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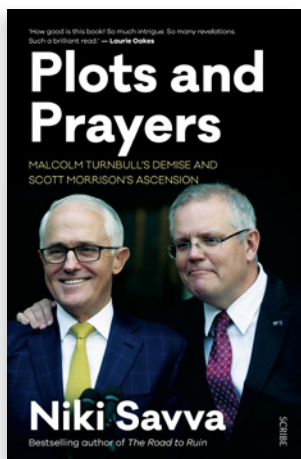
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Niki Savva

Plots and Prayers

Malcolm Turnbull's demise and Scott Morrison's ascension



NIKI SAVVA is one of the most senior correspondents in the Canberra Press Gallery. She was twice political correspondent on *The Australian*, and headed up the Canberra bureaus of both *The Herald Sun* and *The Age*. When family tragedy forced a career change, she became Peter Costello's press secretary for six years and was then on John Howard's staff for three. Her work has brought her into intimate contact with Australia's major political players for more than 35 years. In March 2017, the Melbourne Press Club bestowed Niki with a lifetime achievement award for 'outstanding coverage of Australian politics'. Her book *The Road to Ruin* won the 2016 General Nonfiction Book of the Year Award at the Australian Book Industry Awards.

In an enthralling sequel to her bestselling *The Road to Ruin*, Niki Savva reveals the inside story of a bungled coup that overthrew the Liberal prime minister, Malcolm Turnbull, and installed a surprise successor, Scott Morrison, who went on to take the party to a miraculous electoral victory.

On 21 August 2018, 35 Liberal MPs cast their vote against Malcolm Turnbull, effectively signalling the end of his leadership. Three days later, the deed was done, and Scott Morrison was anointed prime minister.

Tony Abbott's relentless campaign of destabilisation, helped along by his acolytes in the parliament and by his powerful media mates, the betrayals of colleagues, and the rise of the religious right, climaxing in the challenge by Peter Dutton, all played a part in Turnbull's downfall.

But so did Turnbull's own poor political judgement. He was a good prime minister and a terrible politician. The good bits of Malcolm were not enough to make up for the bad Malcolm.

Nevertheless, the sheer brutality of his removal left many Liberals aghast. MPs were traumatised or humiliated by eight days of madness. Men and women cried from sheer anguish. They went through hell, and feared when it was over that they would not make it back — and nor would the Liberal Party. As it turned out, redemption came with Morrison's unexpected single-handed 2019 election victory.

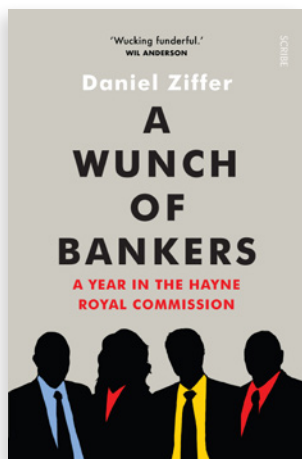
This is the inside story of what happened — and what happened next.

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Daniel Ziffer

A Wunch of Bankers

a year in the Hayne royal commission

DANIEL ZIFFER covered the Hayne royal commission for ABC radio, TV, and online. He was formerly the long-time senior producer of *Mornings with Jon Faine*, at ABC Radio Melbourne, and has worked on air and in production at Macquarie Radio, as a freelance foreign correspondent based in New York City, as a journalist at *The Age*, and as a magazine editor.

For Daniel Ziffer and his Australia-wide audience, it was a complicated, galling, and gasp-inducing year at the Royal Commission into Misconduct in the Banking, Superannuation and Financial Services Industry.

Tearful victims, blank-faced executives, hapless regulators, and a couple of utter charlatans all had their day in court, watched by an audience of millions, and revealing — in their stories — the material to justify re-shaping the multi-trillion-dollar financial services industry that forms a pillar of Australian life.

Is there a phrase that allows life-insurance spruikers in call centres to terrify you about your impending death — and the grief-stricken ruins of an estate you'll leave for your bereaved family — while still being legal? Yes, there is.

Was there a meeting in which a bank's executives ignored a warning of 'Extreme' from its chief risk officer, to embark on a dodgy scheme that accrued \$3.6 billion in funds? There was.

In *A Wunch of Bankers*, Daniel Ziffer brings out the colour and grit of the royal commission's proceedings, and explores broader issues raised by the testimony. A mixture of analysis, reportage, and observations, it is densely researched and compellingly written.

'Wucking funderful.' Wil Anderson

'A devilish peek into the barren soul of the banking industry.' Sammy J

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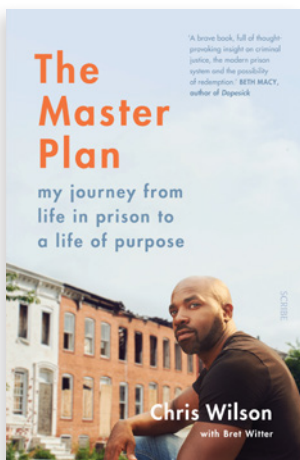
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Chris Wilson

with Bret Witter

The Master Plan

my journey from life in prison to a life of purpose



CHRIS WILSON lives in Baltimore, Maryland, and is the owner and founder of the Barclay Investment Corporation, a multi-service social enterprise, specialising in residential and commercial contracting work. Barclay works closely with local workforce and social service providers to connect unemployed Baltimore City residents with clients who are in need of services.

BRET WITTER has co-authored seven *New York Times* bestsellers since becoming a full-time writer in 2007. His books have sold 3 million copies worldwide and spent almost two years on the *New York Times* bestseller list. He lives in Decatur, Georgia.

An inspiring, instructive, and ultimately triumphant guide to turning your life around, from a man who used hard work and his Master Plan to convert a life sentence into a second chance.

Like a lot of people, Chris Wilson didn't have an easy start in life. But, unlike many, he has managed to overcome severe setbacks to achieve a life defined by material success and personal meaning. How did he do it?

When he committed a fatal crime at the age of 17 and received a devastating prison sentence, incarceration became the unexpected trigger that set Wilson off on a journey of self-improvement — reading, working out, learning languages, and starting a business. Creating a Master Plan for the life he wanted, he worked through it step-by-step to transform his reality.

In this gripping memoir, he tells his story and explains the thought processes and techniques he used to go from being in prison with no hope of parole to being a free man, a successful social entrepreneur, and a respected mentor.

'Chris Wilson is a remarkable person who, through his struggles and accomplishments, has much to teach us all. *The Master Plan* is an incredibly moving book that will change the way you look at the criminal justice system.'
Senator Bernie Sanders

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Elisabeth Åsbrink

Made in Sweden

25 ideas that created a country



ELISABETH ÅSBRINK is a journalist and author. Her parents were Hungarian and English, and she was born and raised in, and now lives in, Sweden. Her previous books have won the August Prize, the Danish-Swedish Cultural Fund Prize, and Poland's Kapuscinski Prize. *1947* (the first of her books to be published in English, by Scribe in 2017) won the prestigious Letterstedt Prize, was translated into 19 languages, and was published in the UK, Australia, the USA, Italy, France, Germany, Spain, Brazil, South Korea, Poland, Denmark, Finland, and Norway, among others.

What are the real Swedish Values? Who is the real Swedish Model?

In recent times, we have come to favour all things Scandi — their food, furnishings, fiction, fashion, and general way of life. We seem to regard the Swedes and their Scandinavian neighbours as altogether more sophisticated, admirable, and evolved than us. We have all aspired to be Swedish, to live in their perfectly designed society from the future. But what if we have invested all our faith in a fantasy? What if Sweden has in fact never been as moderate, egalitarian, dignified, or tolerant as it would like to (have us) think? The recent rise to political prominence of an openly neo-Nazi party has begun to crack the illusion, and here now is Swede Elisabeth Åsbrink, who loves her country 'but not blindly', presenting 25 of her nation's key words and icons afresh, in order to give the world a clearer-eyed understanding of this fascinating country.

PRAISE FOR ÅSBRINK'S LAST BOOK, *1947*

'[A]n extraordinary achievement.' *The New York Times*

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**'[Åsbrink's] careful juxtaposition of disparate events highlights an underlying interconnectedness and suggests a new way of thinking about the postwar era.'
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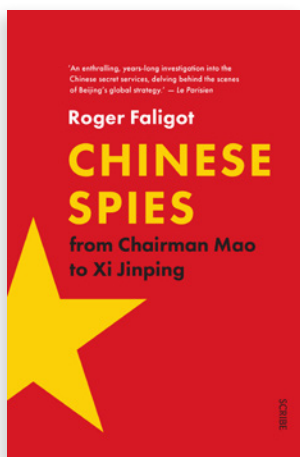
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Chinese Spies

from Chairman Mao to Xi Jinping



ROGER FALIGOT is an investigative journalist and author of many books on European and Asian intelligence, including *The Chinese Mafia in Europe* and *La Piscine*, the first history of France's secret services. He has been a correspondent for *The European*, and Far East correspondent for *Intelligence Online* (1993–2018).

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Are the Chinese secret services now the most powerful in the world? After a long investigation into Beijing's intelligence services and the backrooms of international politics, journalist Roger Faligot may have found the answer.

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This fascinating narrative exposes the sprawling tentacles of the world's largest intelligence service, from the very birth of communist China to Xi Jinping's absolute rule today.

'Chinese Spies is an astounding and unmatched source book on the extraordinary reach of the PRC's intelligence network. Roger Faligot explains in colourful detail the complex links between the spy agencies, the Party, the Party leaders, Chinese companies and the People's Liberation Army. At once fascinating and chilling, it's a book I found hard to put down.'

Clive Hamilton, author of *Silent Invasion*

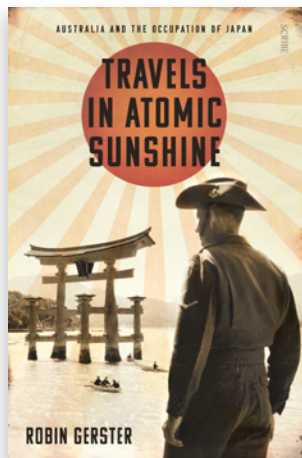
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Robin Gerster

Travels in Atomic Sunshine

Australia and the occupation of Japan



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A vivid, salutary study of Australia's little-known participation in the post-war occupation of Japan.

In February 1946, the Australians of the British Commonwealth Occupation Force (BCOF) moved into western Japan to 'demilitarise and democratise' the atom-bombed backwater of Hiroshima Prefecture. For over six years, up to 20,000 Australian servicemen, including their wives and children, participated in a historic experiment in nation-rebuilding dominated by the United States and the occupation's supreme commander, General MacArthur.

It was to be a watershed in Australian military history and international relations. BCOF was one of the last collective armed gestures of a moribund empire. The Chifley government wanted to make Australia's independent presence felt in post-war Asia-Pacific affairs, yet the venture heralded the nation's enmeshment in American geopolitics. This was the forerunner of today's peacekeeping missions and engagements in contentious US-led military occupations.

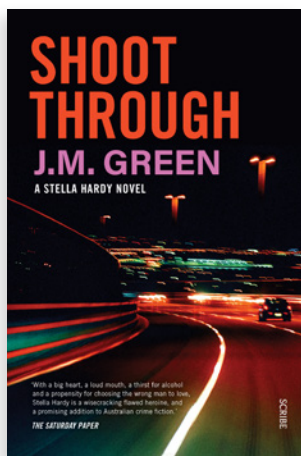
Yet the occupation of Japan was also a cultural reconnaissance — the first time a large number of Australians were able to explore in depth an Asian society and country. It was an unprecedented domestic encounter between peoples with apparently incompatible traditions and temperaments. Many relished exercising power over a despised former enemy, and basked in the 'atomic sunshine' of American Japan. But numerous Australians developed an intimacy with the old enemy, and became the trailblazers of a new era of bilateral friendship.

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J.M. Green

Shoot Through



J.M. GREEN is a crime writer based in Melbourne's western suburbs. Her debut novel, *Good Money*, the first hardboiled-crime novel featuring Stella Hardy, was shortlisted for a 2016 Ned Kelly Award, the Sisters in Crime's Davitt Award for best debut, as well as the 2014 Victorian Premier's Literary Award for an Unpublished Manuscript. She divides her time between writing in her backyard studio and working as a librarian. *Shoot Through* is the third in the Stella Hardy series, following *Too Easy*.

Stella Hardy, the wisecracking social worker, is back to tackle crooked private contractors, an exotic cattle scam, and a delicious Mushroom Jalfrezi.

All Stella Hardy wants is a romantic country getaway with her artist boyfriend, Brophy. Instead, she must head to the Athol Goldwater Agricultural Prison (aka Arsehole Bogwater) to visit her jailbird brother, Ben, and sort out some 'urgent' family paperwork. But Stella has barely set foot in the prison when a prisoner, Joe Phelan, is found dead.

Before she knows it, Stella finds herself tasked, against her will, with investigating Joe's suspicious death away from the eyes of police, including her best friend, Detective Phuong Nguyen. Her old nemesis Minister for Justice Marcus Pugh is pressuring her from above to save his election-year bacon, and Joe's old friend and former gang member, Percy Brash, is providing a much more chilling form of pressure from below, promising to reduce her to mush and bone fragments if she doesn't give him the name of Joe's killer, and soon.

As the clock counts down, Stella becomes embroiled in a story of corruption, conspiracy, and high-tech cattle-wrangling, all while trying to manage her brother's pregnant girlfriend, Loretta, get to the bottom of Brophy's increasingly strange behaviour, and evade the murderous intentions of a shadowy mercenary. And then things get really crazy. It's Stella's last hurrah, and she's going out with a bang.

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Long Litt Woon

translated by
Barbara Haveland



LONG LITT WOON (born 1958 in Malaysia) is an anthropologist and Norwegian Mycological Association certified mushroom professional. She first visited Norway as a young exchange student. There she met and married Norwegian Eiof Olsen. She currently lives in Oslo, Norway.

BARBARA HAVELAND (born 1951) is a Scots-born literary translator resident in Copenhagen. She translates fiction, poetry, and drama from Norwegian and Danish to English, and has translated works by many leading Danish and Norwegian writers. Her most recent published works include new translations of *The Master Builder* and *Little Eyolf* by Henrik Ibsen.

The Way Through the Woods

of mushrooms and mourning

One woman's journey to overcome grief by delving into an overlooked wonder of nature.

'As the world of mushrooms opened up to me I began to see that the path back to life was easier than I had thought. It was simply a matter of gathering delights that flash and sparkle. All I had to do was follow the mushroom trail, even though I still didn't know where it would lead. What would I find in the great unknown that lay ahead of me? What lay beyond those hilltops and mists and turns in the road?'

When Long Litt Woon loses her husband of 32 years to an unexpected death, she is utterly bereft. An immigrant in his country, in losing the love of her life she has also lost her compass and her passport to society. For a time, she is stuck, aimless, disoriented. It is only when she wanders off deep into the woods with mushroom hunters and is taught there how to see clearly what is all around her, and learn how to make distinctions, take educated risks and hear all the different melodies in Nature's chorus, that she returns to life and to living. And it is mushrooms which guide her back. In this book, she describes how they saved her, and how they might save you.

'This is one of the most surprising and original books I have read in a long time — so much to learn and reflect about the human condition and about a natural phenomenon.' Knut Olav Åmås (Norwegian critic, commentator, and writer)

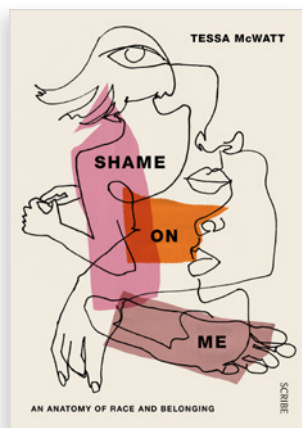
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Tessa McWatt

Shame On Me

an anatomy of race and belonging



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'What are you?'

Tessa McWatt knows first-hand that the answer to this question, often asked of people of colour by white people, is always more complicated than it seems. Is the answer English, Scottish, British, Caribbean, Portuguese, Indian, Amerindian, French, African, Chinese, Canadian? Like most families, hers is steeped in myth and the anecdotes of grandparents and parents who recount their histories through the lens of desire, aspiration, loss, and shame.

In *Shame On Me* she unspools all the interwoven strands of her multicoloured inheritance, and knits them back together using additional fibres from literature and history to strengthen the weave of her refabricated tale. She dismantles her own body and examines it piece by piece to build a devastating and incisively subtle analysis of the race debate as it now stands, in this stunningly written exploration of who and what we truly are.

'Reading this book I felt a profound sense of relief: that someone as wise as Tessa McWatt had the compassion and courage to write it. Though she doesn't spare us, her ancestors or herself, as she travels from British Guiana to China, India and Scotland, we must go with her: and realise the power of recovering female lineage, and realise that there is no centre, except the one we ourselves can make with all the various stories we contain. It is a deeply moving, urgent and important book.'

Preti Taneja, author of *We That Are Young*

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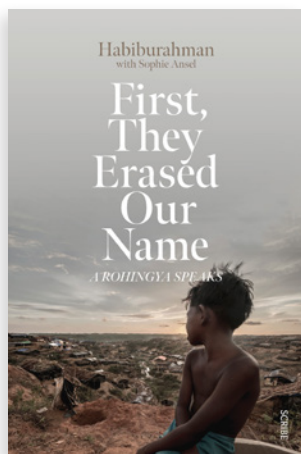
Habiburahman

with Sophie Ansel

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First, They Erased Our Name

a Rohingya speaks



For the first time, a Rohingya speaks up to expose the persecution facing his people.

'I am three years old and will have to grow up with the hostility of others. I am already an outlaw in my own country, an outlaw in the world. I am three years old, and I don't yet know that I am stateless.'

Habiburahman was born in 1979 and raised in a small village in western Burma. When he was three years old, the country's military leader declared that his people, the Rohingya, were not one of the 135 recognised ethnic groups that formed the eight 'national races'. He was left stateless in his own country.

Since 1982, millions of Rohingya have had to flee their homes as a result of extreme prejudice and persecution. In 2016 and 2017, the government intensified the process of ethnic cleansing, and over 600,000 Rohingya people were forced to cross the border into Bangladesh.

Here, for the first time, a Rohingya speaks up to expose the truth behind this global humanitarian crisis. Through the eyes of a child, we learn about the historic persecution of the Rohingya people and witness the violence Habiburahman endured throughout his life until he escaped the country in 2000.

First, They Erased Our Name is an urgent, moving memoir about what it feels like to be repressed in one's own country and a refugee in others. It gives voice to the voiceless.

HABIBURAHMAN, known as Habib, is a Rohingya. Born in 1979 in Burma (now Myanmar), he escaped torture, persecution, and detention in his country, fleeing first to neighbouring countries in Southeast Asia, and then, in December 2009, to Australia, by boat. Habib spent 32 months in detention centres before being released. He now lives in Melbourne.

SOPHIE ANSEL is a French journalist, author, and director. She first met Habib in Malaysia in 2006. When the Myanmar government accelerated the genocide of the Rohingya in June 2012, she helped Habib to write his story.

ANDREA REECE is a translator of novels, short stories, and non-fiction from the French and Spanish.

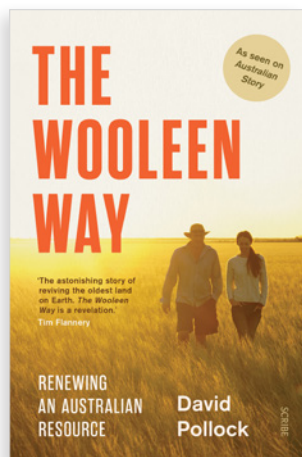
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David Pollock

The Wooleen Way

renewing an Australian resource



DAVID POLLOCK is a second-generation pastoralist from Wooleen Station in the Murchison region of Western Australia. He took over the 153,000-hectare property when he was 27, and was soon joined by his now wife Frances as they embarked on a quest to transform Wooleen into a sustainable grazing enterprise. They run a station-stay tourism business to help pay for repairing the ecological damage caused by historic overgrazing, and have appeared on the ABC TV's *Australian Story* program four times. David loves Frances, palatable perennial grass, Wooleen, their four kelpies, and cows. In that order.

A remarkable memoir detailing a heroic and unswerving commitment to renew the severely degraded land on Wooleen, a massive pastoral property in Western Australia's southern rangelands.

The outback conjures many images that the Australian psyche is built upon. Its grand vistas of sweeping dusty plains and its evocation of a tough pioneering spirit form the foundation of our prosperous culture. But these romantic visions often hide the stark environmental, economic, and social problems that have inadvertently been left in the wake of our collective past.

Through retelling the struggle of his family amid droughts, financial ruin, depression, and death, David Pollock exposes the modern-day realities of managing a remote outback station. Forced by a sense of moral responsibility, he set out on an uncharted course to restore the 153,000 hectares of degraded leasehold land that he felt he was obliged to manage on behalf of the Australian people. Then, just at the point when that course seemed certain to fail, the project was saved by the generosity and faith of everyday Australians.

This is an urgent story of political irresponsibility, bureaucratic obstinacy, industrial monopolisation, and, above all, ecological illiteracy in a vast segment of the Australian continent. It is a familiar story of overexploitation. Yet it is also a story of the extraordinary ability of the natural environment to repair itself, given the chance.

'The astonishing story of reviving the oldest land on Earth. *The Wooleen Way* is a revelation.' Tim Flannery

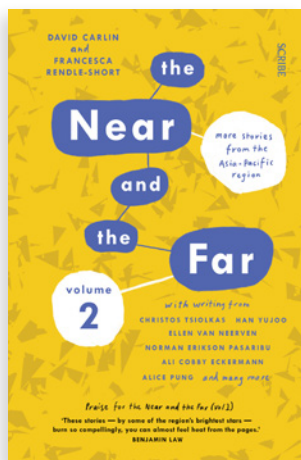
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David Carlin & Francesca Rendle-Short

The Near and the Far Vol. II

more stories from the Asia-Pacific region



DAVID CARLIN is an award-winning writer and creative artist. His books include *The Abyssinian Contortionist*, *Our Father Who Wasn't There*, and *Performing Digital*. David is vice-president of the international NonfictionNOW Conference, and Associate Professor of Creative Writing, co-founder of the non/fictionLab research group, and co-director of the WrICE program at RMIT University.

FRANCESCA RENDLE-SHORT is an award-winning novelist, memoirist, and essayist. She is the author of *Imago* and *Bite Your Tongue*. Francesca is Associate Professor of Creative Writing at RMIT University, where she is co-founder and co-director of the non/fictionLab research group and the WrICE program.

A dynamic cross-cultural collection of innovative writing from the Asia-Pacific region

In the outer suburbs of Perth, Australia, a seven-year-old discovers ballroom dancing. In Jakarta, Indonesia, a poet tries to move on with his life after splitting up with his boyfriend. In the Philippines' Quezon City, a nurse reflects on her late mother while caring for a dying woman. And in the Uva province of Sri Lanka, a 30-panel mural tells the story of a boy who refuses to speak a word.

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Rebecca Giggs

Fathoms

the world in the whale



REBECCA GIGGS is a writer from Perth, Western Australia. Her work has been widely published, including in *Best Australian Essays*, *Best Australian Science Writing*, *Best Australian Stories*, *Granta*, *Aeon*, *The Atlantic*, *The New York Times Magazine*, and *Griffith Review*. Rebecca's non-fiction focuses on how people feel about, and feel for, animals in a time of technological change and ecological crisis.

In the non-fiction tradition of Rachel Carson, Rebecca Solnit, and Helen Macdonald comes a bold, lyrical exploration of our fraught relationship with the sea's most charismatic mammal, the whale.

Whales loom large in the world's environmental imagination. From a history of the animals being harpooned worldwide to today's ecotourism operators and the work of marine biologists, the attachment of humans to whales is much more than metaphorical. That whales have, for centuries, attracted myth, symbolism, and significance has been a pivotal factor in determining their current protection.

And yet whales, and the waters that are their habitat, are changing. Even as the international community draws closer to a ban on factory whaling, whales surface with disturbing news from the deep. Whale strandings — once an encounter with wild, oceanic life — now force us to consider the complex contributions of humans to ecological change in the sea. Pollution and toxins accrued in whale bodies, plastics consumed by whales, the stress of exposure to industrial sound in the sea, and diseases contracted from livestock: all these, and more, are impacts linked to human activity.

Searching, thought-provoking, and timely, *Fathoms* pursues the stories we tell about whales, what those stories signal about how we imagine our own species, and what whales reveal about the health of the planet.

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Antony Loewenstein **Pills, Powder, and Smoke**

inside the bloody war on drugs



ANTONY LOEWENSTEIN is a Jerusalem-based Australian journalist who has written for *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, the BBC, *The Washington Post*, and many others. He is the author of *Disaster Capitalism: making a killing out of catastrophe*; the writer/co-producer of the associated documentary, *Disaster Capitalism*; and the co-director of an Al-Jazeera English film on the opioid drug tramadol. His other books include *My Israel Question*, *The Blogging Revolution*, and *Profits of Doom*. He is the co-editor of the books *Left Turn* and *After Zionism*, and is a contributor to *For God's Sake*.

Like the never-ending war on terror, the drugs war is a multi-billion-dollar industry that won't go down without a fight. *Pills, Powder, and Smoke* explains why.

The war on drugs has been official American policy since the 1970s, with the UK, Europe, and much of the world following suit. It is at best a failed policy, according to bestselling author Antony Loewenstein. Its direct results have included mass incarceration in the US, extreme violence in different parts of the world, the backing of dictatorships, and surging drug addiction globally. And now the Trump administration is unleashing diplomatic and military forces against any softening of the conflict.

Pills, Powder, and Smoke investigates the officials, activists, victims, DEA agents, and traffickers caught up in this deadly war. Travelling through the UK, the US, Australia, Honduras, the Philippines, and Guinea-Bissau, Loewenstein uncovers the secrets of the drug war, why it's so hard to end, and who is really profiting from it.

In reporting on the front lines across the globe, Loewenstein reveals how the war on drugs has become the most deadly war in modern times. Designed and inspired by Washington, its agenda has nothing to do with ending drug use or addiction, but is all about controlling markets, territories, and people. Instead, Loewenstein argues, the legalisation and regulation of all drugs would be a much more realistic and humane approach. The evidence presented in this book will persuade many readers that he's right.

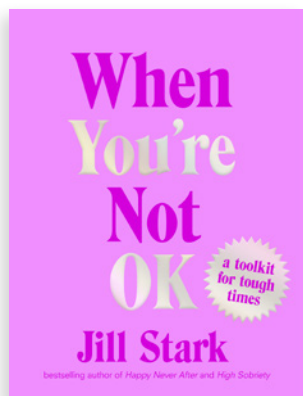
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When You're Not OK

a toolkit for tough times



JILL STARK is an award-winning journalist and author with a career spanning two decades in both the UK and Australian media. She spent ten years on staff at *The Age* covering health and social affairs as a senior writer and columnist, and now works as a freelance journalist, media consultant, and speech writer. Her first book, *High Sobriety*, was longlisted for the Walkley Book Award and shortlisted in the Kibble Literary Awards.

From Jill Stark, bestselling author of *Happy Never After*, comes this warm and practical book of tips and wisdom to help guide you through the tough times.

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Tom Cutler

Keep Clear

my adventures with Asperger's



TOM CUTLER is a bestselling author of humour books, including the Amazon number-one blockbuster *271 Things a Bright Boy Can Do*. His titles have been translated into several languages. In 2016 he was identified as being on the autism spectrum. This, he says, was the happiest day of his life.

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'This is a delightful and intimate insight into Asperger's; it couldn't be more timely or more valuable.'

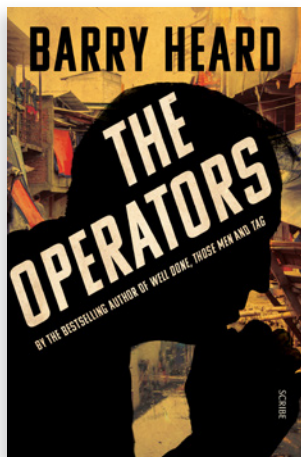
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The Operators



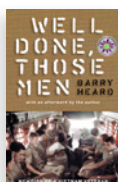
BARRY HEARD was conscripted in Australia's first national service ballot, and served in Vietnam as an infantryman and radio operator. After completing his national service he returned home, but found himself unable to settle down. He had ten different jobs in his first ten years back, worked as a teacher for a further ten years, and then held several mid-managerial posts before succumbing to a devastating breakdown due to severe post-traumatic stress disorder. Since recovering, Barry has concentrated on his writing: his other books are *Well Done*, *Those Men*, *The View from Connor's Hill*, and *Tag*. He lives with his family in rural Victoria.

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Guest House for Young Widows

among the women of ISIS



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The Eighth Life

(for Brilka)



NINO HARATISCHVILI was born in Georgia in 1983, and is an award-winning novelist, playwright, and theatre director. She has been writing in both German and Georgian since the age of 12. In its German edition, *The Eighth Life* was a bestseller, and won the Anna Seghers Prize, the Lessing Prize Stipend, and the Bertolt Brecht Prize 2018.

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RUTH MARTIN has a PhD in 20th-century German literature and philosophy, and has translated several non-fiction books from German.

1900, Georgia: in the deep south of the Russian Empire, Stasia, the daughter of a famous chocolatier, dreams of ballet in Paris, but marries a soldier, and finds herself caught up in the October Revolution. Escaping with her children, she finds shelter with her unworldly sister Christine, whose beauty, fatally, has caught the eye of Stalin's henchman. Disastrous consequences ensue for the whole family ...

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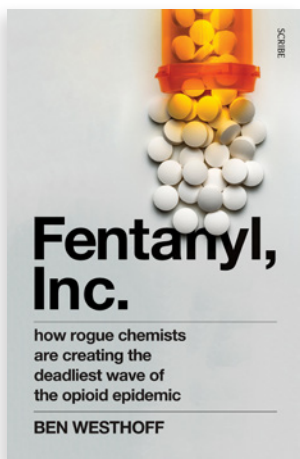
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Ben Westhoff

Fentanyl, Inc.

how rogue chemists are creating the deadliest wave of the opioid epidemic



BEN WESTHOFF is an award-winning investigative reporter who has covered stories ranging from gangland Los Angeles to Native American blood feuds to government corruption. He has written at length about music and culture, his entry point to the world of synthetic drugs, in *Rolling Stone*, the *Guardian*, *Village Voice*, *Vice*, *Oxford American*, the *Wall Street Journal*, and elsewhere. He is the author of two previous books: *Original Gangstas: the untold story of Dr. Dre, Eazy-E, Ice Cube, Tupac Shakur, and the Birth of West Coast Rap*, and *Dirty South: Outkast, Lil Wayne, Soulja Boy, and the Southern Rappers who reinvented hip-hop*.

A riveting and deeply human examination of the synthetic-drug epidemic — and in particular the rise of fentanyl, the newest and most deadly wave of the opioid crisis.

A new crop of chemicals is radically changing the recreational-drug landscape. Known as Novel Psychoactive Substances (NPS), these chemicals include replacements for known drugs like cocaine, ecstasy, marijuana, and heroin. They are made in a laboratory and are much more potent than traditional drugs. All too often, they are tragically lethal. *Fentanyl, Inc.* is the first deep-dive investigation of a hazardous illicit industry that has created a worldwide epidemic, ravaging communities, and overwhelming and confounding the government agencies that are challenged to combat it.

In *Fentanyl, Inc.*, Westhoff recounts how he tracked down a mysterious drug baron in New Zealand who unintentionally sparked one aspect of the synthetic-drug revolution. He visits the shady factories in China from which these drugs emanate, providing startling and original reporting on how China's vast chemical industry operates. And he chronicles the lives of addicts and dealers, families of victims, law-enforcement officers, and underground drug-awareness organisers in the US and Europe.

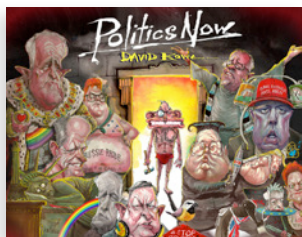
Together, they provide the shocking full picture of a calamity we are only just beginning to understand. And yet from its depths, as Westhoff relates, are emerging new strategies that may provide essential long-term solutions to the drug crisis that has affected so many.

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David Rowe

Introduction by Laura
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DAVID ROWE was born in the Netherlands in 1968, and arrived in Canberra at the age of four. He found work on the *Canberra Times* and, after a brief stint in London, moved to Sydney to work at Fairfax. For over 20 years, his cartoons and caricatures have appeared in the *Australian Financial Review*. Rowe is the recipient of numerous cartooning awards, including multiple Walkleys, Gold Stanley Awards, and Behind the Lines Cartoonist of the Year, as well as many prestigious international awards. He is consistently the most popular cartoonist in Russ Radcliffe's *Best Australian Political Cartoons*.

LAURA TINGLE is chief political correspondent for ABC TV's 7.30. Formerly political editor of *The Australian Financial Review*, Laura is one of Australia's most respected journalists. Her recent publications include *Follow the Leader: democracy and the rise of the strongman* and *Great Expectations*.

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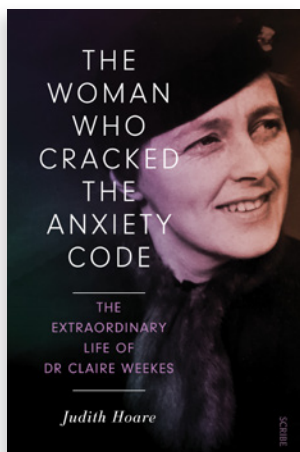
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The Woman Who Cracked the Anxiety Code

the extraordinary life of Dr Claire Weekes



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JUDITH HOARE is a journalist who worked for the Australian Broadcasting Corporation and *The Australian Financial Review*. She started her career on *Chequerboard*, a trailblazing social-issues television program in the 1970s, and then moved to the *AFR*, reporting on federal politics in Canberra. She shifted to features writing, to eventually specialise in editing long-form journalism for the newspaper, and was appointed deputy editor in 1995, a position she held for 20 years.

Claire Weekes was driven by a restless and unconventional mind that saw her become the first woman to earn a Doctor of Science degree at Australia's oldest university, win global plaudits for her research into evolution, and take a turn as a travel agent, before embarking on a career in medicine. But it was a mistaken diagnosis of tuberculosis that would set her heart racing and push her towards integrating all she'd learned into a practical treatment for anxiety — a tried-and-true method now seen as state-of-the-art 30 years after her death. This book is the first to tell her remarkable story.

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Fly Already



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Kopp Sisters on the March

a Kopp sisters novel



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Nick Richardson**1956****the year Australia welcomed the world**

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This was the year when Melbourne hosted the Summer Olympics, the first edition of the Games to be held outside Europe and North America. It also heralded the arrival of television in Australia. In this year, Prime Minister Robert Menzies grappled with world politics, when he opened the country's doors to refugees from the Hungarian uprising, allowed British nuclear tests at Maralinga, and tried to resolve the greatest diplomatic episode of the decade: the Suez Crisis. In these ways and more, the world came to Australia's doorstep in 1956, challenging rusted-on habits and indelibly shifting the nation's perception of itself.

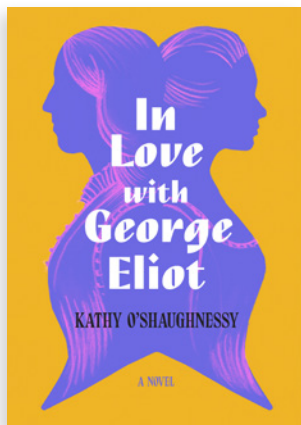
Nick Richardson peels back the layers to reveal Australia at a critical moment in time. He brilliantly recreates the broader events surrounding the Melbourne Olympics at the end of 1956, as well as the dramas of the Games themselves. Throughout, he also follows a range of men and women who were touched by this transformation, to illuminate the personal consequences of being part of Australia's pivotal year.

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In Love with George Eliot



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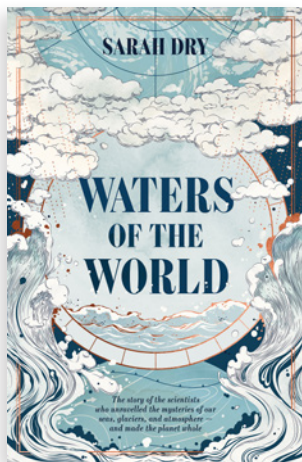
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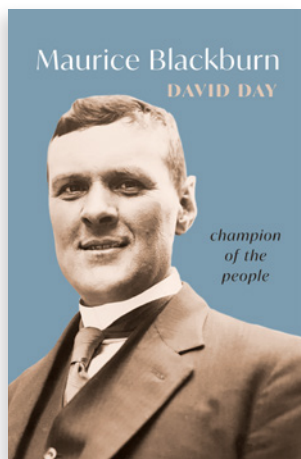
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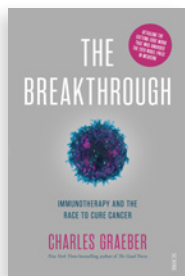
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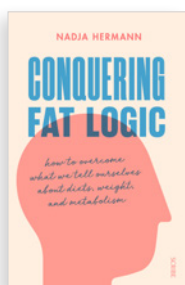
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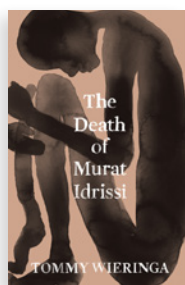
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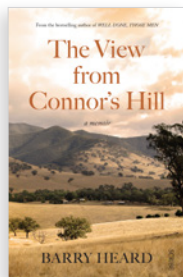
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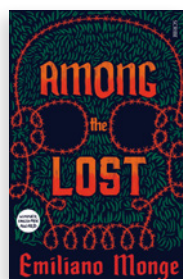
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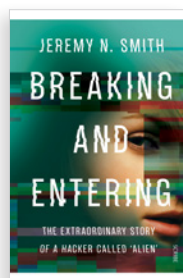
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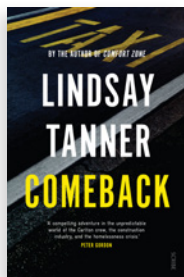
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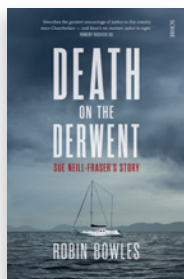


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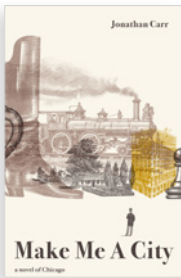
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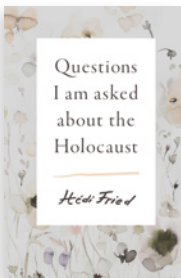
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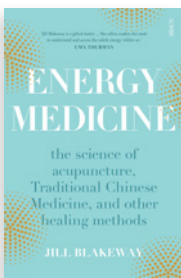
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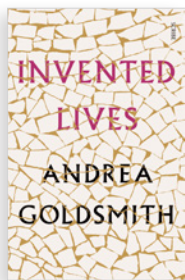
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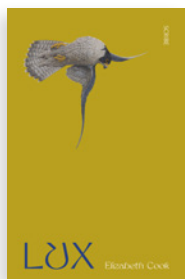


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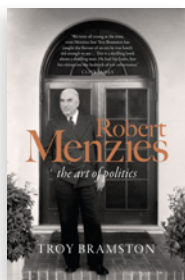
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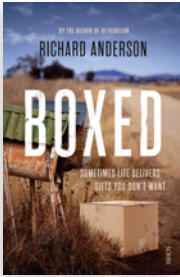
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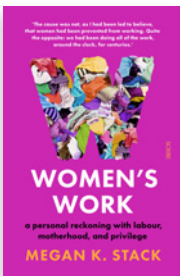
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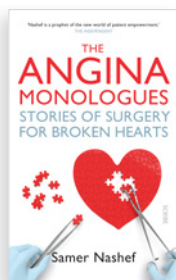
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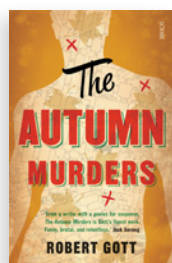


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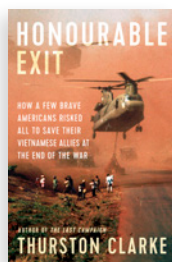


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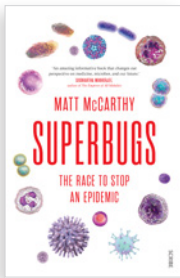
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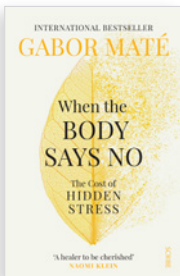
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