

2023

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FORMATS

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New Titles for 2023

Title	Author
A question of age	Jacinta Parsons
All that's left unsaid	Tracey Lien
Am I black enough for you? 10 years on	Anita Heiss
Angry women's choir	Meg Bignell
Black cake	Charmaine Wilkerson
Bodies of light	Jennifer Down
Carrie Soto is back	Taylor Jenkins Reid
Daisy Jones & The Six	Taylor Jenkins Reid
Dirt Town	Hayley Scrivenor
Everyone in my family has killed someone	Benjamin Stevenson
Great circle	Maggie Shipstead
Horse	Geraldine Brooks
Lessons in chemistry	Bonnie Garmus
Notes on an execution	Danya Kukafka
Remember me	Charity Norman
The good sister	Sally Hepworth
The marriage portrait	Maggie O'Farrell
The woman in the library	Sulari Gentill
To paradise	Hanya Yanagihara
Young mungo	Douglas Stuart

	Author	Description	FMTS
10 minutes & 30 seconds in this strange world	Elif Shafak	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.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
After story	Larissa Behrendt	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.	

Indigenous fiction, Australian fiction, Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
All our shimmering skies	Trent Dalton	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.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction, Australian fiction, Magical realism fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
All that's left unsaid	Tracey Lien	For fans of Everything I Never Told You and The Mothers, a deeply moving and unflinching debut following a young Vietnamese-Australian woman who returns home to her family in the wake of her brother's shocking murder, determined to discover what happened--a dramatic exploration of the intricate bonds and obligations of friendship, family, and community.	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Contemporary fiction, Australian fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
All the young men	Ruth Croker Burks	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.	

Autobiographical nonfiction, **LGBTQIA+ nonfiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Am I black enough for you?	Anita Heiss	In this deeply personal memoir, told in her distinctive, wry style, Anita Heiss gives a first-hand account of her experiences as a woman with an Aboriginal mother and Austrian father, and explains the development of her activist consciousness. Read her story and ask: what does it take for someone to be black enough for you?	

Autobiographical nonfiction, **Racism & social injustice nonfiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
An American marriage	Tayari Jones	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.	LP

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction, Racism & social injustice fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
An elderly woman is up to no good	Helene Tursten	Maud is an irascible 88-year-old Swedish woman with no family, no friends, and... no qualms about a little murder. This funny, irreverent story collection will keep you laughing all the way to the retirement home.	

Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Anatomy of a scandal	Sarah Vaughn	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.	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Angry women's choir	Meg Bignell	By the acclaimed author of Welcome to Nowhere River comes a heart-warming and uplifting story about a remarkable group of women who discover they are all capable of incredible things – if they're strong enough, and angry enough, to take up the cause.	

Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Any ordinary Day	Leigh Sales	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.	

Biographical nonfiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The aunts' House	Elizabeth Stead	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.	

Literary fiction, Historical fiction, Australian fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Barbed wire & cherry blossoms	Anita Heiss	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.	

Indigenous fiction, Australian fiction, Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The bass rock	Evie Wyld	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.	

Literary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Before you knew my name	Jacqueline Bublitz	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.	

Mystery & thriller fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Behold the dreamers	Imbolo Mbue	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 Jongs, and when Lehman falls, both families are caught up in the terrible aftermath.	

Literary fiction, Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Best boy	Eli Gottlieb	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.	

Literary fiction, Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Between a wolf & a dog	Georgia Blain	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.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Between the world & me	Ta-Nehisi Coates	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.	AUDIO

Biographical nonfiction, **Racism & social injustice nonfiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Bila Yarrudhan-ggalangdhuray	Anita Heiss	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.	

Indigenous fiction, Australian fiction, Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Black cake	Charmaine Wilkerson	In this moving debut novel, two estranged siblings deal with their mother's death and her hidden past--a journey of discovery that takes them from the Caribbean to London to California and ends with her famous black cake.	LP

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Black rock white city	A.S. Patric	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.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Blessed	John Doyle	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.	

Biographical nonfiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The bluffs	Kyle Perry	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.	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Australian fiction, Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Bodies of light	Jennifer Down	A quiet, small-town existence. An unexpected Facebook message, jolting her back to the past. A history she's reluctant to revisit: dark memories and unspoken trauma, bruised thighs and warning knocks on bedroom walls, unfathomable loss. She became a new person a long time ago. What happens when buried stories are dragged into the light?	

Literary fiction, **Australian fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The bookish life of Nina Hill	Abbi Waxman	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.	

Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Boy swallows universe	Trent Dalton	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.	AUDIO

Literary fiction, **Australian fiction**, Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Bridget crack	Rachel Leary	Van Diemen's Land, 1826. A desperate convict flees into the wilderness. But the land that hides her will show her no mercy.	

Literary fiction, **Australian fiction**, **Historical fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Bring up the bodies	Hilary Mantel	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.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Bush school	Peter O'Brien	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.	

Autobiographical nonfiction, **Australian nonfiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Carrie Soto is back	Taylor Jenkins-Reid	At thirty-seven years old, Carrie makes the monumental decision to come out of retirement and be coached by her father for one last year in an attempt to reclaim her tennis record. Even if the sports media says that they never liked “the Battle-Axe” anyway. Even if her body doesn’t move as fast as it did. And even if it means swallowing her pride to train with a man she once almost opened her heart to. Like her, he has something to prove before he gives up the game forever.	LP

Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Circe	Madeline Miller	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.	

Literary fiction, Historical fiction, Fantasy fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Circus of wonders	Elizabeth McNeal	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.	

Historical fiction, Magical realism fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Cutters End	Margaret Hickey	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...	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Australian fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Daisy Jones & The Six	Taylor Jenkins-Reid	A gripping novel about the whirlwind rise of an iconic 1970s rock group and their beautiful lead singer, revealing the mystery behind their infamous break up.	LP

Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Danger music	Eddie Ayers	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.	

Autobiographical nonfiction, LGBTQIA+ nonfiction, Historical nonfiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Dark emu	Bruce Pascoe	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.	

Indigenous nonfiction, Australian nonfiction, Historical nonfiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Daughter of the river country	Dianne O'Brien	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.	

Indigenous nonfiction, Australian nonfiction, Historical nonfiction, Racism & social injustice nonfiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Days without end	Sebastian Barry	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.	

Historical fiction, LGBTQIA+ fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Detransition, baby	Torrey Peters	Three women—transgender and cisgender—whose lives collide after an unexpected pregnancy forces them to confront their deepest desires around gender, motherhood, and sex.	

LGBTQIA+ fiction, Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Dictionary of lost words	Pip Williams	In 1901, the word 'Bondmaid' was discovered missing from the Oxford English Dictionary. This is the story of the girl who stole it.	

Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Did you ever have a family?	Bill Clegg	In 1901, the word 'Bondmaid' was discovered missing from the Oxford English Dictionary. This is the story of the girl who stole it.	AUDIO

Literary fiction, Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Dirt Town	Hayley Scrivenor	On a sweltering Friday afternoon in Durton, best friends Ronnie and Esther leave school together. Esther never makes it home. Ronnie's going to find her, she has a plan. Lewis will help. Their friend can't be gone, Ronnie won't believe it. Detective Sergeant Sarah Michaels can believe it, she has seen what people are capable of. She knows more than anyone how, in a moment of weakness, a person can be driven to do something they never thought possible.	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Australian fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The dressmakers of Yarrandarra Prison	Meredith Jaffe	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.	

Contemporary fiction, Australian fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Drive your plow over the bones of the dead	Olga Tokarczuk	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.	

Literary fiction, Mystery & thriller fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The dry	Jane Harper	A small town hides big secrets in The Dry, an atmospheric, page-turning debut mystery by award-winning author Jane Harper.	AUDIO

Mystery & thriller fiction, Australian fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The Dutch house	Ann Patchett	A tale set over the course of five decades traces a young man's rise from poverty to wealth and back again as his prospects centre around his family's lavish Philadelphia estate.	

Literary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Educated	Tara Westover	Memoir of a young woman raised in a survivalist family in Idaho who strives for education while still showing great understanding and love for the world she leaves behind.	

Autobiographical nonfiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
An elderly lady is up to no good	Helene Tursten	Maud is an irascible 88-year-old Swedish woman with no family, no friends, and... no qualms about a little murder. This funny, irreverent story collection will keep you laughing all the way to the retirement home.	

Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Eleanor Oliphant is completely fine	Gail Honeyman	Smart, warm, and uplifting story of an out-of-the-ordinary heroine whose deadpan weirdness and unconscious wit make for an irresistible journey as she realizes. . . The only way to survive is to open your heart.	AUDIO

Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Elizabeth is missing	Emma Healey	Slowly losing her memory and her grip on everyday life; Maud refuses to forget her best friend. She is frustrated that no one believes her. Her obsession to find her friend leads her deep into her own past, to the disappearance of her sister.	

Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The enemy Within	Tim Ayliffe	After a young Sudanese man is beaten into a coma only streets away from where a white supremacists rally was held just hours earlier, John Bailey, writing a piece on the rise of right wing extremism for the launch issue of a new independent magazine, finds himself in the middle of a deadly conspiracy determined to start a race war.	

Mystery & thriller fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The erratics	Vicki Laveau-Harvie	When her elderly mother is hospitalised after an accident, Vicki is summoned to her parents' isolated and run-down ranch home in Alberta, Canada, to care for her father. She becomes stuck in the middle of a bizarre and ludicrously strange family dilemma.	

Autobiographical nonfiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Everyone in my family has killed someone	Benjamin Stevenson	Three years ago, Ern witnessed his brother, Michael, kill a man and immediately shopped him to the police. This was a betrayal no one in his well-known crime family could forgive and for the last few years Ernie has been shunned by his relatives. But now they are all gathered at the Sky Lodge Mountain Retreat to welcome Michael back into the fold after his release from prison. However, on the eve of Michael's release, the body of a man is found frozen on the slopes. A fiendishly clever blend of classic and modern murder mystery.	

Contemporary fiction, Mystery & thriller fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Everything I never told you	Celeste Ng	Lydia is the favourite child of Marilyn and James Lee, and her parents are determined that she will fulfil the dreams they were unable to pursue. But when Lydia's body is found in the local lake, the delicate balancing act that has been keeping the Lee family together is destroyed, tumbling them into chaos.	AUDIO

Literary fiction, Mystery & thriller fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Exit west	Moshin Hamid	In a country teetering on the brink of civil war, two young people meet. They embark on a furtive love affair, thrust into premature intimacy by the unrest roiling their city. When it explodes, turning familiar streets into a patchwork of checkpoints and bomb blasts, they begin to hear whispers about doors that can whisk people far away.	

Literary fiction, Magical realism fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Fates & furies	Lauren Groff	Every story has two sides. Every relationship has two perspectives. And sometimes, it turns out, the key to a great marriage is not its truths but its secrets. At the core of this rich, expansive, layered novel, Lauren Groff presents the story of one such marriage over the course of twenty-four years.	AUDIO

Literary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The first fifteen lives of Harry August	Claire North	Harry August is on his deathbed. Again. No matter what he does or the decisions he makes, when death comes, Harry always returns to where he began, a child with all the knowledge of a life he has already lived a dozen times before. Nothing ever changes. Until now.	

Literary fiction, **Fantasy fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
French exit	Patrick deWitt	A brilliant and darkly comic novel about a wealthy widow and her adult son who flee New York for Paris in the wake of scandal and financial disintegration.	AUDIO DVD

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The funny thing about Norman Foreman	Julietta Henderson	Norman and Jax are a legendary comedy duo in the making, with a five-year plan to perform at the Edinburgh Fringe. But then Jax dies before they even turn twelve. If meeting his dad and performing at the Festival are the two things that will help Norman through this devastating time, then his mother Sadie is going to make them happen.	AUDIO DVD

Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
A gentleman in Moscow	Amor Towles	Deemed unrepentant by a Bolshevik tribunal in 1922, Count Alexander Rostov is sentenced to house arrest in a hotel across the street from the Kremlin, where he lives in an attic room while some of the most tumultuous decades in Russian history unfold.	AUDIO

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The girl who left	Debra Gavranich	Marija lives in a small village on the idyllic island of Korčula off the coast near Split in the country now known as Croatia. At 18 years of age she agrees to a proxy marriage to a 27-year-old sugarcane farmer in Far North Queensland who had left the village as a small child with his family in the 1920s.	

Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Girl, woman, other	Bernardine Evaristo	Follows the lives and struggles of twelve very different characters. Mostly women, black and British, they tell stories of their families, friends and lovers, across the country and through the years.	

Literary fiction, **Racism & social injustice fiction**, **LGBTQIA+ fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The godmothers	Monica McInerney	Eliza is living as safely as possible, avoiding close relationships and devoting herself to her job. Out of the blue, an enticing invitation from one of her godmothers prompts a leap into the unknown.	

Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The good sister	Sally Hepworth	Rose and Fern are twin sisters. Fern works at a library and uses routine to keep her life in order. Meanwhile, Rose is an interior designer who has been trying unsuccessfully to get pregnant. When Fern comes up with an idea to try to help Rose, it leads down a path that will disrupt both their lives and unearth old secrets.	LP

Contemporary fiction, **Mystery & thriller fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The good wife of Bath	Karen Brooks	England, The Year of Our Lord, 1364. When married off aged 12 to an elderly farmer, Eleanor Cornfed, whos constantly told to seek redemption for her many sins, quickly realises it wont matter what she says or does, God is not on her side. Both a lover and a fighter, she will not bow meekly to fate. A retelling of Chaucer's tale.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Goodwood	Holly Throsby	In 1992, when Jean Brown is seventeen, a terrible thing happens. Two people go missing. People die in Goodwood, of course, but never like this. They don't just disappear...As the intensity of speculation about the fates of Rosie and Bart heightens, Jean, who is keeping secrets of her own, and the rest of Goodwood are left reeling.	

Australian fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Great circle	Maggie Shipstead	Spanning Prohibition-era Montana, the Pacific Northwest, Alaska, New Zealand, wartime London, and modern-day Los Angeles, Great Circle tells the unforgettable story of a daredevil female aviator determined to chart her own course in life, at any cost.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The great escape from Woodlands Nursing Home	Joanna Nell	At nearly ninety, retired nature writer Hattie Bloom prefers the company of birds to people, but when a fall lands her in a nursing home she struggles to cope with the loss of independence and privacy. From the confines of her 'room with a view' of the carpark, she dreams of escape.	

Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Half life	Jilian Cantor	A brilliant sliding-doors reimagining of the passionate life of the first woman to win a Nobel Prize – and the life Marie Curie might have led if she had chosen love over science.	

Biographical fiction, Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Hamnet	Maggie O'Farrell	Agnes settles with her husband in Henley street, Stratford, and has three children: a daughter, Susanna, and then twins, Hamnet and Judith. The boy, Hamnet, dies in 1596, aged eleven. Four years or so later, the husband writes a play called Hamlet. .	

Literary fiction, Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The handmaid's tale	Margaret Atwood	The Republic of Gilead offers Offred only one function: to breed. If she deviates, she will, like dissenters, be hanged at the wall or sent out to die slowly of radiation sickness. But even a repressive state cannot obliterate desire – neither Offred's nor that of the two men on which her future hangs.	DVD AUDIO

Literary fiction, Dystopian fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The happiest man on Earth	Eddie Jaku	A Holocaust survivor pays tribute to those who were lost by telling his story, sharing his wisdom, and living his best possible life.	

Biographical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Heavy as a mountain	Vincent Connolly	A WWII Japanese airman in the two greatest battles fought on Australian soil, shamed by his capture, faces a dilemma – uphold the honour of his family or risk the life of his young wife	

Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Home fire	Kamila Shamsie	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 Isma worries about the influence of a powerful politician's son who drives the family to choose between love and loyalty, with devastating consequences.	

Literary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Honeybee	Craig Silvey	Late in the night, fourteen-year-old Sam Watson steps onto a quiet overpass, climbs over the rail and looks down at the road far below. At the other end of the same bridge, an old man, Vic, smokes his last cigarette. The two see each other across the void. A fateful connection is made, and an unlikely friendship blooms.	

Literary fiction, Contemporary fiction, LGBTQIA+ fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Horse	Geraldine Brooks	This heart-pounding novel about a famous antebellum champion thoroughbred named Lexington and his talented, enslaved trainer circles two tracks, one historical, one contemporary, to highlight the ongoing scourge of racism in America.	LP

Literary fiction, Historical fiction, Racism & social injustice fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
How we disappeared	Jing-Jing Lee	When her husband dies in the year 2000, Wang Di is forced into the solitary life of a widow in modern Singapore. But this new silence brings with it a surge of memories, taking her back to the brutal events of the Japanese invasion which altered the course of her life forever.	

Literary fiction, Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The island of sea women	Lisa See	Mi-ja and Young-sook, two girls living on the Korean island of Jeju, are best friends that come from very different backgrounds. When they are old enough, they begin working in the sea with their village's all-female diving collective, led by Young-sook's mother.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The labyrinth	Amanda Lohrey	Erica Marsden's son, an artist, has been imprisoned for homicidal negligence. In a state of grief, Erica cuts off all ties to family and friends, and retreats to a quiet hamlet on the south-east coast near the prison where he is serving his sentence.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**, **Australian fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Landfalls	Naomi J. Williams	A fictionalized reimagining of the ill-fated Lapérouse expedition (1785-1788), a voyage of exploration that attempted to circumnavigate the globe for science and the glory of France. Each chapter of Landfalls is told from a different point of view, including those of the French captains, rank-and-file crew members, natives, and loved ones waiting at home.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The landing	Susan Johnson	Jonathan Lott is confused. His wife has left him for a woman and he doesn't like living alone. Is it true that an about-to-be-divorced man in possession of a good fortune is in need of a new wife?	

Contemporary fiction, **Australian fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Larrimah	Caroline Graham & Kylie Stevenson	A dying town, a missing man. One of Australia's greatest mysteries - two whodunnits, twisted together.	

True crime nonfiction, **Australian nonfiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The last green valley	Mark T. Sullivan	In late March 1944, as Stalin's forces push into Ukraine, young Emil and Adeline Martel must make a terrible decision: Do they wait for the Soviet bear's intrusion and risk being sent to Siberia? Or do they reluctantly follow the wolves - murderous Nazi officers who have pledged to protect "pure-blood" Germans?	

Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The last painting of Sarah de Vos	Dominic Smith	A dying town, a missing man. One of Australia's greatest mysteries - two whodunnits, twisted together.	AUDIO

Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Late bloomer	Clem Bastow	With wit and warmth, Clem reflects as an autistic adult on her formative experiences as an undiagnosed young person, from the asphalt playground of St Joseph's Primary School in Melbourne to working as an entertainment journalist in Hollywood.	

Biographical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Less	Andrew Sean Greer	Receiving an invitation to his ex-boyfriend's wedding, Arthur, a failed novelist on the eve of his fiftieth birthday, embarks on an international journey that finds him falling in love, risking his life, reinventing himself, and making connections with the past.	

Contemporary fiction, LGBTQIA+ fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Lessons in chemistry	Bonnie Garmus	Chemist Elizabeth Zott is not your average woman. In fact, Elizabeth Zott would be the first to point out that there is no such thing as an average woman. But it's the early 1960s and her all-male team at Hastings Research Institute takes a very unscientific view of equality. Except for one: Calvin Evans; the lonely, brilliant, Nobel-prize nominated grudge-holder who falls in love with—of all things—her mind. True chemistry results.	LP

Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The library book	Susan Orlean	The author reopens the unsolved mystery of the most catastrophic library fire in American history, and delivers a dazzling love letter to a beloved institution: our libraries.	

Historical nonfiction, True crime nonfiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The Lincoln highway	Amor Towles	In June, 1954, 18 year old Emmett Watson is driven home to Nebraska by the warden of the work farm where he has just served a year for involuntary manslaughter. Emmett's intention is to pick up his brother and head west. But when the warden drives away, Emmett discovers that two friends have hidden themselves in the trunk of the warden's car. Together, they have hatched an altogether different plan for Emmett's future.	

Historical fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The lost flowers of Alice Hart	Holly Ringland	After her family suffers a tragedy, nine-year-old Alice Hart is forced to leave her idyllic seaside home. She is taken in by her grandmother, June, a flower farmer who raises Alice on the language of Australian native flowers, a way to say the things that are too hard to speak.	

Contemporary fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The loudness of unsaid things	Hilde Hinton	Growing up in the '80s is Susie, who lives with her father in Melbourne and has scheduled visits with her mother, either at her flat or at the 'mind hospital' when her mother is feeling unwell. Closer to the present we are introduced to Miss Kaye who works at 'The Institute', a mental health clinic for women where we observe her daily interactions with the inpatients.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Love objects	Emily Maguire	Nic's thin veneer of calm hides a multitude of sins. Her family history is a mix of lies, too-soon deaths and criminal endeavours. She clings desperately to her relationships with niece Lena and keeps herself happy by saving 'love objects'. She is a hoarder. When she has a fall in her house, as a result of the piles of rubbish and tat, everything unravels as her secret life is made public.	LP

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**, **Australian fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Lullaby	Leila Slimani	Follows the relationship between a working French-Moroccan couple and their too-good-to-be-true nanny, whose devotion to their children spirals into a psychologically charged cycle of jealousies, resentments and violence.	

Mystery & thriller fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Man in the corner	Nathan Bresser	David's was a perfectly acceptable life – successful business, happy marriage, two children. But then he involves himself in an identity-theft crime worth millions of dollars, and his world is turned upside down.	

Mystery & thriller fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The man who saw everything	Deborah Levy	While staging a photograph in tribute to a Beatles album cover as a gift to his hosts in Communist East Berlin, a narcissistic young historian endures a near-miss that changes his life trajectory.	

Literary fiction, **LGBTQIA+ fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The marriage portrait	Maggie O'Farrell	The fictionalized story of the 16th-century Italian noblewoman Lucrezia di Cosimo de'Medici. Maggie O'Farrell brings the world of Renaissance Italy to jewel-bright life in this unforgettable portrait of the captivating young duchess as she makes her way in a troubled court.	LP

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The midnight dress	Karen Foxlee	Rose, nearly sixteen, is used to traveling around with her alcoholic father but connects with the people of a small, coastal Australian town, especially classmate Pearl and reclusive Edie, who teaches her to sew a magical dress for the Harvest Festival while a mystery unfolds around them.	

Contemporary fiction, **Magical realism fiction**, **Australian fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
The midnight library	Matt Haig	Between life and death there is a library, and within that library, the shelves go on forever. Every book provides a chance to try another life you could have lived. To see how things would be if you had made other choices.	

Contemporary fiction, **Magical realism fiction**

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
Miracle Creek	Angie Kim	A dramatic murder trial in the aftermath of an experimental medical treatment and a fatal explosion upends a rural Virginia community where personal secrets and private ambitions complicate efforts to uncover what happened.	

Mystery & thriller fiction, **Contemporary fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
Miss Austen	Gill Hornby	Cassandra Austen hunts down a trove of letters written by her deceased sister, Jane, and confronts the buried secrets they hold, secrets not only about Jane but also about Cassandra herself.	

Historical fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Miss Benson's beetle	Rachel Joyce	Margery advertises for an assistant to accompany her on an expedition to the other side of the world to search for a beetle that may or may not exist. Enid Pretty is not who she had in mind. But together they will find themselves drawn into an adventure that exceeds all Margery's expectations.	

Historical fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
A month of Sundays	Liz Byrski	For over ten years, Ros, Adele, Judy and Simone have been in an online book club, but they have never met face to face. Until now...	

Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The mother	Jane Caro	Recently widowed, Miriam Duffy is a respectable North Shore real estate agent and devoted mother and grandmother. She was thrilled when her younger daughter Ally married her true love, but as time goes by Miriam wonders whether all is well with Ally, as she moves to the country and gradually withdraws, finding excuses every time Miriam offers to visit. Miriam tries to give her daughter the distance she so clearly wants. But is all as it seems?	LP

Mystery & thriller fiction, Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The mother fault	Kate Midenhall	Mim's husband is missing. No one knows where Ben is, The Department has fitted the entire population with a universal tracking chip to keep them 'safe'. But suddenly Ben can't be tracked.	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Dystopian fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Muddy people	Sara el Sayed	A hilarious, heartwarming memoir of growing up and becoming yourself in an Egyptian Muslim family. Soos is trying to balance her parents' strict decrees with having friendships, crushes and the freedom to develop her own values.	

Autobiographical nonfiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Museum of modern love	Heather Rose	Arky Levin is separated from his wife and one day he finds his way to The Atrium at MOMA and sees Marina Abramovic in The Artist is Present. The performance continues for seventy-five days and, as it unfolds, so does Arky.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
My brilliant friend	Elena Ferrante	Beginning in the 1950s Elena and Lila grow up in Naples, Italy. Through the lives of these two women, Ferrante tells the story of a neighbourhood, a city, and a country as it is transformed in ways that, in turn, also transform the relationship between her protagonists, the unforgettable Elena and Lila.	AUDIO

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
My sister, the serial killer	Oyinkan Braithwaite	Realizing that her beautiful, beloved younger sister has murdered yet another boyfriend, an embittered Nigerian woman works to direct suspicion away from the family, until a handsome doctor she fancies asks for her sister's number.	

Mystery & thriller fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The natural way of things	Charlotte Wood	Two women awaken from a drugged sleep to find themselves imprisoned in an abandoned property in the middle of a desert in a story of two friends, sisterly love and courage - a gripping, starkly imaginative exploration of contemporary misogyny and corporate control, and of what it means to hunt and be hunted.	AUDIO

Literary fiction, **Dystopian fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
The nightingale	Kristin Hannah	Viann and Isabelle have always been close despite their differences. When World War II strikes and Antoine (Viann's husband) is sent off to fight, Viann and Isabelle's father sends Isabelle to help her older sister cope.	AUDIO

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
No friend but the mountain	Behrouz Boochani	Since 2013, journalist Behrouz Boochani has been held in the Manus Island offshore processing centre. This book is the result: an act of survival. A first-hand account. A cry of resistance. A vivid portrait of four years of incarceration.	

Autobiographical nonfiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Normal people	Sally Rooney	The unconventional secret childhood bond between a popular boy and a lonely, intensely private girl is tested by character reversals in their first year at a Dublin college that render one introspective and the other social, but self-destructive.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
Not dark yet	Peter Robinson	Inspector Banks investigates the death of a property developer, which leads to a secondary investigation involving a rape victim.	

Mystery & thriller fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Notes on an execution	Danya Kukafka	In the tradition of Long Bright River and The Mars Room, a gripping and atmospheric work of literary suspense that deconstructs the story of a serial killer on death row, told primarily through the eyes of the women in his life	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Once there were wolves	Charlotte McConaghy	Inti Flynn arrives in Scotland with her twin sister, Aggie, to lead a team of biologists tasked with reintroducing fourteen gray wolves into the remote Highlands. She hopes to heal not only the dying landscape, but Aggie, too, unmade by the terrible secrets that drove the sisters out of Alaska.	

Literary fiction, **Mystery & thriller fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
One hundred years of dirt	Rick Morton	Violence, treachery and cruelty run through the generational veins of Rick Morton's family. A horrific accident thrusts his mother and siblings into a world impossible for them to navigate, a life of poverty and drug addiction.	

Autobiographical nonfiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The orchardist	Amanda Coplin	Set in the untamed American West. One day, orchardist Talmadage is in town to sell his fruit at the market, two girls steal some apples. Later, they appear on his homestead, cautious yet curious about the man who gave them no chase. Feral, scared, and very pregnant, Jane and her sister Della take up on Talmadage's land.	AUDIO

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
The other side of beautiful	Kim Lock	Meet Mercy Blain, whose house has just burnt down. Unfortunately for Mercy, this goes beyond the disaster it would be for most people: she hasn't been outside that house for two years now.	

Australian fiction, Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The other wife	Michael Robotham	When his father, a celebrated surgeon, is brutally attacked and a strange woman shows up at his bedside covered in blood, Joe O'Loughlin is forced to question everything he has always believed about his father and soon discovers that the truth comes with a high price.	

Mystery & thriller fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The others	Mark Brandi	On his eleventh birthday, Jacob's father gives him a diary. To write about things that happen. About what he and his father do on their farm. About the sheep, the crop, the fox and the dam. But Jacob knows some things should not be written down. Some things should not be remembered.	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Australian fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Our endless numbered days	Claire Fuller	Peggy is eight when her survivalist father tells her that the world has been destroyed and takes her to live in a remote cabin, but years later, her search for the owner of a pair of found boots unwittingly leads her back to civilization.	

Literary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Our souls at night	Kent Haruf	Addie Moore's husband died years ago, so did Louis Waters' wife, and, as neighbours in Holt, Colorado they have naturally long been aware of each other. The nights are terribly lonely, especially with no one to talk to. Then one evening Addie pays Louis an unexpected visit.	

Literary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The painting	Alison Booth	A young Hungarian woman confronts her family's past in an engrossing quest for a stolen painting.	

Literary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Paradise lodge	Nina Stibbe	15-year-old Lizzie takes a job as a junior nurse at a ramshackle refuge for the elderly, where she encounters a colourful host of characters and begins to experience the first sense of belonging in her young life.	

Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The pearler's wife	Roxane Dhand	Set at the turn of the century, among the pearl merchants making their fortune in the ports of Western Australia.	

Australian fiction, Historical fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
People like them	Samira Sedira	Psychological suspense novel inspired by a true story about a couple in an insular French village whose lives are upended when a family of outsiders moves in.	

Mystery & thriller fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Phosphorescence	Julia Baird	A beautiful, intimate and inspiring investigation into how we can find and nurture within ourselves that essential quality of internal happiness - the 'light within' that Julia Baird calls 'phosphorescence' - which will sustain us even through the darkest times.	

Health & wellbeing nonfiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The place on Dalhousie	Melina Marchetta	Rosie returns to the house on Dalhousie and living there is Martha, whom her father married less than a year after the death of Rosie's mother. And so begins a stand-off between two women who refuse to move out of the home they both lay claim to.	

Australian fiction, Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
A question of age	Jacinta Parsons	A beautifully written, searing and powerful examination of women and ageing that you will not be able to put down: intense, compelling, poetic, raging.	

Health & wellbeing nonfiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Quichotte	Salman Rushdie	Inspired by the Cervantes classic, Sam DuChamp, mediocre writer of spy thrillers, creates Quichotte, a courtly, addled salesman obsessed with television, who falls in impossible love with the TV star Salma R. Together with his (imaginary) son Sancho, Quichotte sets off on a picaresque quest across America to prove worthy of her hand.	

Literary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Raft of stars	Andrew Graff	When two hardscrabble young boys think they've committed a crime, they flee into the Northwoods of Wisconsin. Will the adults trying to find and protect them reach them before it's too late?	

Historical fiction, Mystery & thriller fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Reckoning	Magda Szubanski	Magda describes her journey of self-discovery from a suburban childhood, haunted by the demons of her father's espionage activities in wartime Poland and by her secret awareness of her sexuality, to the complex dramas of adulthood and her need to find out the truth about herself and her family.	

Autobiographical nonfiction, LGBTQIA+ nonfiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Remember me	Charity Norman	After years of living overseas, Emily Kirkland returns to New Zealand to care for her father, Felix, who suffers from dementia. As his memory fades and his guard slips, she begins to understand him for the first time - and to glimpse shattering truths about his past. Truths she'd rather were kept buried.	LP

Mystery & thriller fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The return	Hisham Matar	Hisham Matar was nineteen when his father was kidnapped and taken to prison in Libya. He would never see him again. Twenty-two years later, the fall of Gaddafi meant he was finally able to return to his homeland.	

Autobiographical nonfiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The ripping tree	Nikki Gemmell	Early 1800s. Thomasina Trelora is on her way to the colonies. Her fate: to be married to a clergyman she's never met. As the Australian coastline comes into view a storm wrecks the ship and leaves her lying on the rocks, near death. She's saved by an Aboriginal man who carries her to the door of a grand European house, Willowbrae.	LP

Historical fiction, Australian fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
A rising man	Abir Mukherjee	Newly arrived in 1919 Calcutta, former Scotland Yard detective Sam Wyndham joins the Imperial Police Force and lands a big case: a murdered British official is found with a sinister note in his mouth.	

Historical fiction, Mystery & thriller fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
A room made of leaves	Kate Grenville	What if Elizabeth Macarthur, wife of the notorious John Macarthur, wool baron in early Sydney, had written a shockingly frank secret memoir?	

Literary fiction, Historical fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Saving Missy	Beth Morey	Missy spends her days with a sip of sherry, scrubbing the kitchen in her big empty house and reliving her past--though it's her mistakes, and secrets, that she allows to shine brightest. The last thing Missy expects is for two perfect strangers and one spirited dog to break through her prickly exterior and show Missy just how much love she still has to give.	

Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The school	Brendon James Murray	Brendon paints an astonishingly vivid portrait of a single school year, perfectly capturing the highs and lows of being a teenager, as well as the fire, passion and occasional heartbreak of being their teacher. Hilarious, heartfelt and true, it is a timeless story of a teacher and his classes.	

Autobiographical nonfiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Scrublands	Chris Hammer	In an isolated country town brought to its knees by endless drought, a young priest calmly opens fire on his congregation. A year later, troubled journalist Martin Scarsden arrives 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.	LP

Australian fiction, Mystery & thriller fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The secrets we kept	Lara Prescott	A thrilling tale of secretaries turned spies, of love and duty, and of sacrifice—inspired by the true story of the CIA plot to infiltrate the hearts and minds of Soviet Russia, not with propaganda, but with the greatest love story of the twentieth century: Doctor Zhivago.	

Historical fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
See what you made me do	Jess Hill	An investigative reporter dissects how domestic violence can be enabled and reinforced by the judicial system that is supposed to be trustworthy and protective and tears down the flawed logic of victim-blaming.	

Health & wellbeing nonfiction, True crime nonfiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The seven deaths of Evelyn Hardcastle	Stuart Turton	Evelyn Hardcastle will die. Every day until Aiden can identify her killer. But every time the day begins again, Aiden wakes in the body of a different person. And some hosts are most helpful than others...	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Magical realism fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Sex, lies and question time	Kate Ellis	Seventy-seven years after the first woman entered Australian parliament, female politicians are still the minority. They cop scrutiny over their appearance, their sex lives, their parenting and their portfolios in a way few of their male colleagues do. It's time to call bullshit on the toxic Canberra culture.	

Political non-fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Shuggie Bain	Douglas Stewart	The unforgettable story of young Hugh "Shuggie" Bain, a sweet and lonely boy who spends his 1980s childhood in run-down public housing in Glasgow, Scotland.	LP

Literary fiction, Historical fiction, LGBTQIA+ fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The silence	Susan Allott	A powerful novel revolving around a shocking disappearance, two neighbour families, and shameful secrets from the past that refuse to stay buried.	

Literary fiction, Australian fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Small great things	Jodi Piccoult	Hesitating to treat the newborn of a white supremacist couple who has demanded that a white nurse assist them, a black nurse is placed on trial in the tragic aftermath and is aided by a white public defender with whom she begins questioning their beliefs as the case becomes more racially charged.	

Contemporary fiction, Racism & social injustice fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Snowflake	Louise Nealon	Debbie is an 18 year old who lives on a dairy farm as she navigates her 1st year at university, while also trying to handle her eccentric and troubled mother and uncle.	

Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Song of the crocodile	Nardi Simpson	Darnmoor is the home of the Billymil family, three generations who have lived in this 'gateway town'. Race relations between Indigenous and settler families are fraught, though the rigid status quo is upheld through threats and soft power rather than the overt violence of yesteryear.	

Indigenous fiction, Australian fiction, Racism & social injustice fiction, Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Songbirds	Christy Lefteri	Nisha has vanished; one evening, she steps out on a mysterious errand and doesn't return. The police write off her disappearance as just another runaway domestic worker, so her employer, Petra, undertakes the investigation.	

Mystery & thriller fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Sorrow & bliss	Meg Mason	This novel is about a woman called Martha. She knows there is something wrong with her but she doesn't know what it is. Her husband Patrick thinks she is fine. By the time Martha finds out what is wrong, it doesn't really matter anymore. It is too late to get the only thing she has ever wanted.	

Literary fiction, Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Sparks like stars	Nadia Hashim	An Afghan American woman returns to Kabul to learn the truth about her family and the tragedy that destroyed their lives	

Historical fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The spill	Imbi Neeme	Nicole and Samantha Cooper both remember the summer day when their mother, Tina, lost control of their car - but not in quite the same way. It is only after Tina's death, almost four decades later, that the sisters are forced to reckon with the repercussions of the crash.	

Contemporary fiction, Australian fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The spy who came in from the cold	John le Carre	Alec Leamas is tired. It's the 1960s, he's been out in the cold for years, spying in the shadow of the Berlin Wall for his British masters. Now Control wants to bring him in at last - but only after one final assignment. He must travel deep into the heart of Communist Germany and betray his country.	

Mystery & thriller fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Still life	Sarah Winman	It's 1944 and in the ruined wine cellar of a Tuscan villa, as the Allied troops advance and bombs fall around them, two strangers meet and share an extraordinary evening together.	

Historical fiction, Literary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The stranger	Harlan Coben	Adam Price has a lot to lose: a beautiful family, a big house, a good job - a perfect life. But then he meets a stranger in a bar and learns a devastating secret about his wife. With the mirage of perfection shattered, Adam finds himself caught up in something far darker than his wife's deception	

Mystery & thriller fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Such a fun age	Kiley Reid	In the midst of a family crisis one late evening, white blogger Alix Chamberlain calls her African American babysitter, Emira, asking her to take toddler Briar to the local market for distraction. There, the security guard accuses Emira of kidnapping Briar, and Alix's efforts to right the situation turn out to be good intentions selfishly mismanaged.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**, **Racism & social injustice fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
The survivors	Jane Harper	Kieran Elliott's life changed forever on the day a reckless mistake led to devastating consequences. The guilt that still haunts him resurfaces during a visit with his young family to the small coastal community he once called home.	

Mystery & thriller fiction, **Australian fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
Taboo	Kim Scott	A group of Noongar people who revisit, for the first time in many decades, a taboo place. They come at the invitation of Dan Horton, the elderly owner of the farm on which the massacres unfolded. He hopes that by hosting the group he will satisfy his wife's dying wishes and cleanse some moral stain from the ground on which he and his family have lived for generations.	

Literary fiction, **Indigenous fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
Tangerine	Christine Mangan	This is the story of two women, friends in college, until an accident drives a wedge between them. Years later, Alice is living in Tangier with her husband when Lucy shows up. A twisted tale told in alternating points of view.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
The tattooist of Auschwitz	Heather Morris	Based on the true story of an Auschwitz-Birkenau survivor, it traces the experiences of a Jewish Slovakian who uses his position as a concentration-camp tattooist to secure food for his fellow prisoners.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
The tea girl of Hummingbird Lane	Lisa See	A young Chinese woman finds purpose, passion, and the key to a new life in the tea-growing traditions of her ancestors.	

Literary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Terra nullius	Clare G. Coleman	The Natives of the Colony are restless. The Settlers are eager to have a nation of peace, and to bring the savages into line. Families are torn apart, re-education is enforced. This rich land will provide for all.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**, **Indigenous fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
Three sisters	Heather Morris	In Auschwitz-Birkenau the three sisters are reunited and, remembering their father, they make a promise, this time to each other: That they will survive.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
Thursdays at Orange Blossom House	Sophie Green	A group of women find themselves at Orange Blossom House, surrounded by perfumed rainforest, being cajoled and encouraged by their yoga teacher. Together they will find courage and strength—and discover that life has much more to offer than they ever expected.	

Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
To paradise	Hanya Yanagihara	A bold, brilliant novel spanning three centuries and three different versions of the American experiment, about lovers, family, loss and the elusive promise of utopia. Taking place in an alternate version of New York City, and with three sections, respectively set in 1893, 1993, and 2093, this a novel of marvellous literary effect, but above all it is a work of emotional genius.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**, **Contemporary fiction**, **LGBTQIA+ fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
Too much and never enough	Mary L. Trump	In this revelatory, authoritative portrait of Donald J. Trump and the toxic family that made him, Mary L. Trump, a trained clinical psychologist and Donald's only niece, shines a bright light on the dark history of their family in order to explain how her uncle became the man who now threatens the world's health, economic security, and social fabric.	

Biographical nonfiction, **Political nonfiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
Too much lip	Melissa Lucashenko	Wise-cracking Kerry Salter has spent a lifetime avoiding two things – her hometown and prison. But now her Pop is dying and she's an inch away from the lockup, so she heads south on a stolen Harley.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**, **Indigenous fiction**, **LGBTQIA+ fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
Transcendent kingdom	Yaa Gyasi	A novel about faith, science, religion, and family that tells the deeply moving portrait of a family of Ghanaian immigrants ravaged by depression and addiction and grief, narrated by a fifth year candidate in neuroscience at Stanford school of medicine studying the neural circuits of reward seeking behaviour in mice.	

Literary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The trauma cleaner	Sarah Krasnostein	Details the unique life of a woman who went from husband and father, to drag queen, gender reassignment patient, sex worker, small businesswoman, and trophy wife to a trauma cleaner who brings order to chaotic crime scenes.	

Autobiographical nonfiction, LGBTQIA+ fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Trio	William Boyd	A producer. A novelist. An actress. It is summer in 1968, the year of the assassinations of Martin Luther King and Robert Kennedy. While the world is reeling our trio is involved in making a racketsy Swingin' Sixties British movie in sunny Brighton. All are leading secret lives.	

Historical fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The underground railroad	Colson Whitehead	After Cora, a pre-Civil War Georgia slave, escapes with another slave, Caesar, they seek the help of the Underground Railroad as they flee from state to state and try to evade a slave catcher, Ridgeway, who is determined to return them to the South.	

Literary fiction, Historical fiction, Racism & social injustice fiction

Title	Author	Description	FMTS
An unusual boy	Fiona Higgins	Julia Curtis is a busy mother of three, with a husband often away for work, an ever-present mother-in-law, a career, and a house that needs doing up. But Julia's eleven-year-old son, Jackson, is different. Different to his sisters. Different to his classmates. In fact, Jackson is different from everyone. And bringing up a child who is different isn't always easy.	

Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The vanishing half	Brit Bennett	Twin sisters, inseparable as children, ultimately choose to live in two very different worlds, one black and one white. Still, even separated by so many miles and just as many lies, the fates of the twins remain intertwined. What will happen to the next generation, when their own daughters' storylines intersect?	

Literary fiction, **Racism & social injustice fiction**

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Literary fiction, **Historical fiction, Racism & social injustice fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
The wall	John Lancaster	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.	

Literary fiction, **Dystopian fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
Warlight	Michael Ondaatje	Years after growing up in the care of a group of mysterious protectors who served in unspecified ways during World War II, a young man endeavours to piece together the truth about his parents and the unconventional education he received.	

Literary fiction, **Historical fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
We were not men	Campbell Mattins	Unbearably moving and ultimately uplifting story of twin brothers, Jon and Eden, as they grow up and begin to understand what it is to be men, and what it takes to knit a fractured family back together.	

Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Wearing paper dresses	Anne Brinsden	Elise, a beautiful and artistic, if slightly brittle, city girl is rudely transplanted to the undulating, unforgiving plains of the Mallee when her husband is called home to save the family property... This is a story of mothers and daughters, a saga of two generations of women on the land.	

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	Author	Description	FMTS
Weather	Jennu Offill	Lizzie Benson slid into her job as a librarian without a traditional degree. But this gives her a vantage point from which to practice her other calling: she is a fake shrink. For years, she has tended to her God-haunted mother and her recovering addict brother. Her old mentor, Sylvia Liller, makes a proposal. She's become famous for her prescient podcast, Hell and High Water, and wants to hire Lizzie to answer the mail she receives.	

Literary fiction, Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The weekend	Charlotte Wood	Four older women have a lifelong friendship of the best kind: loving, practical, frank and steadfast. But when Sylvie dies, the ground shifts dangerously for the remaining three. Can they survive together without her?	

Literary fiction, Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
When all is said	Anne Griffin	This is the story of Maurice Hannigan, who, over the course of a Saturday night in June, orders five different drinks at the Rainford House Hotel. With each he toasts a person vital to him.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
When the night comes	Favel Parrett	Having moved to Hobart in the hopes of a better life, Isla's family lives a lonely existence, until a sailor enters her mother's life and shares stories of his travels and his home in Denmark.	

Literary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
When things are alive they hum	Hannah Bent	Marlowe and Harper share a bond deeper than most sisters, shaped by the loss of their mother in childhood. For Harper, living with what she calls the Up syndrome, Marlowe and she are connected by an invisible thread, like the hum that connects all things. For Marlowe, they are bound by her fierce determination to keep Harper, born with a congenital heart disorder, alive.	

Literary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
Where the crawdads sing	Delia Owens	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.	

Literary fiction, **Mystery & thriller fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
The white girl	Tony Birch	Odette Brown has lived her life on the fringes of a small country town. After her daughter vanished and left her with her granddaughter Sissy to raise on her own, Odette managed to stay under the radar of the welfare authorities who are removing fair-skinned Aboriginal children from their families.	

Literary fiction, **Indigenous fiction**, **Historical fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
The wife and the widow	Christian White	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.	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Australian fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The wife	Meg Wolitzer	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.	DVD

Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The woman in the library	Sulari Gentill	The reading room at the Boston Public Library is quiet, until the tranquillity is shattered by a woman's terrified scream. Security guards take charge immediately. While they wait for the all-clear, four strangers, who'd happened to sit at the same table, pass the time in conversation and friendships are struck. Each has his or her own reasons for being in the reading room that morning—it just happens that one is a murderer.	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The word is murder	Anthony Horowitz	A wealthy woman strangled six hours after she's arranged her own funeral. A very private detective uncovering secrets but hiding his own. A reluctant author drawn into a story he can't control. What do they have in common?	

Mystery & thriller fiction, Contemporary fiction

	Author	Description	FMTS
The yield	Tara June Winch	August Gondiwindi has been living on the other side of the world for ten years when she learns of her grandfather's death. She returns home for his burial, wracked with grief and burdened with all she tried to leave behind. Her homecoming is bittersweet as she confronts the love of her kin and news that Prosperous is to be repossessed by a mining company.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**, **Indigenous fiction**, **Australian fiction**

	Author	Description	FMTS
Young Mungo	Douglas Stuart	Imbuing the everyday world of its characters with rich lyricism and giving full voice to people rarely acknowledged in literary fiction, Douglas Stuart's Young Mungo is a gripping and revealing story about the bounds of masculinity, the push and pull of family, the violence faced by so many queer people, and the dangers of loving someone too much.	

Literary fiction, **Contemporary fiction**, **LGBTQIA+ fiction**