May 2017 New Releases

**Children's Fiction**

*Murakami Men Without Women* by Patrick Ness

*The Woodgirl Stopped Bare* by Tracey Spicer

*The Trials of Apollo: The Hidden Oracle* by Rick Riordan

*Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls* by Francesca Cavallo

*Five Forget Mother's Day* by Enid Blyton

**Non-Fiction**

*Signed* by Sam Wood

*Various titles* by Stephanie Alexander

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**Treat your Mum this Mother's Day**

Sunday 14th May

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Signed copies of 28 By Sam Wood and various titles by Stephanie Alexander are available in all stores this month!
News

May is here! This month we’re looking forward to celebrating our Mums, and finding some great new reads to snuggle with as the cooler weather sets in!

We’ve been busy here at Robinsons over the past month. We’ve hung out with Peter Helliar to promote his book, Frankie Fish. We shared a bookshop crawl with Eliza Henry-Jones and her new book, Ache. We cooked up a Harvest-feast Stephanie Alexander, and we even worked up a 28-minute sweat at Eastland with our favourite Bachelor, Sam Wood. It’s all go, and it doesn’t appear to be slowing down!

This month, we’ve got top new releases from Girl on the Train author, Paula Hawkins, and Mamamia founder, Mia Freedman. Instore this month, you’ll see new titles from big names like Murakami, Toibin, Deaver and Lehane. There’s even a Tolkien on the way! May is a book-lovers dream!

Come in and see us for all your mother’s day needs. We can’t wait for you to see out gorgeous new “Fun for Mum” gift range ready and wrapped! Thanks to everyone who supported our events last month. Happy reading!

National Simultaneous Storytime

WEDNESDAY 24 MAY 2017

Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country to encourage reading in the younger generation. This year’s book is the very a-moo-sing The Cow Tripped Over the Moon.

We will be holding storytimes in all of our stores!
The big read takes place at 11am on Wednesday, May 24. Join us in this celebration of reading aloud!

Best Sellers

Fiction

1. MILK & HONEY
   Rupi Kaur
   PB $14.99

2. BIG LITTLE LIES (TV Tie-In)
   Liane Moriarty
   PB $16.99

3. TRULY MADLY GUILTY
   Liane Moriarty
   PB $16.99

4. ALL THE LIGHT WE CANNOT SEE
   Anthony Doerr
   PB $19.99

5. NORSE MYTHOLOGY
   Neil Gaiman
   PB $27.99

Non Fiction

1. THE BAREFOOT INVESTOR
   Scott Pape
   PB $29.99

2. MY GRAMMAR & I
   Caroline Taggart
   PB $14.99

3. FIRST WE MAKE THE BEAST BEAUTIFUL
   Sarah Wilson
   PB $35.00

4. THE CSIRO LOW-CARB DIET
   Grant Brinkworth
   PB $34.99

5. HOW TO TELL IF YOUR CAT IS PLOTTING TO KILL YOU
   PB $24.99

Kids / Teens

1. FRANKIE FISH
   Peter Helliar
   PB $14.99

2. FANTASTIC BEASTS
   J.K. Rowling
   PB $27.99

3. THIRTEEN REASONS WHY
   J.K. Rowling
   PB $17.99

4. EVERYTHING, EVERYTHING
   Nicola Yoon
   PB $19.99

5. HARRY POTTER AND THE PHILOSOPHERS STONE
   J.K. Rowling
   PB $16.99

Non Book

1. BOOKS ROCK BUTTONS
   $2.50 each

2. PETER RABBIT SECTION PLATE
   $4.99

3. PETER RABBIT FLOPSY BEAN RATTLE
   $19.99

4. CARDS AGAINST HUMANITY
   $59.99

5. GUESS HOW MUCH I LOVE YOU

May Book of the Month

INTO THE WATER

Paula Hawkins

Paula Hawkins is back! Following the phenomenal success of her debut thriller (and consistent bestseller here at Robinsons), The Girl on the Train, Hawkins brings us another chilling exploration of the female psyche with Into the Water. This is a story of secrets and lies, hidden depths, and what it means to return to those places we’ve all tried to escape. Writer Nell is found dead at the bottom of a river disturbingly referred to as “the drowning pool”. Her teenage daughter is left to pick up the pieces, with the help of her aunt, who returns to a town she’d long left behind. Turns out, Nell is not the only local woman to meet her fate in the river. Just a few short months before her death, a teenage girl is found to a town she’d long left behind. Turns out, Nell is not the only local woman to meet her fate in the river. Just a few short months before her death, a teenage girl is found.

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Young Adult Book of the Month

RELEASE

Patrick Ness

One reviewer summed it up thusly: “The excitement is real!” A new Patrick Ness novel is always cause for celebration. Ness returns here with his most personal and profound novel to date, and it’s a knockout. Ness is well regarded for his rich, poetic style and his fearlessness when exploring issues that permeate young hearts and minds. Release continues this tradition with the powerful story of Adam, a young man struggling for self-assurance inside a deeply religious home. Ness takes his inspiration from two classics novels: the vintage Mrs Dalloway by Virginia Woolf with its multi-narrative and themes of repression and sexual awakenings, and the more modern Forever by YA favourite Judy Blume, which tackles teenage coming-of-age in a mature and forthright manner. Ness builds a contemporary literary conqueror in Adam, who tackles a very bad day in which he appears to lose everything… but something is afoot to challenge and surprise Adam, and ultimately provide hope. This is a journey well worth taking.

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Reader's Digest

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THE GIRL BEFORE
J.P. Dolan

“Please make a list of every possession you consider essential to your life.” The request seems odd, even intrusive—and for the two women who answer, the consequences are devastating. For fans of ‘Gone Girl’, this story follows two perspectives and timelines, that of Emma (Then) and Jane (Now). Both have suffered a traumatic incident and are looking for a new start, which is exactly what minimalist dream home, One Folgate Street, promises… The catch? Abiding by a strict set of over 200 rules, and allowing the house and its innovative technology to monitor them at all times (for their own wellbeing, of course.) To complicate matters, the enigmatic architect who designed the house, and its rules, seeks to insert himself in the perfect minimalist life of One Folgate Street. But what is he up to? And why do all his approved tenants look so similar to his deceased wife?

This is an intriguing story of obsession, manipulation, and the perils of perfection, and not everyone is who they seem…

-Grace

ACHE
Eliza Henry-Jones

Signed copies available in store

It’s been a year since a bushfire destroyed Annie’s childhood home, killed her grandmother, and traumatized her daughter. She can’t let her baby sister be taken into quarantine. However, she isn’t okay, and that the mountain is still scorched. But when her beloved uncle calls to tell Annie know her mother’s not okay either, she will return to the mountain in an effort to heal scars both physical and emotional. Eliza Henry-Jones is an astonishing author with a uniquely Australian voice. Her first novel, In the Quiet, received critical acclaim and was shortlisted for a handful of awards. Ache is even better. It’s a deep and moving portrayal of devastating loss, as well as expertly-handled depictions of grief and depression.

If you have ever lived in the country, this story and its characters are especially relatable. If you haven’t, Ache vividly describes this country way of life. A genuinely affecting read.

-Theodora

THE SILENT INVASION
James Bradley

The world has been infected by spores that mutate plants, animals and people. 16 year old Callie from Adelaide has just discovered her baby sister is infected. She can’t let her be taken into quarantine so she decides to run to where she hopes they can be safe, the Zone. They can’t trust anyone and must stay hidden from quarantine officers or they will be killed to prevent spread of the spores. This is a great book for teen or casual science fiction fans. The suspense about their adventure and the impact of the Change keep you hooked. Callie’s love for her little sister and her strength make her someone we cheer on and hope for when things get tough. The science behind the way the infection spreads is interesting and keeps us guessing about what’s happening behind the scenes.

I could not put this down and cannot wait for book two of this trilogy. Fans of the 100 will really get into this.

-Liz

QUICKSAND
Malin Persson Giolito

Maja is a spoiled rich girl who’s dating a terrible guy. How did she end up in prison for a mass school shooting that ended in his death? Maja is hard to like, but that might just be the point. She complains, has teen mood swings, and consistently makes terrible decisions…but is she a killer? Quicksand begins on day one of Maja’s trial. The book flashes back between her time in jail, in court, and what led to the crime. Maja tells us about her superficial best friend Amanda, her judgmental classmate Samir, and boyfriend Sebastian, the rich troublemaker who would fly Maja overseas for weekends, and exposed her to drugs and his own secret life. How do these people connect, and just what happened in school that day? While you may not feel sorry for Maja, you’ll be drawn in to find out…

-Athena

UNFILTERED
Lily Collins

Actress Lily Collins’s determination and love of life is heart-warming to witness. In this no-holds-barred collection of essays, Collins opens up about her battle with an eating disorder, emotionally abusive relationships, addiction, as well as the importance of embracing who you are, and finding the value of using your voice. From growing up both in the spotlight and out of the spotlight with her mother, her new-found love of baking, and roots as a teen journalist, amongst some of Lily’s darkest periods of her life are moments of light. Each essay is quite short and easily consumable, with a positive focus on lessons learned and advice for readers. A great recommendation for young women everywhere, aged 15 and up.

-Claire

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Having been one of the first to read Girl of The Train as an advance proof in January 2015 I was excited! Excited for Paula Hawkins and what was about to happen for her. And of course it did – the world loved her first book just as I did – and Hollywood did too!

So having an advance proof of her second novel “Into the Water” was a thrill. Could Paula live up to the hype surrounding Girl On The Train? So, it was with a touch of anxiety I took a huge breath and opened up my advance copy of Into The Water. There was so much to live up to! Well – it’s dark. It’s creepy! It’s characters are sinister and there’s many chilling moments. Jules returns to her home village after the death of her sister Nel, to care for Nel’s teenage daughter. Jules and Nel did not speak for years, and returning to the place that holds so many bad memories is not something that Jules is looking forward to. The police say that Nel jumped into the part of the river known locally as The Drowning Pool, but her daughter Lena is convinced that Nel would not do that. Nel had been obsessed with the history of the river, and had ruffled many feathers in this small community by beginning to write a book about all of the women who had died in the pool over the years. Water and the river are the constant, central theme to this story, totally enveloping each character and each part of the plot, providing a link that knits everything together. Paula tantalisingly drip feeds her clues and reveals, whilst gently exposing the characters and their histories.

Into The Water gripped me, twisted me and totally consumed me. I loved it… and the world will too! 

-Susanne

A DIFFERENT DOG
Paul Jennings

A Different Dog was not the sort of story I normally read, but I’m really glad my mum made me! I felt sorry for the boy and his mum at the start, but was glad the ending was so happy. The kids were mean and I was happy when the boy tried to help the dog and then the dog protected the boy. I can’t wait to tell my teacher about it, especially the bit where you find out more about the boy and why he doesn’t speak. I am definitely glad we don’t have to live like that!

-Tanya’s son Oscar (10 years old)

THE LITTLE BRETON BISTRO
Nina George

Here’s one for everyone who loves Nina George’s “The Little Paris Books Club”. Maja misses her summer in Paris, but even in this vibrant city Lothar manages to kill Marianne’s joy and after forty-one years of marriage she simply can’t take it anymore. Lothar doesn’t see her, he’s unkind, he cheats and he doesn’t want his wife to have anything. She has never given him the idea that he loves her. She sacrifices and suffers and she wants to make it stop. That’s why she jumps into the Seine and while she thinks this will be the end of her life it’s actually the beginning. After being rescued she receives a sign and travels from Paris to Kerdruc in Bretagne. It’s where she thinks she’s supposed to be, at least for the time being, for the short existence she still has left. She finds a job in Ar Mor, a bistro with friendly, slowy Marianne uncovers a side of herself that went missing in her marriage with Lothar. The healing effects of Kerdruc turn her into a different woman. Lothar is still her husband and he keeps creating havoc in her life, threatening to undo all the progress she has made by seeking her out on the TV news. Nina George captures village life – the taste of the food, the sea air and the layered friendships. Pick up this book and you will be transported to rural France – and feel like you’re on a holiday!

-Susanne

TALENT FOR MURDER
Andrew Wilson

“A mystery worthy of Agatha Christie” is the claim, and this fictional account of Agatha Christie’s mysterious disappearance in the winter of 1926 certainly delivers. Although it is generally supposed that the actual events at the time were related to the discovery of her husband’s affair and the ensuing prospect of divorce. Dame Agatha never spoke or wrote about it herself, leaving those missing eleven days ripe for speculation and fantasy. Many a plausible theory has been produced over the years (and some magnificently implausible-try the Doctor Who episode “The Unicorn & the Wasp”), so this novel is fine company. What sets it apart though is the way it has been skillfully woven around some key but lesser known facts of the case, using the ingenious talents of the then Mrs Christie herself as a plot device. It works brilliantly; with blackmail and murder to the fore, Christie aficionados will feel happily at home here, even if some may be a little uncomfortable with the occasional foray into sensual thought attributed to the venerable lady. One small tip for readers; the book features an epilogue. “The Facts”. Resist the temptation to read this first. When you do come to it, the ingenuity of Andrew Wilson’s plotlines becomes especially impressive.

-Margaret

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Eliza Henry-Jones

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Bruno Vincent
HB $19.99

IN PRAISE OF MOTHERS
Rob Sears
HB $12.99

WHY I LOVE MY MUM
Scully Reinhart Merritt
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TEXT FAILS FROM MUM
Your Mum
PB $14.99

VERY HUNGRY CATERPILLAR BABY
Record Book
Eric Carle
HB $29.99

HELLO BABY!
Heather Irvine
PB $32.99

EVERYDAY VEGETARIAN
Luke Mangan
PB $39.99

SHARING PLATES
Jonno Proudfoot
PB $24.99

I’M JUST HERE FOR DESSERT
Caroline Khoo
PB $39.99

HAVE YOUR CAKE AND EAT IT
Mich Turner
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Rob Kirby
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Millie Marotta
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Tim Robards
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Mimi Spencer
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Kate Harrison
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Cinzia Cuneo
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A COURT OF THORNS AND ROSES
Sarah J. Maas
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THE ART OF THE MOULIN ROUGE
Scully Reinhart Merritt
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Rebecca Skloot
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the Avengers! When the planet is threatened by evil aliens, diabolical robots and sinister Super Villains, Earth’s Mightiest Heroes must come together to fight for good.
THE GOOD GIRL STRIPPED BARE
Tracey Spicer
PB $29.99
Tracey Spicer waded through the ‘cruel and shallow money trench’ of television to land a dream role: national news anchor for a major network. But when she was sacked after having a baby, this good girl turned ‘bad’, took action.

WORK STRIFE BALANCE
Mia Freedman
PB $34.99
Freedman’s book is for every woman who’s been told success is as simple as Lean In, Say Yes, Live Your Best Life. It’s for guilty friends, bad mums, crap wives, imperfect feminists, rebellious daughters and any girl with a big mouth.

CHINA BABY LOVE
Jane Hutcheon
PB $32.99
When Linda Shum visited a Chinese orphanage filled with sick and dying children, she discovered the hidden human aftermath of China’s One-Child Policy. This book reveals how one woman turned her life upside down to help those who needed it most – half a world away.

MOMİNİNG BİRGS SONGS
Wayne Flynt
HB $22.99
The violent racism of the American South drove Wayne Flynt away from his home state of Alabama, but the publication of To Kill a Mockingbird inspired him to return in the early 1960s and craft a career documenting and teaching Alabama history.

FOR A GIRL
Mary-Rose MacColl
PB $29.99
Emerging from an unconventional, boisterously happy childhood, Mary-Rose MacColl was a rebellious teenager. At the age of 15, she became involved in a relationship with her high school teacher and her husband. When MacColl found herself pregnant 20 years later, memories and secrets long buried rose to the surface.

DRIVING MISS NORMA
Tim Bauerschmidt and Ramie Liddle
HB $29.99
Two days after her husband died, nonagenarian Miss Norma was diagnosed with cancer. When told about her treatment options, she rose to her full five feet and said in the strongest voice she could muster: ‘I’m ninety years old. I’m hitting the road!’ And she did.

FROM CRADLE TO STAGE
Virginia Hanlon Grohl
PB $32.99
Virginia, mother of Dave Grohl, had not seen any of it coming. Not the arenas of screaming fans, not Nirvana or the Foo Fighters, not the induction into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame, and certainly not her son performing with Sir Paul McCartney at The White House. This is the story of the mothers of rock.

JANE AUSTEN AT HOME*
Lucy Worsley
PB
On the eve of the bi-centenary of Jane Austen’s death, step back into the world in which our best-loved novelist lived. Historian Lucy Worsley visits Jane Austen’s childhood home, her school, her holiday accommodation, and more.

LIFE SENTENCE
Simon Gillard
PB $34.99
Simon Gillard dreamed of being a policeman. As soon as he was old enough he applied to join the force. In this powerful memoir, Simon reveals the details of the cases he worked on, and how they profoundly affected his life, and his mental health.

NOT YOUR AVERAGE NURSE
Maggie Groff
PB $34.99
To a young girl the life of a student nurse sounds exciting, but with long hours and short shift it’s never easy. So when Maggie Groff wishes and embarks as a student nurse at London’s King’s College Hospital, she must quickly get to grips with the demands of her chosen career. It’s sink or swim.

SECRETS OF MY LIFE
Caitlyn Jenner
PB $32.99
Caitlyn writes about her confusion growing up, the temporary triumph of the Olympics as Bruce Jenner, and the noose of being endlessly defied her parents’ wishes and embarks as a student nurse at London’s King’s College Hospital, she must quickly get to grips with the demands of her chosen career. It’s sink or swim.

REBEL CiTIES*
Michael Rapport
PB $32.99
This book explores the stormy debate about the nature of cities in the 18th and 19th centuries: were they places of enlightenment, or were they dens of vice, degeneracy and disorder?

BUILD ON BONES
Brenna Hassett
PB $28
Using research on skeletal remains from around the world, this book explores the history of humanity’s experiment with the metropolis, and looks at why our ancestors chose city life, and why they have largely stuck to it. It explains the diseases, the deaths and the many other misadventures that we have unwittingly unleashed upon ourselves and what we can look forward to in the future.

BOMBER BOYS
Marjanne van Velzen
PB $29.99
The unknown story of a unique RAAF squadron, its men and its mission to halt the Japanese advance in the Pacific. March 1942. Jawa is about to fall. An Australian military dispatch rider and a Dutch air force transport pilot embark on a frightening escape from the advancing Japanese that takes them from Bundung to a crash landing just north of Darwin. Both would later join a unique band of flyers determined to strike back at the enemy.
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**S T Y L I S H R E M A K E S V i o l e t t e R o o m PB $19.99 Fun, simple enough for beginning sewers, and practically free to do, upcycling is today’s hottest sewing trend. Viorello Room is a Japanese company renowned for their relaxed, everyday styles shows how anyone can transform tired old clothes and thrift store finds into stylish new threads.

**S I M P L E T A I L O R I N G A N D A L T E R A T I O N** J. Francois-Campbell, PB $29.99 Revamp your wardrobe and maximize its usage with this comprehensive practical guide to maintaining and altering your clothes. Acclaimed costumier and expert tailor Francois-Campbell guides you through ten tailoring techniques, covering everything from removing buttons to changing a garment’s shape. If you're looking for better fitting clothes or simply to prolong the life of your garments, this book will show you how with easy to follow step-by-step instructions.

**ARTS & ARCHITECTURE**

**A Pure Drop** Jeff Apter PB $32.99 Was Jeff Buckley, as he described himself, ‘a useless trailer trash’, a ‘male chanteuse’ or, as Bono famously stated, ‘a pure drop in an ocean of noise’?

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**M E N D E S** Malcolm Croft HB $15.99 Mendes was discovered on the video-sharing platform Vine in 2013 after posting a string of six-second covers of One Direction, 5SOS and Justin Bieber, which gained him legions of fans (called the Mendes Army). This book tells the story of his rise to fame.

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**Gardening**

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**Flowerpaedia** Cherilyn Darcey PB $24.99 This comprehensive dictionary includes each flowers corrected botanical name for easy and exact identification. You will delight in understanding what each flower means - emotionally spiritually and symbolically - and are also able to search by the feeling or emotion you wish to convey or change.

**Travel**

**Silly Isles** Eric Campbell PB $32.99 From the bestselling author of Absurdistan, a hilarious tour through a small but very strange places. Wry, witty and clever, with a wonderful eye for the absurd, Eric Campbell is the Bill Bryson of the small, odd forgotten places around the world.


**GENERAL FICTION**

**CHAMELEON IN A CANDY STORE**

Anita Shreve

An anonymous is back. Picking up the story where it left off, the controversial protagonist of cult classic Diary of an Oxygen Thief retools his advertising skills to seduce women online. It’s a pursuit that quickly becomes a dangerous fixation, often requiring even more creativity and deception than his award-winning ad campaigns.

**THE STARS ARE FIRE**

Anita Shreve

PB $29.99

1947. After a summer-long drought, fires are racing along the coast of Maine. Five months pregnant, Grace is left to protect her two toddlers when her husband Gene joins the volunteers fighting to bring the fire under control. When dawn comes, they have miraculously survived, but their lives are changed...

**WATCH OVER ME**

Claire Corbett

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The foggy northern city of Port Angsund, gateway to the last great fossil fuel reserves beneath the Arctic Ocean, is under occupation by the soldiers of Garrison. Sylje is a young woman just trying to survive. While the unimaginable power of modern warfare advances, this book reminds us that the things at stake are worth fighting for.

**SIX TUDOR QUEENS**

Anne Boleyn: A King’s Obsession #2

Alison Weir

Fresh from the palaces of Burgundy and France, Anne draws attention at the English court, embracing the play of courtly love. But when the truth is ever a game, Anne has a spirit worthy of a crown - and the crown is what she seeks. At any price.

**THOSE PLEASANT GIRLS**

Lia Weston

PB $29.99

Evie Pleasant is back in town. She’s unrecognisable from the wild child who waged war on Sweet Meadow in her youth. Trailling a reluctant 16-year-old daughter and armed with cake making equipment, Evie’s divorce and impending poverty have made her desperate enough to return to Sweet Meadow to seduce her former partner-in-crime and start again...

**THE FOREVER HOUSE**

Veronica Henry

PB $24.99

Hunter’s Moon is the ultimate ‘forever’ house. Nestled by a river in the Peasebrook valley, it has been the Hamilton’s home for 50 years, and now estate agent Belinda Baxter is determined to find the perfect family to live there. But the sale of the house unlocks decades of family secrets...

**PHILOanthropist Father**

Sarah Maine

PB $27.99

Scotland, 1893. Evelyn Ballantyre, the daughter of a wealthy landowner, was once close to her philanthropist father, but his silence over what really happened on the day a poacher was shot on estate land has come between them. When she is confronted by another man who was there the night of the shooting, secrets are revealed.

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FLUFFY KITTEN
Rod Campbell

Children will love discovering the different touch and feel textures on every page as they follow kitten around the home. Stroke kitten’s soft fur, feel the smooth goldfish bowl and then lift the tablecloth to find out who is hiding underneath!

TALLER AND SHORTER
Fiona Watt

A brightly-coloured board book for little children that’s all about big and little, explaining the concept of height through a story about animals each taller than the last. Peep through holes, die cut trails and a fold-out final page that... or will he?

HELLO GARDEN BUGS
Julissa Mora

This charming introduction to ten garden bugs, paired with friendly text and bold basic patterns, provides a great high-contrast experience for young developing eyes.

BIRDS
Kevin Henkes & Laura Dronzek

A little girl watches birds from her window and dreams she can fly. A board book edition of the critically acclaimed picture book from the award-winning husband-and-wife team of Kevin Henkes and Laura Dronzek.

TOWN MOUSE COUNTRY MOUSE
Richard Jones & Libby Walden

An imaginative tale of two mice on a quest to find their meaning of belonging and home.

HEADS AND TAILS
John Canty

Leveraging the natural and universal fascination that children have for animals, the book utilises hints and recognition to build a sense of anticipation on each page, that is resolved on the following page when the identity of the animal is discovered.

DO NOT LICK THIS BOOK
Idan Ben-Barak & Julian Frost

Min is a microbe. She is small. Very small. In fact so small that you’d need to look through a microscope to see her. Or you can simply open this book and take Min on an adventure - like the icy glaciers of your tooth or the twisted, tangled jungle that is your shirt.

CUT WANTS CUDDLES
P. Crumble

Kevin doesn’t want a pat. He doesn’t want a tickle. And he definitely does NOT want a cuddle. There’s absolutely no way this hilarious cat is going to change his mind about that. Or will he?

HATTIE & HUDSON
Chris Van Dusen

Hatie is a born explorer. Every morning she grabs her life jacket and paddles out in her canoe to discover something new on the lake. Then her singing draws up from the depths a huge mysterious beast!

THE DUCK AND THE DARKLINGS
Glenda Millard & Stephen Michael King

Pabet boy wants to find something special for his grandfather, but he finds a fallen duck in need of care. This is an extraordinary and totally enchanting story of friendship, hope and joy.

THE CHOCOLATE MONSTER
Pip Jones

BREAKING NEWS: a chocolate monster is on the loose! Keep watch, and close all cupboard doors. No chocolate bar’s secure.

LOTTERY’S PLUS ONE
Emma Donoghue

Meet the Lotterys: a unique and diverse family featuring four parents, seven kids and five pets - all living happily together in their big old house. But when their grumpy and intolerant grandfather comes to stay, everything is turned upside down.

GEORGE’S MARVELLOUS EXPERIMENTS*
Roald Dahl

George Kreisky created his own Marvellous Medicine to deal with his grizzly old grunion of a Grandma. You definitely can’t do that at home (so don’t even try!), but here’s some amazing science that you can do!

HONEY BEES*

King Thistle needs a new jar of honey for his sandwiches, so Billy and Holly visit a buzzing bee hive to get one for him. But they soon discover that Wise Old Elf’s method of collecting honey is a bit unusual...

SLEEP TIGHT UPSY DAISY*

Upsy Daisy’s not ready to go to bed yet. Come play with Upsy Daisy in the garden, and then settle down to sleep with her.

THE DUCK HOTEL*

Sarah & Duck get to the Duck Hotel, they soon discover it’s very different to a human hotel. Duck is right at home but Sarah is not...

BAD GUYS #5
Aaron Blabey

The bad news? The world is ending. The good news? The Bad Guys are back to save it! Sure, they might have to borrow a rocket... And there might be something nasty in one of the spacesuits... And Mr Piranha might have eaten too many bean burritos... But seriously, how BAD can it be? How bad?! SUPER BAD.

TILLY AND THE TIME MACHINE
Adrian Edmondson

Tilly’s dad has invented a time machine and now he’s stuck in the past. Tilly must follow him through history, from battles on boats to Buckingham Palace, to get him back.

BEDTIME STORIES FOR 5 YEAR OLDS
Various

These books feature a rich and varied selection of heart-warming stories, perfect for snuggling up with at bedtime, by some of the very best writers for children.

LEGION KNIGHTS ACADEMY: THE FORBIDDEN POWER
Max Brallier

Life is tough for Fletcher Bowman. He’s an orphan from the countryside who’s just arrived at the prestigious NEXO KNIGHTS Academy, where he doesn’t know anyone or anything about being a knight. Lucky for Fletcher he quickly makes one friend - the excitable Izzy Richmond.

LITTLE LUNCH TRIPLE THE TROUBLE
Danny Katz

This is what happened during Little Lunch: Debra-Jo began acting very weird after a mysterious truck arrived at school, Rory was put in charge of the class when playlunch was rained out, and Tamara Noodle started a game of kiss-chasey just so she could chase and kiss Battle. A lot can happen in 15 minutes!

PETS FOR PETER BOOK AND PUZZLE LGB
Jane Werner Watson

This 1950s Little Golden Book—with its own jigsaw puzzle—is back in print for today’s kids. Little ones will enjoy hearing the funny tale of a boy searching for the perfect pet.
**Kids Fiction**

**THE JAMIE DRAKE EQUATION**
Christopher Edge
PB $14.99
Jamie’s dad is an astronaut. This is a good thing... and a bad thing, because he’s going to be orbiting the Earth for several months and Jamie already misses him badly. Doing his homework one night, Jamie inadvertently picks up a weird signal on his phone. Could it be from an alien civilisation with a message for humankind?

**HAMISH AND THE GRAVITY BURP #3**
Danny Wallace
PB $14.99
When Hamish arrives home to find his mum and his brother lying flat on their backs ON THE CEILING, he knows there’s something seriously wrong (again) in the town of Starkley. What is the strange burping noise he keeps hearing? Why are weird seeds suddenly falling from the sky?

**THE CAT STOLE MY PANTS #6**
Stephan Pastis
PB $16.99
Everyone’s favourite best-worst detective is back! Timmy is in Key West, Florida, ostensibly for the honeymoon of his mother and Doorman Dave - if they even got married, which Timmy doubts. Unfortunately for Timmy, crime doesn’t take a holiday.

**VET CADETS: WELCOME TO WILLOWWALE**
Rebecca Johnson
PB $14.99
At Abbey, Hannah and Talika are new recruits at Willowvale boarding school’s Vet Cadets program. They are excited to learn all about caring for farm animals, but when something starts attacking the school’s sheep, the three vet cadets must use their skills, knowledge and teamwork to catch the culprit before it’s too late.

**AVENGED #2**
Amy Tintera
PB $16.99
Prince Casimir has taken the throne in Lera and Emelina is back in Ruina, but brokering peace between the two warring kingdoms might mean betraying her family in this outstanding YA high fantasy sequel to Ruined.

**GOOD NIGHT STORIES FOR REBEL GIRLS**
Elena Favilli
HB $32.99
Introduces us to 100 remarkable women and their extraordinary lives. From Marie Curie to Malala, Ada Lovelace to Zaha Hadid, this book brings together the stories of scientists, artists, politicians, pirates and spies. Each double-page spread contains a mini-biography written in the style of a modern fairy tale and a full-page portrait.

**LORD OF SHADOWS #2**
Cassandra Clare
PB $27.99
Emma thought she’d be at peace. But she is anything but calm. Tom between her desire for her parabatai Julian and her desire to protect him, she has begun dating his brother, Mark. But Mark has spent the past five years trapped in Faerie; can he ever truly be a Shadowhunter again?
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**A COURT OF WINGS AND RUIN**
Sarah J. Maas
PB $17.99
Feyre has returned to the Spring Court, determined to gather information on Tamlin's manoeuvring and the invading king threatening to bring Prythian to its knees. But to do so she must play a deadly game of deceit – and one slip may spell doom for Feyre and her world.

**QUEENS OF GEEK**
Jen Wilde
PB $16.99
Three friends, two love stories, one convention: this fun, feminist love letter to geek culture is all about fandom, friendship, and finding the courage to be yourself. Told from the alternating perspectives of Charlie the Vlogger and anxious Taylor, this is a debut series from an new Aussie voice.

**THE HOUSE OF MOUNTFATHOM**
Nigel McClellan
PB $16.99
Luke Mountfathom knows he is special and odd. He is told so by everyone he knows. His parents are special too - they are the keepers of the House of Mountfathom, a magnificent stately home where the wrong door could take you to a far away land, and strange animals appear to stalk the grounds at midnight.

**INK**
Alice Broadway
PB $16.99
Every action, every deed, every significant event is tattooed on your skin forever. When Leora’s father dies, she is determined to see her father remembered. She knows he deserves to have his life with her; the love, the passion, the strength that he gave her. She wants to see her father remembered. But when she discovers that his ink has been edited and his book is incomplete, she wonders whether she ever knew him at all.

**BEGIN END BEGIN**
#LoveOZYA
PB $24.99
With brilliantly entertaining short stories from beloved young Australian adult authors Annie Kaufman, Melissa Keil, Will Kostakis, Elle Marney, Jaclyn Moriarty, Michael Pryor, Alice Pung, Gabrielle Tozer, Lili Wilkinson and Danielle Binke, this all-new collection will show the world exactly how much there is to love about Aussie YA.

**SPELLSLINGER #1**
Sebastien de Castell
PB $19.99
How do you survive a mage’s duel without magic? Kellen’s about to find out. As a cunning alchemist in her own right, daughter of a prominent samurai and the wild child of a super-glam reality TV dynasty. She has it all but Bentley wants out - she wants to go to college, escape her own storyline, be NORMAL - but Roycees don’t do normal!

**THE WHOLE THING TOGETHER**
Brashares Ann
PB $19.99
Since they were children, they’ve shared almost everything-reading the same books, running down the same sandy footpaths to the beach, eating peaches from the same market, laughing around the same sun-soaked dining table. Even sleeping in the same bed, on the very same worn cotton sheets. But they’ve never met.

**OPTIMISTS DIE FIRST**
Susin Nielsen
PB $19.99
Petula has avoided friendship and happiness ever since tragedy struck her family and took her beloved younger sister Maxine. Worse, Petula blames herself. If only she’d kept an eye on her sister, if only she’d sewn the button Maxine choked on better, if only...

**FLAME IN THE MIST**
Renee Ahdieh
PB $19.99
Mariko has always known that being a woman means she’s not in control of her own fate. But Mariko is the daughter of a prominent samurai and a cunning alchemist in her own right, and she refuses to be ignored.

**SUMMONER #1-3**
Taran Matharu
PB $19.99
Fletcher was nothing more than a humble blacksmith’s apprentice, when a chance encounter leads to the discovery that he has the ability to summon demons from another world. Chased from his village for a crime he did not commit, he must travel with his demon to the Vocans Academy, where the gifted are trained in the art of summoning. In #3 we rejoice Fletcher and his friends in the ether, where they must undertake a mortally dangerous quest all the while avoiding capture by enemies.

**MISSING**
Kelley Armstrong
PB $19.99
Reeve’s End is the kind of place every kid can’t wait to escape. Each summer, a dozen kids leave and at least a quarter never come back. Winter Crane doesn’t blame them - she plans to do the same in another year. She’ll leave behind the trailer park, and never look back. All she has to do is stay out of trouble.

**SUMMERLOST**
Ally Condie
PB $16.99
It’s the first real summer since the accident that killed Cedar’s father and younger brother, Ben. But now Cedar is returning to the town of Iron Creek for the summer. A boy named Leo, dressed in costume, rides by on his bike. Intrigued, Cedar follows him to the renowned Summerlost theatre festival. Soon, she finds herself surrounded by mystery.

**DARK MATTER**
Terry Terey
PB $16.99
URGENT! An epidemic is sweeping the country. You are among the infected. There is no cure; and you cannot be permitted to infect others. You are now under quarantine. Young runaway Callie survived the disease, but not the so-called treatment. Her brother Kai is still looking for her...

**CONTAgiON**
Terey Terey
PB $16.99
**GIVEAWAY**
Release by Patrick Ness

This month we have three signed proof copies of our YA book of the month Release by Patrick Ness in #3 up for grabs!

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Lance Parkin

This book will reveal how an extraordinary team of space explorers discovered a hole in your life, then look no further for the answers you seek.

If you devoured Stranger Things and you’re looking to fill the demogorgon-sized hole in your life, then look no further for the answers you seek.

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Tapies Xavier WOMEN STREET ARTISTS

Over 50 of the world’s top women street artists, with beautiful illustrations and fascinating reflections on subjects ranging from printmaking to Zen.

The crew of the colony ship Covenant, bound for a remote planet on the far side of the galaxy, encounters an uncharted and previously unexplored world filled with mankind’s most fearsome and dangerous Odyssean Pass.

If a person could travel eternally through space and time, how would this power affect him, psychologically and emotionally?

In the blink of an eye, a modern-day girl named Momo becomes an immortal, one who cannot die as long as she sings, and thus is chosen to become the greatest, most revered singer the world has ever known.

An important figure from Naruto’s past shows up to help the most Noticeable

The long-awaited StarCraft: Legacy is released—by the millions, the players rush to buy—yet questions surround the game, and what will happen when she comes face to face with her first heart-wrenching loss?

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