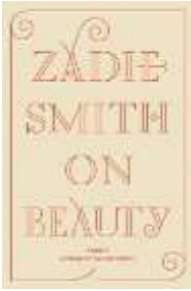
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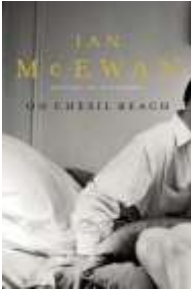
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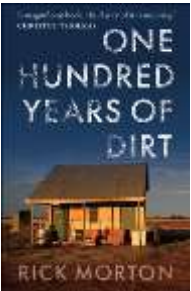
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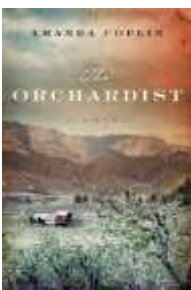
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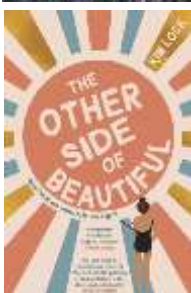
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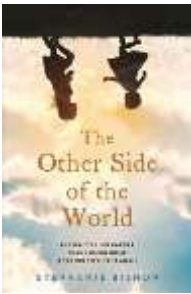
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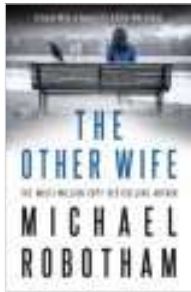
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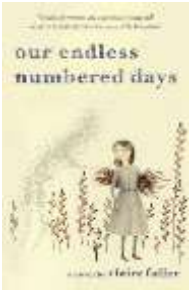
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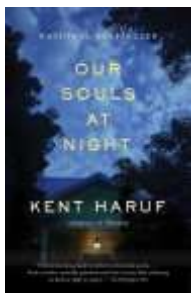


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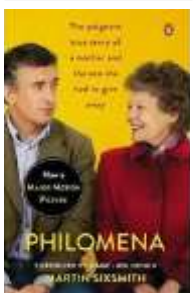
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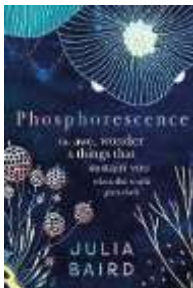
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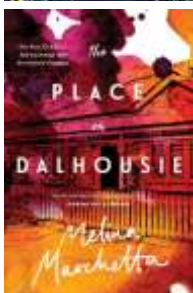
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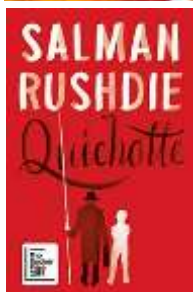
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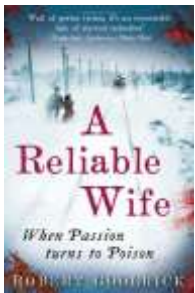


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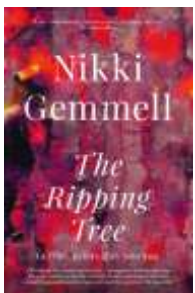
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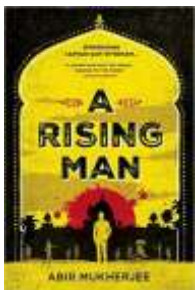
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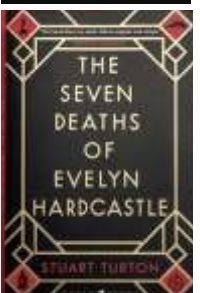
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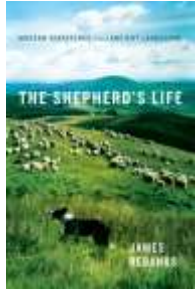
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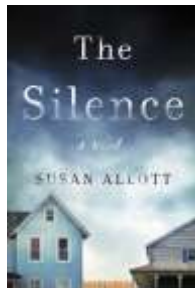
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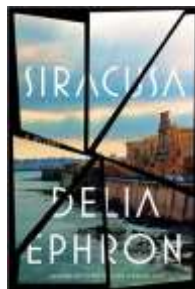
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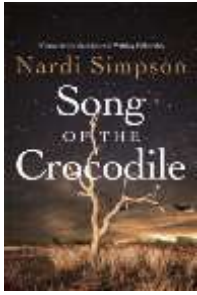
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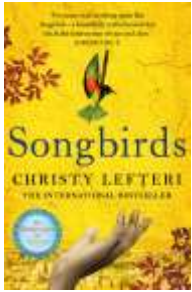
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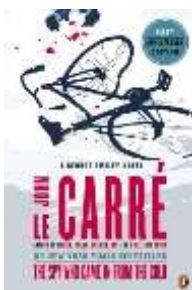
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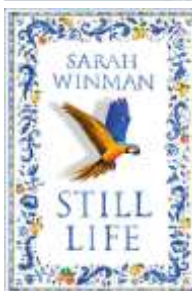
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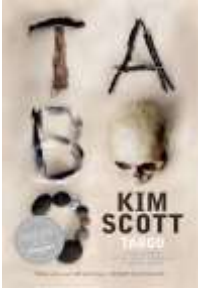
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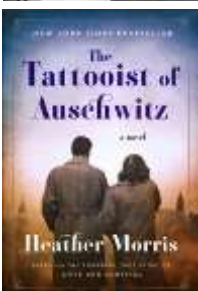
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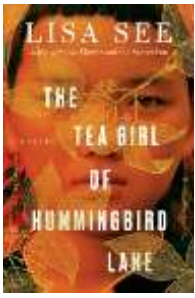
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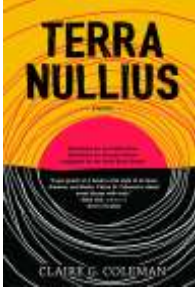
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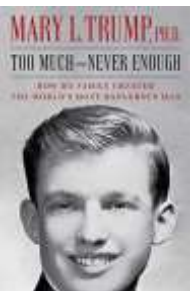
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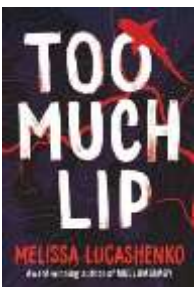
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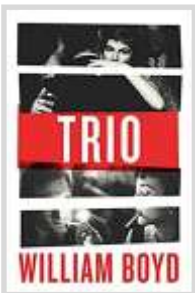
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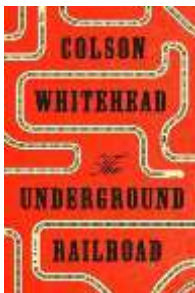
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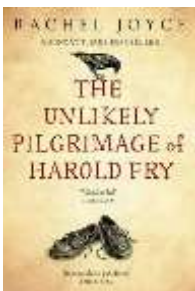
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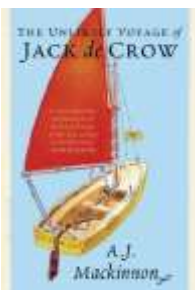
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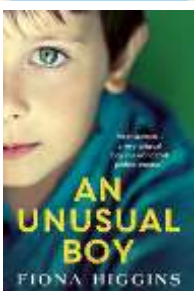
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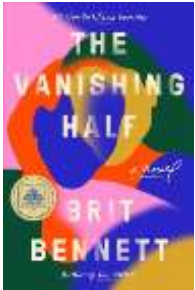




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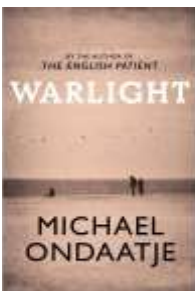
**Themes: History, Literary, Family, Race relations, Identity**



**John LANCHESTER, THE WALL** - When the island nation of an Earth-like world builds a concrete barrier around its entire coastline, a Defender charged with protecting his section of the Wall from desperate Others trapped outside begins questioning the political divides of his insular existence.

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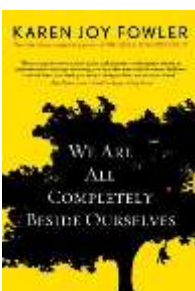


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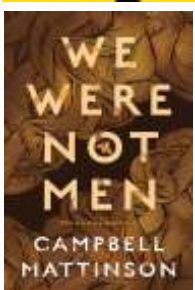


**Karen Joy FOWLER, WE ARE ALL COMPLETELY BESIDE OURSELVES** - Meet the Cooke family. Our narrator is Rosemary Cooke. As a child, she never stopped talking; as a young woman, she has wrapped herself in silence: the silence of intentional forgetting, of protective cover. Something happened, something so awful she has buried it in the recesses of her mind.

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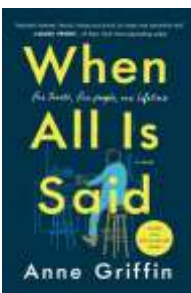
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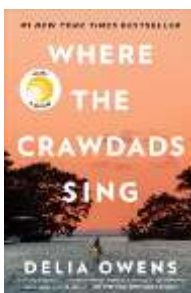
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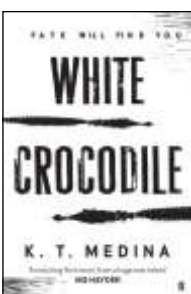
**Delia OWENS, WHERE THE CRAWDADS SING** - Viewed with suspicion in the aftermath of a tragedy, a beautiful hermit who has survived for years in a marsh becomes targeted. Two young men from town become intrigued by her wild beauty, Kya opens herself to a new life—until the unthinkable happens.

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**Themes: Family, Medical, Grief, Contemporary, Disability**



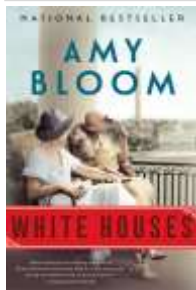
**K. T. MEDINA, WHITE CROCODILE** - After her estranged husband goes missing while clearing minefields, Tess Hardy travels to Cambodia to search for him and uncover the truth, amidst tales of a mythical White Crocodile that kills everyone it meets.

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**Themes: Suspense**



**Tony BIRCH, THE WHITE GIRL** - Odette Brown has lived her whole life on the fringes of a small country town. After her daughter disappeared and left her with her granddaughter Sissy to raise on her own, Odette has managed to stay under the radar of the welfare authorities who are removing fair-skinned Aboriginal children from their families.

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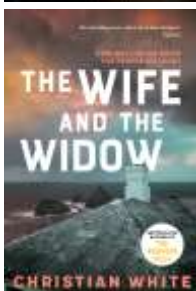
**Amy BLOOM, WHITE HOUSES** - After meeting the future first lady while covering Franklin Roosevelt's campaign, Lorena Hickock and Eleanor discover a powerful passion between them.

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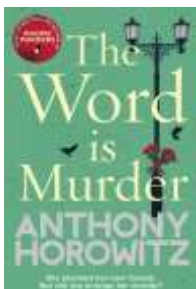
**Meg WOLITZER, THE WIFE** - On the eve of her husband's receipt of a prestigious literary award, Joan Castleman, who has put her own writing ambitions on hold to support her husband, evaluates her choices and decides to end the marriage.

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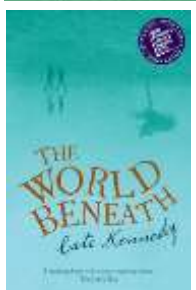
**Christian WHITE, THE WIFE AND THE WIDOW** - Set against the backdrop of an eerie island town in the dead of winter. Kate, a widow whose grief is compounded by what she learns about her dead husband's secret life; and Abby, an island local whose world is turned upside down when she's forced to confront the evidence that her husband is a murderer.

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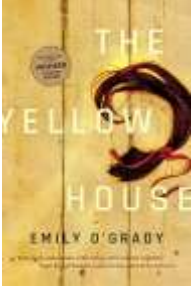
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**Emily O'GRADY, THE YELLOW HOUSE** - The book is told in the first-person by 10-year-old Cub, whose grandfather was responsible for murders. Although Les died twelve years ago, his notoriety has grown in Cub's lifetime and the local community have ostracised the whole family.

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**Themes: Literary, Family, Indigenous**



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