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Adult fiction



THE WEEKEND by Charlotte Wood (2020)

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? They are Jude, a once-famous restaurateur, Wendy, an acclaimed public intellectual, and Adele, a renowned actress now mostly out of work.



THE BEE AND THE ORANGE TREE by Melissa Ashley (2020)

It's 1699, and Paris is bursting with the creative energy of fierce, independent-minded women. But the patriarchal forces of Louis XIV and the Catholic Church are moving to curb their freedoms. In this battle for equality, Baroness D'Aulnoy invents a powerful weapon: 'fairy tales'. When her daughter, Angelina, arrives in Paris, she is swept up in the glamour of the city, where a woman may live outside the confines of the church or marriage. But this is a fragile freedom, as she discovers when Marie Catherine's close friend Nicola Tiquet is arrested, accused of conspiring to murder her abusive husband.



AGENT RUNNING IN THE FIELD by John Le Carre (2020)

Set in London in 2018, Agent Running in the Field follows a twenty-six year old solitary figure who, in a desperate attempt to resist the new political turbulence swirling around him, makes connections that will take him down a very dangerous path.



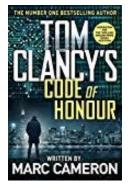
A BEGGAR'S KINGDOM by Paullina Simons (2020)

Julian has failed Josephine once. Despite grave danger and impossible odds, he is determined to do the unimaginable and try again to save the woman he loves. What follows is a love story like no other as the doomed lovers embark on an incredible adventure across time and space. Racing through history and against the merciless clock, they face countless dangers and deadly enemies. Living amid beauty and ecstasy, bloodshed and betrayal, each time they court and cheat death brings Julian and Josephine closer to an unthinkable sacrifice and a confrontation with the harshest master of all fate.



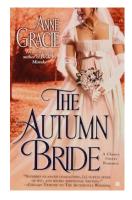
BLUE ROSE By Kate Forsyth

Viviane de Faitaud has grown up alone at the Chateau de Belisama-sur-le-Lac in Brittany, for her father, the Marquis de Ravoisier, lives at the court of Louis XVI in Versailles. After a hailstorm destroys the chateau's orchards, gardens and fields an ambitious young Welshman, David Stronach, accepts the commission to plan the chateau's new gardens in the hope of making his name as a landscape designer. David and Viviane fall in love, but it is an impossible romance.



CODE OF HONOUR by Marc Cameron

In an off-limits computer lab near Chicago, a mole infiltrates and steals a sophisticated piece of government security software. In Indonesia, an American engineer is seduced into spilling secrets about a cutting edge Artificial Intelligence chip. The information seems harmless, but will wreak havoc the wrong hands. In the White House, discontent with the President is rising - but could it amount to treason? As the network of theft and deception grows ever more tangled, a sinister plot is taking shape. President Jack Ryan finds himself in his darkest straits yet, with US communications compromised and a Russian leader who has gone dangerously over the edge.



THE AUTUMN BRIDE By Anne Gracie

Governess Abigail Chantry will do anything to save her sister and two dearest friends from destitution, even if it means breaking into an empty mansion in the hope of finding something to sell. Instead of treasures, though, she finds the owner, Lady Beatrice Davenham, bedridden and neglected. Appalled, Abby rousts Lady Beatrice's predatory servants and - with Lady Beatrice's eager cooperation - the four young ladies become her "nieces," neatly eliminating the threat of disaster for all concerned! It's the perfect situation, until Lady Beatrice's dashing and arrogant nephew, Max, Lord Davenham, returns from the Orient - and discovers an impostor running his household ...



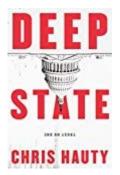
THE SUMMER BRIDE by Anne Gracie

Fiercely independent Daisy Chance has a dream, and it doesn't involve marriage or babies--or being under any man's thumb. Raised in poverty, she has a passion--and a talent--for making beautiful clothes. Daisy aims to become the finest dressmaker in London. Dashing Irishman Patrick Flynn is wealthy and ambitious, and has entered society to find an aristocratic bride. Instead, he finds himself growing increasingly attracted to the headstrong, clever, and outspoken Daisy



STARSIGHT By Brandon Sanderson

All her life, Spensa has dreamed of becoming a pilot. Of proving she's a hero like her father. She made it to the sky, but the truths she learned about her father were crushing. The rumors of his cowardice are true--he deserted his flight during battle against the Krell. Worse, though, he turned against his team and attacked them. Spensa is sure there's more to the story. And she's sure that whatever happened to her father in his starship could happen to her. When she made it outside the protective shell of her planet, she heard the stars--and it was terrifying. Everything Spensa has been taught about her world is a lie. But Spensa also discovered a few other things about herself--and she'll travel to the end of the galaxy to save humankind if she needs to.



DEEP STATE By Chris Hauty

25-year-old West Wing intern and ex-Army veteran, Hayley Chill, discovers the body of the White House chief of staff on his kitchen floor and a single clue suggests her boss has not died from natural causes. With a resolute pursuit of the truth, Hayley begins to uncover shocking evidence of a wide-ranging conspiracy. Code-named Operation Shady Side, the plot is orchestrated by long-established government figures, members of the eponymous Deep State', united in their effort to undermine a newly elected and highly controversial president who threatens their accumulation of power. Friends are exposed as enemies, dependable authorities fall under suspicion and no one seems to be who they say they are.



THE DUTCH HOUSE By Anne Patchett

Danny Conroy grows up in the Dutch House, a lavish mansion. Though his father is distant and his mother is absent, Danny has his beloved sister Maeve: Maeve, with her wall of black hair, her wit, her brilliance. Life is coherent, played out under the watchful eyes of the house's former owners in the frames of their oil paintings. Then one day their father brings Andrea home. Though they cannot know it, her arrival to the Dutch House sows the seed of the defining loss of Danny and Maeve's lives. The siblings are drawn back time and again to the place they can never enter, knocking in vain on the locked door of the past. For behind the mystery of their own exile is that of their mother's: an absence more powerful than any presence they have known.



THE GODMOTHER By Hannelore Cayre

Meet Patience Portefeux, fifty-three, an underpaid French-Arabic translator who specialises in police phone taps. Widowed after the sudden death of her husband, Patience is wedged between the costs of raising her daughters and the nursing home fees for her ageing mother. She's laboured for twenty-five years to keep everyone's heads above water. Happening upon an especially revealing set of wiretaps ahead of all other authorities, Patience makes a life-altering decision that sees her intervening in - and infiltrating - the machinations of a massive drug deal. She thus embarks on an entirely new career path-



GRACE IS GONE By Emily Egar

Meg and her daughter Grace are the most beloved family in Ashford, the lynchpin that holds the community together. So when Meg is found brutally murdered and her daughter missing, the town is rocked by the crime. Not least because Grace has been sick for years - and may only have days to live. Who would murder a mother who sacrificed everything, and take a teenager away from the medication that could save her life? Everyone is searching for an answer, but sometimes the truth can kill you.



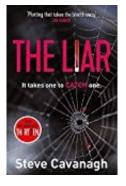
THE CONFESSION By Jessie Burton

One winter's afternoon on Hampstead Heath in 1980, Elise Morceau meets Constance Holden and quickly falls under her spell. Elise follows Connie to LA, a city of strange dreams and late-night gatherings of glamorous people. But whilst Connie thrives on the heat and electricity of this new world, Elise finds herself floundering. When she overhears a conversation at a party that turns everything on its head, Elise makes an impulsive decision that will change her life forever. Three decades later, Rose Simmons is seeking answers about her mother, who disappeared when she was a baby. Having learned that the last person to see her was Constance Holden, a reclusive novelist who withdrew from public life at the peak of her fame, Rose is drawn to the door of Connie's imposing house in search of a confession.



INEXPRESSIBLE ISLAND By Paullina Simons

They were ready for anything except the end. Julian has lost everything he ever loved and is almost out of time. His life and death struggle against fate offers him one last chance to do the impossible and save the woman to whom he is permanently bound. Together, they must wage war against the relentless dark force that threatens to destroy them. This fight will take everything they have and everything they are as they try to give each other their unfinished lives back. fate has one last cruel trick in store for them.



THE LIAR By Steve Cavanagh

When wealthy businessman Leonard Howell's daughter is kidnapped, the police jump on it straight away. But Howell knows this won't be straightforward - he needs someone willing to break the rules. Once a con artist, now a hotshot lawyer, Eddie Flynn's learnt that fast talk and sleight of hand are just as important in the courtroom are they are on the street. Knowing what it's like to lose a daughter, he'll stop at nothing to save Howell's. With a client on trial for **his** life, and the body count rising, Eddie Flynn is starting to fear that the whole thing is a set-up. Who is deadlier - the man who knows the truth, or the one who believes a lie?



MARRY IN HASTE By Anne Gracie

Major Calbourne Rutherford returns to England on the trail of an assassin, only to find he's become Lord Ashendon, with the responsibility for vast estates and dependent relatives. Cal can command the toughest of men, but his wild half-sisters are quite another matter. They might just be his undoing.



THE PLEA By Steve Cavanagh

When David Child, a major client of a corrupt New York law firm, is arrested for murder, the FBI ask con-artist-turned-lawyer Eddie Flynn to secure the case and force him to testify against the firm. Eddie is not someone who is easily coerced, but when the FBI revealed that they have incriminating files on his wife, he knows he has no choice. But Eddie is convinced the man is innocent, despite overwhelming evidence to the contrary. With the FBI putting pressure on him to secure the deal, Eddie must find a way to prove his client's innocence.



THE LILY IN THE SNOW By Jackie French

With her dangerous past behind her, Australian heiress Sophie Higgs lives in quiet comfort as, until Hannelore, Princess of Arneburg, charms the Prince of Wales. He orders Sophie, Nigel and Miss Lily to investigate the mysterious politician Hannelore insists is the only man who can save Europe from another devastating war. His name is Adolf Hitler.

Australian rural romance



THE GIRL IN THE PAINTING By Tea Cooper

Maitland 1913. Elizabeth Quinn is something of an institution in Maitland Town. When she is discovered cowering in the corner of the exhibition gallery at the Technical College the entire town knows something strange has come to pass. Mathematical savant Jane Piper is determined to find out. Orphaned as a baby, Jane owes her life and education to Elizabeth and Elizabeth has no one else to turn to. As the past and present converge, Elizabeth's grip on reality loosens. Can Jane unravel Elizabeth's story before it is too late?



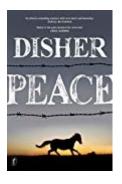
LAST BRIDGE BEFORE HOME by Lily Malone

For Jaydah, the country town of Chalk Hill has never felt like home. Jaydah's home life is dark in ways the her community could never imagine. She knows that the man she loves has never understood her need for secrets—it's better for everyone if he stays away. But when Brix returns to his home town, the first person he sees is Jaydah. She has one chance to change everything. Is she brave enough to take the risk and let Brix in?



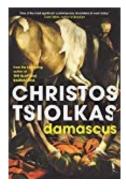
THE BURNT COUNTRY By Joy Rhoades

1948. As a young woman running Amiens, a sizeable sheep station in NSW, Kate Dowd knows she's expected to fail. Kate cannot lose Amiens, or give in to her estranged husband's demands to sell: the farm is her livelihood and the only protection she can offer her half-sister Pearl. Ostracised by the local community for even acknowledging Pearl, Kate can't risk another scandal which means turning her back on her lover, Luca . Then Jack drops a bombshell. He wants a divorce. He'll protect what's left of Kate's reputation, and keep Luca out of it - but it will cost her.



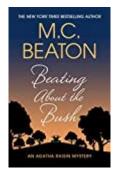
PEACE By Garry Disher

Constable Paul Hirschhausen runs a one-cop station in the dry farming country south of the Flinders Ranges. He's still new in town but the community work is starting to pay off. Now Christmas is here and, apart from a few minor incidents, Hirsch's life has been peaceful. Until he's called to a strange, vicious incident in Kitchener Street. And Sydney police ask him to look in on a family living outside town on a forgotten back road. Suddenly, it doesn't look like a season of goodwill at all.



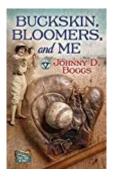
DAMASCUS By Christos Tsiolkas

They kill us, crucify us, throw us to beasts in the arena, sew our lips together and watch us starve. They bugger children in front of fathers and violate men before the eyes of their wives. The temple priests flay us openly in the streets and the Judeans stone us. We are hunted everywhere and by everyone. We are despised, yet we grow. We are tortured and crucified and yet we flourish. We are hated yet we multiply. Based around the gospels and letters of St Paul, and focusing on one and two generations on from the death of Christ, as well as Paul (Saul) himself.



BEATING ABOUT THE BUSH By M.C. Beaton

When private detective Agatha Raisin comes across a severed leg in a roadside hedge, it looks like she is about to become involved in a very gruesome murder. Looks, however, can be deceiving, as Agatha discovers when she is employed to investigate a case of industrial espionage at a factory where nothing is quite what it seems. The mystery soon turns to murder and a bad-tempered donkey turns Agatha into a national celebrity, before bringing her ridicule and shame. To add to her woes, Agatha finds herself grappling with growing feelings for her friend and occasional lover, Charles. Then, as a possible solution to the murder unfolds, her own life is thrown into deadly peril. Will Agatha get her man at last? Or will the killer get her first?



BUCKSKIN, BLOOMERS AND ME By Johnnny D Bloggs

What's a 16-year-old boy to do when he learns that his father has been murdered and there is a plan to kill him too? When it's 1906, and you play pretty good second base, you join a baseball team making its way across Kansas. It also helps that the team is the National Bloomer Girls. After all, who'd look for a runaway boy disguised as a girl on a women's team that competes against all-male teams? Luckily, another "Bloomer Girl", Dolly Madison, also on the run, takes the kid under his wing. Staying alive won't prove easy for the female impersonators as they deal with a budding romance, a crooked manager, bank robbers, lousy umpires, a women's rights revolution and a rapidly changing Western frontier.



SOMEONE TO REMEMBER By Mary Balogh

Matilda Westcott has spent her life tending to the needs of her mother, the Dowager Countess of Riverdale, never questioning the life of solitude she has spun for herself. To Matilda, who considers herself the aging spinster daughter, marriage is laughable--love is a game for the young, after all. But her modest, quiet life of order unravels when a dashing gentleman from her past reappears, threatening to charm his way into her heart yet again. Charles Sawyer, Viscount Dirkson, does not expect to see Matilda Westcott thirty-six years after their failed romance. Moreover, he does not expect decades-old feelings to emerge at the very sight of her.



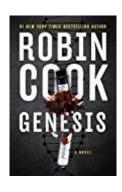
THE ESCAPE ROOM by Megan Goldin

'Welcome to the escape room. Your goal is simple. Get out alive.' In the lucrative world of Wall Street finance, Vincent, Jules, Sylvie and Sam are the ultimate high-flyers. Ruthlessly ambitious, they make billion-dollar deals and live lives of outrageous luxury. Getting rich is all that matters, and they'll do anything to get ahead. When the four of them become trapped in an elevator escape room, things start to go horribly wrong. They have to put aside their fierce office rivalries and work together to solve the clues that will release them. But in the confines of the elevator the dark secrets of their team are laid bare.



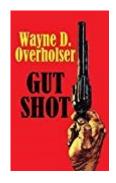
FLEISHMAN IS IN TROUBLE By Taffy Brodesser Akner

Toby Fleishman thought he knew what to expect when he and his wife of almost fifteen years separated: weekends and every other holiday with the kids, some residual bitterness, the occasional moment of tension in their co-parenting negotiations. He could not have predicted that one day, in the middle of his summer of sexual emancipation, Rachel would just drop their two children off at his place and simply not return. He had been working so hard to find equilibrium in his single life. The winds of his optimism, long dormant, had finally begun to pick up. Now this. He is going to have to consider that he might not have seen things all that clearly in the first place.



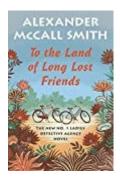
GENESIS By Robin Cook

When the body of 29-year-old social worker Gloria Montoya, seven weeks pregnant with her first child, shows up on Chief New York City Medical Examiner Laurie Montgomery's autopsy table, she's baffled to find no apparent causes of death. With no clues to go on, Laurie enlists the help of Dr Tricia Albanese, a forensic pathology resident with a background in genetic science, to help her trace the identity of the unborn baby's father using DNA from the mother and child. But when Tricia is found dead in her apartment in a manner strikingly similar to Gloria's death, Laurie realises she might have two linked homicides on her hands ... and now it's up to her, with the help of her husband, ME Jack Stapleton, to continue the tracking work Tricia had begun before a killer can strike again.



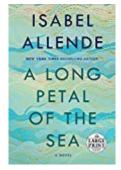
GUT SHOT By Wayne D. Overholser

Dan Quaid had a chance to buy prime cattle range in Central Oregon at 2.00 dollars an acre. And he wanted to get his boy out to the country where a man could breathe without knocking down his neighbour. So the Quaids pulled stakes and moved. Dan didn't know that the company selling him the land was at war with the squatters already on it, and that the squatters were led by a vicious, violent man who thought nothing of murder when it came to keeping people off what he considered his property. But even when Quaid knew the score, even when he'd learned that the company intended to use him as a guinea pig, he still figured a man has the right to buy land legally and stay on it if he wants to. And Quaid was not a man to change his mind just because it was the safe thing to do.



TO THE LAND OF LONG LOST FRIENDS By Alexander McCall Smith

At a local wedding Mme Ramotswe bumps into a long-lost friend, Calviniah, who confesses that her only daughter Nametso has inexplicably turned away from her. Not only that, an old acquaintance has simultaneously lost all her money and found solace in a charismatic exmechanic turned reverend, who seems to have cast a spell over several ladies in the region. With little work on at the agency, Precious and her colleague Mme Makutsi see no harm in investigating these curious situations. Meanwhile, part-time detective Charlie is anxious. He has few prospects and little money, so how can he convince his beloved Queenie-Queenie's father to approve of their marriage?



A LONG PETAL OF THE SEA By Isabel Allende

In the late 1930s, civil war gripped Spain. When General Franco and his Fascists succeed in overthrowing the government, hundreds of thousands are forced to flee in a treacherous journey over the mountains to the French border. Among them is Roser, a pregnant young widow, who finds her life irreversibly intertwined with that of Victor Dalmau, an army doctor and the brother of her deceased love. In order to survive, the two must unite in a marriage neither of them wants, and together are sponsored by poet Pablo Neruda to embark on the SS Winnipeg along with 2,200 other refugees in search of a new life. As unlikely partners, they embrace exile and emigrate to Chile as the rest of Europe erupts in World War. Starting over on a new continent, their trials are just beginning.



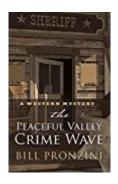
THE MAN FROM COLORADO By Louis Trimble

He came out of the north, from the mountains of Colorado to the dusty, sun-dried territory of New Mexico, gunning for a killer. When Jim Lane stepped off the train at Mountain City, there was the smell of blood in his nostrils. He had carried the stench with him ever since his closest friend had been cut down by a slug in the back. Lane was hard on the heels of the killer, but the killer wasn't the kind that operated alone. He had friends - men who had grown up on a land of violence and who had never learned any other way of life. That is what Lane had to face, and it wasn't going to be an easy job, especially since he didn't have eyes in the back of his head



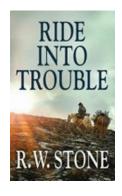
MORAL COMPASS By Danielle Steel

Saint Ambrose Prep is a place where the wealthy send their children for the best possible education, with teachers and administrators from the Ivy League, and graduates who become future lawyers, politicians, filmmakers, and CEOs. Traditionally a boys-only school, Saint Ambrose has just enrolled one hundred and forty female students for the first time. Even though most of the kids on the campus have all the privilege in the world, some are struggling, wounded by their parents' bitter divorces, dealing with insecurity and loneliness. In such a heightened environment, even the smallest spark can become a raging fire. One day after the school's annual Halloween event, a student lies in the hospital, her system poisoned by dangerous levels of alcohol.



THE PEACEFUL VALLEY CRIME WAVE By Bill Fronzini

Nothing much happens in Peaceful Valley, Montana. And that's just how Sheriff Lucas Monk likes it. Aside from the occasional drunken brawl or minor disturbance out on the reservation, he hasn't had to resort to his fists or sidearm in years. That is, until mid-October, 1914, when the theft of a wooden cigar store Indian sets off a crime wave like nothing Lucas has ever seen. Teenager Charity Axthelm goes missing, Reba Purvis's housekeeper is poisoned with cyanide Reba is sure was meant for her, and Lucas's gut tells him that this is only the beginning. It's not long before the first corpse shows up, bringing the peace in the valley to a thundering end.



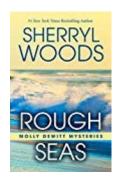
RIDE INTO TROUBLE By R.W. Stone

Lt. Ed Preston is returning to his cavalry fort after being on leave when he is mistaken for a bank robber. He is arrested, placed on trial and sent to prison to serve years of hard labor for a crime he did not commit. Forced to endure horrible conditions and brutal treatment he is left with no choice but to plan his escape and then to search the west for the man who is truly guilty of the crime in an attempt to clear his name and regain his life.



THE RISE OF THE MAGICKS By Nora Roberts

After the sickness known as the Doom destroyed civilization, magick has become commonplace, and Fallon Swift has spent her young years learning its ways. Fallon cannot live in peace until she frees those who have been preyed upon by the government or the fanatical Purity Warriors, endlessly hunted or locked up in laboratories, brutalized for years on end. She is determined to save even those who have been complicit with this evil out of fear or weakness-if, indeed, they can be saved. Strengthened by the bond she shares with her fellow warrior, Duncan, Fallon has already succeeded in rescuing countless shifters and elves and ordinary humans. Now she must help them heal-and rediscover the light and faith within themselves. For although from the time of her birth, she has been The One, she is still only one.



ROUGH SEAS By Sherryl Woods

Join debutante-gone-detective Molly DeWitt as she finds herself in hot water in these two timeless mysteries from #1 New York Times bestselling author Sherryl Woods. Hot Money: The Save the Environment gala has Molly DeWitt and dashing detective Michael O'Hara swimming with society sharks when Molly hooks the most endangered species of all: the late chairwoman of the affair. Tessa was no saint, and the rich shed crocodile tears for the departed philanthropist. Now the question Molly needs to answer isn't who wanted Tessa dead, but who killed her and why. Hot Schemes: When Michael O'Hara's favorite uncle's boat floats into the Miami docks wired to explode, Molly DeWitt is horrified when Michael leaps aboard and speeds away from the gawking crowd.



SCARLET FEVER By Rita Mae Brown

Winter blizzards bring a flurry of cases to solve in this riveting new foxhunting mystery featuring 'Sister' Jane Arnold and her incorrigible hounds from New York Times bestselling author Rita Mae Brown. Frigid February air has settled into the bones of the Blue Ridge Mountains, making for a slow foxhunting season, though 'Sister' Jane Arnold's enthusiasm is not so easily deterred. With the winter chill come tweed coats, blazing fireplaces — and perhaps another to share the warmth with, as the bold hunting scarlets worn by the men in Sister Jane's hunting club make the hearts of women flutter — until someone's stops entirely. Harry Dunbar, a member of the Jefferson Hunt club with a penchant for antique furniture, is found with his skull cracked at the bottom of the stairs to a local store.



SMOKE AND ASHES By Abir Mukherjee

India, 1921. Haunted by his memories of World War I, Captain Sam Wyndham is battling a serious addiction to opium that he must keep secret from his superiors in the Calcutta police force. When Sam is summoned to investigate a grisly murder, he is stunned at the sight of the body: he's seen this before. Last night, in a drug addled haze, he stumbled across a corpse with the same ritualistic injuries. It seems like there's a deranged killer on the loose. Unfortunately for Sam, the corpse was in an opium den — and revealing his presence there could cost him his career. With the aid of his quick-witted Indian Sergeant, Surrender-Not Banerjee, Sam must try to solve the two murders, all the while keeping his personal demons secret, before somebody else turns up dead.



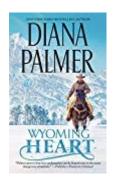
EXHALATION By Ted Chiang

In these nine stunningly original, provocative, and poignant stories, Ted Chiang tackles some of humanity's oldest questions along with new quandaries only he could imagine. In "The Merchant and the Alchemist's Gate," a portal through time forces a fabric seller in ancient Baghdad to grapple with past mistakes and second chances. In "Exhalation," an alien scientist makes a shocking discovery with ramifications that are literally universal.



THE WAREHOUSE By Rob Hart

Paxton never thought he'd be working for Cloud, the giant tech company that's eaten much of the American economy. Much less that he'd be moving into one of the company's sprawling live-work facilities. But compared to what's left outside, Cloud's bland chainstore life of gleaming entertainment halls, open-plan offices, and vast warehouses...well, it doesn't seem so bad. It's more than anyone else is offering. Zinnia never thought she'd be infiltrating Cloud. But now she's undercover, inside the walls, risking it all to ferret out the company's darkest secrets. And Paxton, with his ordinary little hopes and fears? He just might make the perfect pawn. If she can bear to sacrifice him.



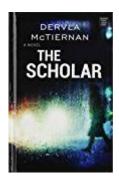
WYOMING HEART By Diana Palmer

Cort Grier is no ordinary rancher. Despite his vast wealth, he still works the land with his own bare hands, unlike his troublesome new neighbour, Mina Michaels. Fiery, beautiful Mina infuriates and entrances Cort, awakening feelings he'd thought long buried. But he knows falling for a city girl can lead only to heartbreak ... Bestselling author Mina hardly expects to meet a man like the ones in her novels. But roguishly handsome Cort is an alpha hero through and through, from his stubborn streak to the fierce way this rugged cowboy protects his heart. When one sizzling kiss leads to another, can Mina convince Cort to open his world to her - now and forever?



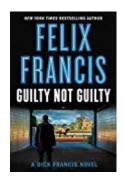
BUTTERFLY IN FROST By Sylvia Day

Once, I would never have imagined myself here. But I'm settled now. In a place I love, in a home I renovated, spending time with new friends I adore, and working a job that fulfills me. I am reconciling the past and laying the groundwork for the future. Then Garrett Frost moves in next door. He's obstinate and too bold, a raging force of nature that disrupts the careful order of my life. I recognize the ghosts that haunt him, the torment driving him. Garrett would be risky in any form, but wounded, he's far more dangerous. I fear I'm too fragile for the storm raging inside him, too delicate to withstand the pain that buffets him. But he's too determined...and too tempting. And sometimes hope soars above even the iciest desolation.



THE SCHOLAR By Dervla McTiernan

Being brilliant has never been this dangerous. When Dr Emma Sweeney stumbles across the victim of a hit-and-run outside Galway University late one evening, she calls her partner, Detective Cormac Reilly, bringing him to the scene of a murder that would otherwise never have been assigned to him. A security card in the dead woman's pocket identifies her as Carline Darcy, a gifted student and heir apparent to Irish pharmaceutical giant Darcy Therapeutics. The multi-billion-dollar company, founded by her grandfather, sponsors university research facilities and has funded Emma's own ground-breaking work. The inquiry into Carline's death promises to be high profile and high pressure.



GUILTY NOT GUILTY By Felix Francis

It is said that everyone over a certain age can remember distinctly what they were doing when they heard that President Kennedy had been assassinated, or that Princess Diana had been killed in a Paris car crash, but I, for one, could recall all too clearly where I was standing when a policeman told me that my wife had been murdered. Bill Russell is acting as a volunteer steward at Warwick races when he confronts his worst nightmare - the violent death of his much-loved wife. But worse is to come when he is accused of killing her and hounded mercilessly by the media. His life begins to unravel completely as he loses his job and his home. Even his best friends turn against him, believing him guilty of the heinous crime in spite of the lack of compelling evidence.



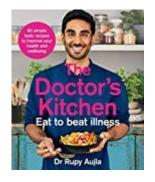
GOOD GIRLS LIE By J.T. Ellison

Goode girls don't lie ... Perched atop a hill in the tiny town of Marchburg, Virginia, The Goode School is a prestigious prep school known as a Silent Ivy. The boarding school of choice for daughters of the rich and influential, it accepts only the best and the brightest. Its elite status, long-held traditions and honour code are ideal for preparing exceptional young women for brilliant futures at Ivy League universities and beyond. But a stranger has come to Goode, and this ivy has turned poisonous. In a world where appearances are everything, as long as students pretend to follow the rules, no one questions the cruelties of the secret societies or the dubious behaviour of the privileged young women who expect to get away with murder. But when a popular student is found dead, the truth cannot be ignored.



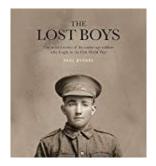
AUSTRALIAN DESIGNERS AT HOME by Jenny Rose-Innes

Australian Designers at Home invites readers into the homes of 20 of the country's leading names in interior design. With unfettered access to their most private retreats, we see where the best of the industry express their true, unfiltered selves.



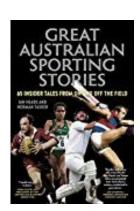
THE DOCTOR'S KITCHEN: EAT TO BEAT ILLNESS by Rupy Aujla

This book distils actionable ideas for daily life to teach you how to use food to trigger and amplify your defences against illness. Accompanying the advice there are 80 new delicious recipes.



THE LOST BOYS by Paul Byrnes

In the First World War of 1914–1918, thousands of boys across Australia and New Zealand lied about their age, forged a parent's signature and left to fight on the other side of the world. Though some were as young as thirteen, they soon found they could die as well as any man. Like Peter Pan's lost boys, they have remained forever young. These are their stories. This extraordinary book captures the incredible and previously untold stories of forty Anzac boys who fought in the First World War, from Gallipoli to the Armistice.



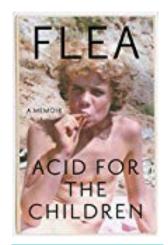
GREAT AUSTRALIAN SPORTING STORIES by Ian Heads

Australia enjoys a rich sporting heritage. Our small population has yielded a disproportionate number of champions. These sports stars have become known worldwide as fierce combatants and honourable competitors, achieving soaring victories, but also heart-pounding near-wins and humbling defeats. Veteran Australian sports journalists Ian Heads and Norman Tasker have seen it all. In these 65 original stories, we hear of the explosive introduction of World Series Cricket in 1977, which turned a genteel endeavour into a high-octane contest, and the clash of the titans as Packer and Murdoch squared off over the Super League war. We see Rugby Union become a battleground for race and the Olympics an arena for sublime acts of courage and achievement.



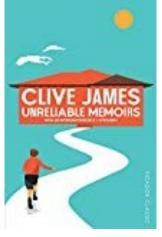
ABOUT A GIRL by Rebekah Robertson

Rebekah Robertson's extraordinary personal story of raising her transgender child, Georgie Stone, who has become a voice not just for other transgender kids but for a whole generation. As public awareness of transgender issues increases, this is the inside story from the mother of one of the brightest young stars of the Australian transgender movement. Tender and full of compassion, this is a story of acceptance and the power of a mother's love. About a girl is a thought-provoking and profoundly moving true story. Above all, it is a celebration of family and diversity.



ACID FOR THE CHILDREN by Flea

The co-founder of the Red Hot Chili Peppers chronicles his life from his birth in Australia and upbringing on the streets of Los Angeles through his rise to Rock and Roll Hall of Fame inductee.



UNRELIABLE MEMOIRS by Clive James

I was born in 1939. The other big event of that year was the outbreak of the Second World War, but for the moment that did not affect me. In the first instalment of Clive James's memoirs we follow the young Clive on his journey from boyhood to the cusp of manhood, when his days of wearing short trousers are finally behind him. Battling with school, girls, various relatives and an overwhelming desire to be a superhero, Clive's adventures growing up in the suburbs of post-war Sydney are hair-raising, uproarious and almost too good to be true. Written by the late Clive James



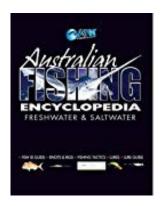
COMPOST TEAS by Paul Byrnes

This book will teach you everything you need to know about feeding your garden, orchard or smallholding with homemade and chemical-free 'teas'. It is packed with recipes for creating nutrient-rich, healthy soil, to give you healthy plants and ecosystems. Author, Eric Fisher, provides an in depth history of organic agriculture and the rise in chemical inputs. He then goes on to explore the importance of nutrients, their cycles and the structure of soil.



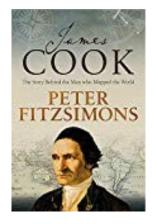
CUSTOMER SERVICE WOLF by Anne Barnetson

Join Customer Service Wolf and colleagues as they navigate the most awkward customer interactions imaginable, plus a few that are beyond imagination. From bookseller and artist Anne Barnetson comes this charming, hilarious and perfectly observed snapshot of life behind the counter.



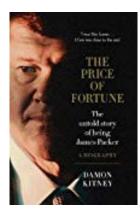
AUSTRALIAN FISHING ENCYCLOPEDIA by Trevor Hawkins

The Australian Anglers Encyclopaedia covers everything the successful and beginner angler needs to know. In over 400 colour pages there are hundreds of techniques, tips, fishing systems and fishing tactics outlined for every style of fishing in Australia. Whether you fish in freshwater, saltwater, from Darwin to Hobart or Perth to Sydney there is every technique for every angler



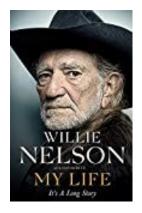
JAMES COOK by Peter Fitzsimons

The name Captain James Cook is one of the most recognisable in Australian history - an almost mythic figure who is often discussed, celebrated, reviled and debated. But who was the real James Cook? This Yorkshire farm boy would go on to become the foremost mariner, navigator and cartographer of his era, and to personally map a third of the globe. His great voyages of discovery were incredible feats of seamanship and navigation. Leading a crew of men into uncharted territories, Cook would face the best and worst of humanity as he took himself and his crew to the edge of the known world - and beyond.



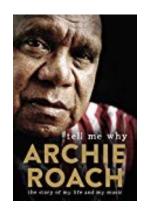
THE PRICE OF FORTUNE by Damon Kitney

Never before has a member of the Packer family co-operated with a writer to tell their story. In his biography, The Price of Fortune, one of the nation's richest and most psychoanalysed men opens up in an attempt to make sense of his rollercoaster life and to tell the human story of being James Douglas Packer. Of how his wealth, charm and intellect took him to such exciting places. Yet how sometimes his trusting the wrong people and his rash actions cost him his friends, his health and, most importantly, his reputation on the global stage - and how he is now working on getting it back.



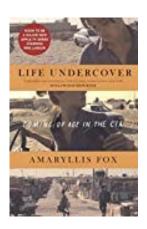
IT'S A LONG STORY: MY LIFE by Willie Nelson

Born during the great depression in 1933 and raised by his grandparents, he began singing in dance halls and Honky Tonks at the age of 13, as an escape from working as a cotton picker in the fields of Arkansas. He went on to write some of the most popular country songs of all time, and to record some classic versions of others, including Crazy, Bring Me Sunshine, Always on my Mind and Blue Eyes Crying in the Rain. An American icon who still tours extensively and headlines music festivals, Willie Nelson and his music have found their way into the hearts and minds of fans all over the world.



THE STORY OF MY LIFE AND MY MUSIC by Archie Roach

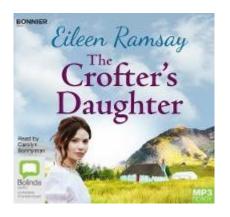
A powerful memoir of a true Australian legend: stolen child, musical and lyrical genius, and leader. No one has lived as many lives as Archie Roach - stolen child, seeker, teenage alcoholic, lover, father, musical and lyrical genius, and leader - but it took him almost a lifetime to find out who he really was. Roach was only two years old when he was forcibly removed from his family. Brought up by a series of foster parents until his early teens, his world imploded when he received a letter that spoke of a life he had no memory of. In this intimate, moving and often shocking memoir, Archie's story is an extraordinary odyssey through love and heartbreak, family and community, survival and renewal - and the healing power of music.

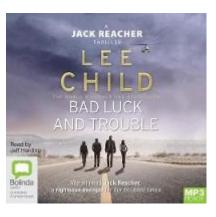


LIFE UNDERCOVER: COMING OF AGE IN THE CIA by Amaryllis Fox

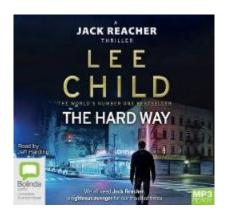
Amaryllis Fox's riveting memoir tells the story of her ten years in the most elite clandestine ops unit of the CIA, hunting the world's most dangerous terrorists in sixteen countries while marrying and giving birth to a daughter.

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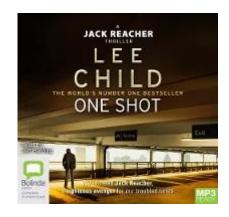




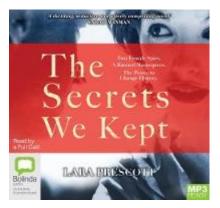




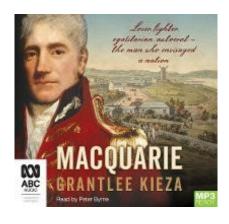


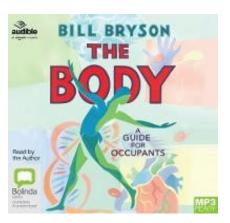


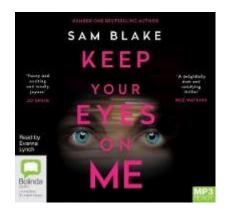




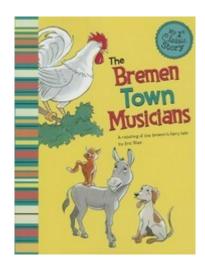








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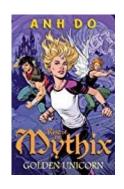


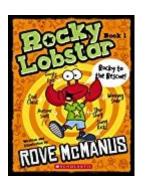


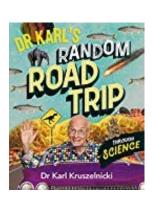


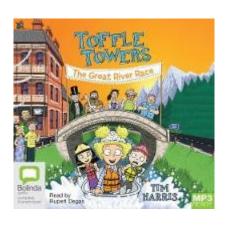




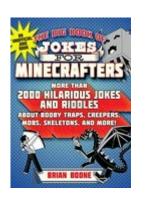












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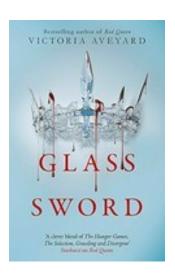
ANGEL MAGE by Garth Nix

More than a century has passed since Liliath crept into the empty sarcophagus of Saint Marguerite, fleeing the Fall of Ystara. But she emerges from her magical sleep still beautiful, looking no more than nineteen, and once again renews her single-minded quest to be united with her lover, Palleniel, the archangel of Ystara. It's a seemingly impossible quest, but Liliath is one of the greatest practitioners of angelic magic to have ever lived, summoning angels and forcing them to do her bidding. Four young people hold her interest: Simeon, a studious doctor-in-training; Henri, a dedicated fortune hunter; Agnez, a glory-seeking musketeer; and Dorotea, iconmaker and scholar of angelic magic. The four feel a strange kinship from the moment they meet but do not suspect their importance. And none of them know just how Liliath plans to use them, as mere pawns in her plan, no matter the cost to everyone else...



THE QUEEN OF NOTHING by Holly Black

After being pronounced Queen of Faerie and then abruptly exiled by the wicked King Cardan, Jude finds herself unmoored, the queen of nothing. She spends her time with Vivi and Oak, watching reality television, and doing odd jobs, including squaring up to a cannibalistic faerie. When her twin sister Taryn shows up asking a favour, Jude jumps at the chance to return to the Faerie world, even if it means facing Cardan, who she loves despite his betrayal. When a dark curse is unveiled, Jude must become the first mortal Queen of Faerie and break the curse, or risk upsetting the balance of the whole Faerie world.



GLASS SWORD by Victoria Aveyard

The electrifying next instalment in the Red Queen series escalates the struggle between the growing rebel army and the blood-segregated world they've always known -- and pits Mare against the darkness that has grown in her soul. Mare Barrow's blood is red -- the colour of common folk -- but her Silver ability, the power to control lightning, has turned her into a weapon that the royal court tries to control. The crown calls her an impossibility, a fake, but as she makes her escape from Maven, the prince -- the friend -- who betrayed her, Mare uncovers something startling: she is not the only one of her kind.

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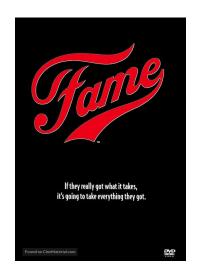


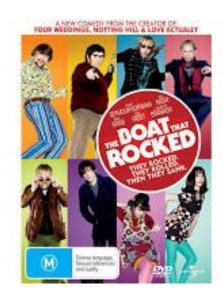
















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