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July 2021

Newsletter

July Theme: *Winter*

Featured Titles (Details further down)

- *The Winter Road: A Killing At Croppa Creek* by Kate Holden
- *Minds of Winter* by Ed O'Loughlin
- *Lost Connections* by Johann Hari
- *Winter World* by A.G. Riddle

Recommended Reading List

Available in the Library and Online

Featured Author

Jo Nesbo

Recommendations From Other Readers

Available in the Library and Online

Viewpoint

Lakeland Downs (Part 1)

by David & Kathy Jensen

Mystery Box

- A Winter of Discontent
- From Salted Pork to Vegemite
- Winter Traditions Around the World
- Australian Books to Film

Quiz

Famous Authors – What Nationality?
Answers Week 4.

Book Reviews:

- *The Emporium of Imagination* by Tabitha Bird
- *The Single Ladies of Jacaranda Retirement Village* by Joanna Nell
- *Home Before Dark* by Riley Sager
- *Agent Sonya* by Ben Macintyre
- *Red Lead* by Roland Perry
- *Bitter Wash Road* by Garry Disher
- *The Friendship Highway: two journeys in Tibet* by Charlie Carroll
- *The Pearl Thief* by Fiona McIntosh
- *You Love Me* by Caroline Kepnes
- *When All Is Said* by Anne Griffin
- *The Bone Code* by Kathy Reichs
- *The Sympathizer* by Viet Thanh Nguyen
- *The Great Escape From Woodlands Nursing Home* by Joanna Nell
- *Dead In The Water* by Richard Beasley

NEXT MEETING 6th August

Theme: Forgotten Stories of History

First Tuesday of the Month 11.00 am

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Also On-line

www.grc.qld.gov.au/residents/libraries/programs-and-events

Rural Libraries Id:

<https://qld.auroracloud.com.au/montage/>

State Library of Queensland:

<http://www.slq.qld.gov.au/>

From the Group Today:

The Dressmakers of Yarrandarrah Prison / Meredith Jaffá

Derek's daughter Debbie is getting married. He's desperate to be there, but he's banged up in Yarrandarrah Correctional Centre. Inspiration strikes while he's embroidering a cushion at his weekly prison sewing circle - he'll make her a wedding dress. His fellow stitchers rally around and soon this motley gang of crims is immersed in a joyous whirl of silks, satins and covered buttons.

American Dirt / Jeanine Cummins

In a city in the grip of a drug cartel, friends become enemies overnight, and Lydia, who owns a bookshop in Acapulco, has no choice but to flee with her son Luca....north of the border doing whatever it takes to stay alive. Who can be trusted? And what sacrifices is Lydia prepared to make.

Flight of Dreams / Ariel Lawhon

Flight of Dreams is a fiercely intimate portrait of the real people on board the last flight of the Hindenburg. Behind them is the gathering storm in Europe and before them is looming disaster. But for the moment they float over the Atlantic, unaware of the inexorable, tragic fate that awaits them.

Fall of Man in Wilmslow: The Life & Death of Alan Turing / David Lagercrantz

June 8, 1954. Alan Turing, the visionary mathematician, is found dead at his home in sleepy Wilmslow, dispatched by a poisoned apple. In this fictional account, Detective Constable Leonard Corell quickly learns Turing is a convicted homosexual. Corell soon becomes captivated by Turing's brilliant and revolutionary work, and begins to dig deeper. But in the febrile atmosphere of the Cold War, loose cannons cannot be tolerated. As his innocent curiosity takes him far out of his depth, Corell realises he has much to learn about the dangers of forbidden knowledge.

Turing's most notable work is as a computer scientist. In 1936, he developed the idea for the Universal Turing Machine, the basis for the first computer. He also developed a test for artificial intelligence in 1950, which is still used today. His most famous work was helping to crack the Enigma Code in WW2. (Ed)

(Movie *Imitation Game*)

Trains Unlimited in the 21st Century / Tim Fisher

An entertaining and illuminating journey along the world's railways, past, present and future, by the host of the ABC's hugely popular Local Radio series, *The Great Train Show*.

The Last Convict / Anthony Hill

A colourful recreation of the life and times of the last known convict to be sent to Australia.

Dead in the Water / Richard Beasley

A very angry book about our greatest environmental catastrophe. . . the death of the Murray-Darling Basin.

(This bloke, from his position of virtual impunity, dishes out vitriol in bulk, on everyone who doesn't share his views. I couldn't imagine someone actually liking this book. Reader)

The Winter Road / Kate Holden

On a country road in Croppa Creek, farmer Ian Turnbull faced environmental officer Glen Turner. What happened next shocked Australia. An epic true story of greed, power and a desire for legacy

Red Dirt Country / Fleur McDonald

(I hope this is the right one Rob! Definitely about stock theft...)

Returning to Perth after a near-fatal undercover case in outback Queensland, Dave Burrows, of the stock squad, is sent to the far north of Australia on a stock theft investigation. He finds two cattle stations deep in a complex underbelly of racial divide, family secrets, long-repeated lies, kidnapping and murder.

Shuggie Bain / Douglas Stuart

A heartbreaking story of addiction, sexuality, and love, *Shuggie Bain* is an epic portrayal of a working-class family that is rarely seen in fiction. Set in Glasgow in the 1980s.

The Woman in the Green Dress / Tea Cooper

A shocking fictional story set in Australia surrounding an opal and a woman in a green dress. . . a story that, nevertheless, offers hope and healing for the future.

***The Miniaturist* / Jessie Burton**

(Also now on DVD)

On an autumn day in 1686, eighteen-year-old Nella Oortman knocks at the door of a house in the wealthy quarter of Amsterdam. Beautiful, intoxicating and filled with heart-pounding suspense, *The Miniaturist* is a magnificent story of love and obsession, betrayal and retribution, appearance and truth.

***The Friendship Highway: Two Journeys in Tibet* / Charlie Carroll**

Hoping to reach Tibet after a twenty-year obsession, Charlie Carroll travelled to China. Contending with Chinese bureaucracy, unforgiving terrain and sickness-inducing altitude, Charlie experienced twenty-first-century Tibet in all its heartbreaking beauty.

***The Thursday Murder Club* / Richard Osman**

In a peaceful retirement village, four unlikely friends meet up once a week to investigate unsolved murders. But when a brutal killing takes place on their very doorstep, the Thursday Murder Club find themselves in the middle of their first live case.

***Lilian's Story* / Kate Grenville**

In her much-loved debut novel, Kate Grenville took inspiration from the legendary Sydney eccentric Bea Miles to fashion the fictional life of Lilian Singer- from irrepressible girlhood in a cruel middle-class family, under a monstrous father, to independence and, later, old age as a Shakespeare-quoting bag lady, living on the streets and descending cheerfully into madness. Bold and exuberant, richly imaginative and intimate, *Lilian's Story* won the 1984 Australian/Vogel Literary Award and was immediately acclaimed as a masterpiece. (*Yes, it is in the library*)

***The Happiest Man on Earth* / Eddie Jaku**

Because he survived Buchenwald and Auschwitz, Eddie made the vow to smile every day. He pays tribute to those who were lost by telling his story, sharing his wisdom and living his best possible life. He now believes he is the 'happiest man on earth'.

***Mary's Last Dance* / Mary Li**

Mary's Last Dance is a powerful and uplifting memoir about chasing an impossible dream, and sacrificing one's own ambition for the love of a child.

***Stalin's Wine Cellar* / John Baker & Nick Place**

The late 1990s; John Baker, a purveyor of quality rare and old wines; His occasional business partner Kevin Hopko; A mysterious wine list that was discovered to be a comprehensive catalogue of the wine collection of Nicholas II, the last Tsar of Russia. John and Kevin embarked on an audacious, colourful and potentially dangerous journey to Georgia to discover if the wines actually existed. A wild, sometimes rough ride in the glamorous world of high-end wine. From Double Bay Sydney to Tbilisi Georgia, via the streets of Paris, the vineyards of Bordeaux and iconic Château d'Yquem.

***A Bone of Fact* / David Walsh**

David Walsh - the creator of *Mona in Hobart* - is both a giant and an enigma in the Australian art world. A multi-millionaire who made his money gambling, David has turned a wild vision into a unique reality; he is in turns controversial, mysterious and idolised. *A Bone of Fact* is his utterly unconventional and absorbing memoir.

***Sorrow & Bliss* / Meg Mason**

This novel is about a woman called Martha. She knows there is something wrong with her but she doesn't know what it is. Her husband Patrick thinks she is fine. He says everyone has something, the thing is just to keep going. Spiky, sharp, intriguingly dark and tender, full of pathos, fury and wit.

***I Give My Marriage a Year* / Holly Wainwright**

I Give My Marriage a Year paints a sharply accurate, often hilarious picture of a modern Australian marriage. Lou and Josh are a couple on the edge, and their efforts to bring their relationship back from the brink will resonate with anyone who has ever asked themselves: is this enough?

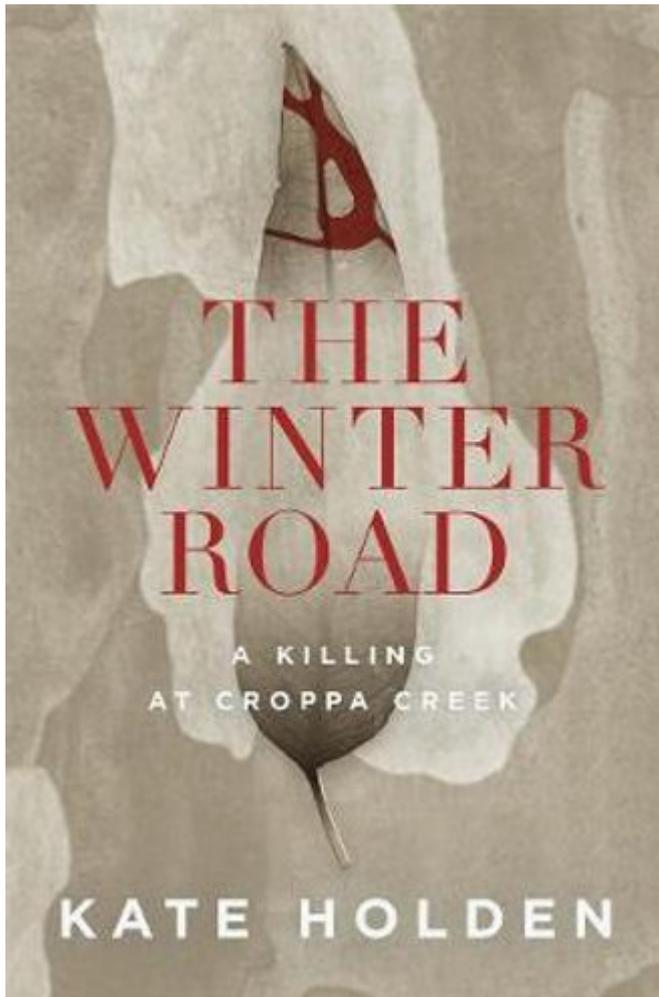
***Bob, the Railway Dog* / Corrine Fenton**

In the early days of the railway, when shiny new tracks were opening vast areas of Australia, there was an adventurous dog who was part of it all. As the tracks were being laid he was there - riding in his favourite spot on top of the Yankee engine. Everyone knew him. He was Bob the Railway Dog.

Authors: Ann Cleeves
Karin Slaughter
Mary Higgins Clark

The Winter Road: A Killing at Croppa Creek

By Kate Holden



On a country road in Croppa Creek, farmer Ian Turnbull faced environmental officer Glen Turner. What happened next shocked Australia.

An epic true story of greed, power and a desire for legacy from an acclaimed Australian storyteller.

July 2014, a lonely road at twilight outside Croppa Creek, New South Wales- 80-year-old farmer Ian Turnbull takes out a .22 and shoots environmental officer Glen Turner in the back.

On one side, a farmer hoping to secure his family's wealth on the richest agricultural soil in the country. On the other, his obsession- the government man trying to apply environmental laws.

The brutal killing of Glen Turner splits open the story of our place on this land. Is our time on this soil a tale of tragedy or triumph - are we reaping what we've sown?

Do we owe protection to the land, or does it owe us a living? And what happens when, in pursuit of an inheritance for his family, a man creates terrible consequences?

Kate Holden brings her discerning eye to a gripping tale of law, land and entitlement. It is the story of Australia.

About the Author:

<https://kate-holden.com/>

The ABC

<https://ab.co/39VUIjO>

The Land

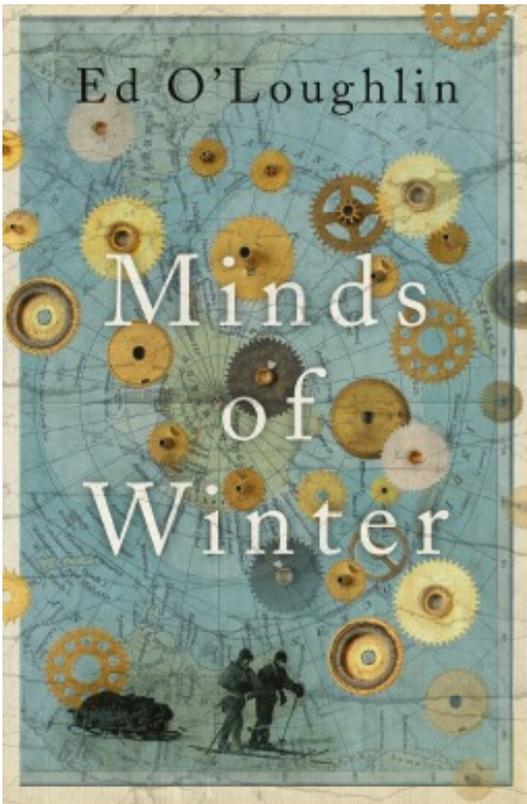
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The Conversation

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Minds of Winter

By Ed O'Loughlin



When history looks through the annals of polar exploration, it is sure to deem Sir John Franklin's 1845 campaign in search of the Northwest Passage as the darkest chapter. All 129 men would be lost to the ice; and nothing retrieved from an inventory that included two Greenwich chronometers given to the expedition.

When historians analyze the most profound mysteries of the modern age, they therefore remain mystified as to just how one of those very same timepieces would reappear in London - crudely disguised as a Victorian carriage clock - over a century and a half after being recorded as lost in the famous disaster.

It is a real-life mystery that did, and still continues to, defy an explanation.

When Nelson Nilsson catches the eye of the lone female in the arrivals hall of Inuvik airport in the Northern Territories of Canada, the last thing his life needs is further complication. Still unable to comprehend the enigmatic obsession that led his brother to take his own life, Nelson just wants to get in his car and drive.

When travel-weary Fay Morgan looks up and mistakes Nelson for a taxi driver, she realizes for the first time that she has finally made it to the one place on earth that may hold the answer to her burning question. And when she capitalizes on Nelson's good nature and obtains a lift, she feels fate is on her side.

It is an improbable meeting that will unearth an impossible connection: as the questions Nelson has about his present, and those Fay has about her past, share a common link - itself inextricably tied to the movements of an elusive timepiece.

Book Reviews:

The Irish Times

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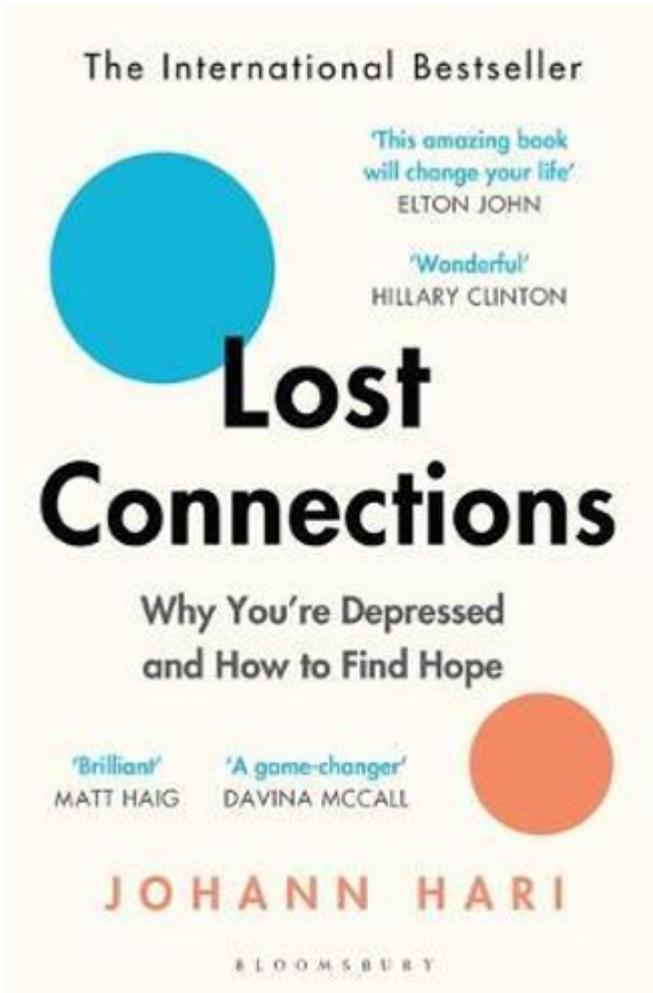
The Historical Novel society

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Lost Connections: Uncovering the Real Causes of Depression and the Unexpected Solutions

By Johann Hari

<https://thelostconnections.com>



From the New York Times bestselling author of *Chasing the Screams: The First and Last Days of the War on Drugs*, a startling challenge to our thinking about depression and anxiety.

Award-winning journalist Johann Hari suffered from depression since he was a child and started taking antidepressants when he was a teenager. He was told—like his entire generation—that his problem was caused by a chemical imbalance in his brain. As an adult, trained in the social sciences, he began to investigate this question—and he learned that almost everything we have been told about depression and anxiety is wrong.

Across the world, Hari discovered social scientists who were uncovering the real causes—and they are mostly not in our brains, but in the way we live today. Hari's journey took him from the people living in the tunnels beneath Las Vegas, to an Amish community in Indiana, to an uprising in Berlin—all showing in vivid and dramatic detail these new insights. They lead to solutions radically different from the ones we have been offered up until now.

Just as *Chasing the Screams* transformed the global debate about addiction, with over twenty million views for his TED talk and the animation based on it, *Lost Connections* will lead us to a very different debate about

depression and anxiety—one that shows how, together, we can end this epidemic.

About the Author

Johann Hari is an internationally bestselling author. His first book, *Chasing the Screams*, was a *New York Times* bestseller and is being adapted into a Hollywood feature film. His second book, *Lost Connections*, was a *Sunday Times* and *New York Times* bestseller. He has written for the *New York Times*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Le Monde* and others, and he was twice named Newspaper Journalist of the Year by Amnesty International. His TED Talk, 'Everything You Think You Know About Addiction Is Wrong', and the animation based on it, have had more than twenty million views. His books have been translated into eighteen languages.

Book Reviews

The Guardian: <https://bit.ly/3c8DwbS>

Mental Health Community Coalition: <https://bit.ly/3g2GNe7>

Industry Reviews: <https://bit.ly/3yXtMek>



With Annie Henwood

APR 29, 2021

Episode 2 - Tie Up The Black Dog

TIE UP THE BLACK DOG Annie Henwood interviews the founders of “Tie Up The Black Dog” Mary Woods, Liz Wood and Mary Carrigan. Together these ladies discuss all things about TUTBD organisation, from forums, guest speakers, small communities, everyday people and how this selfles...

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TED Talks

‘But if we allow the biology to become the whole picture, what we’re implicitly saying to people is “your pain doesn’t mean anything: it’s just a malfunction; just a glitch in a computer program; just a wiring problem in your head”. But your depression is not a malfunction: it’s a signal.’ – Johann Hari, “This could be why you’re depressed or anxious”, (TED talk.)

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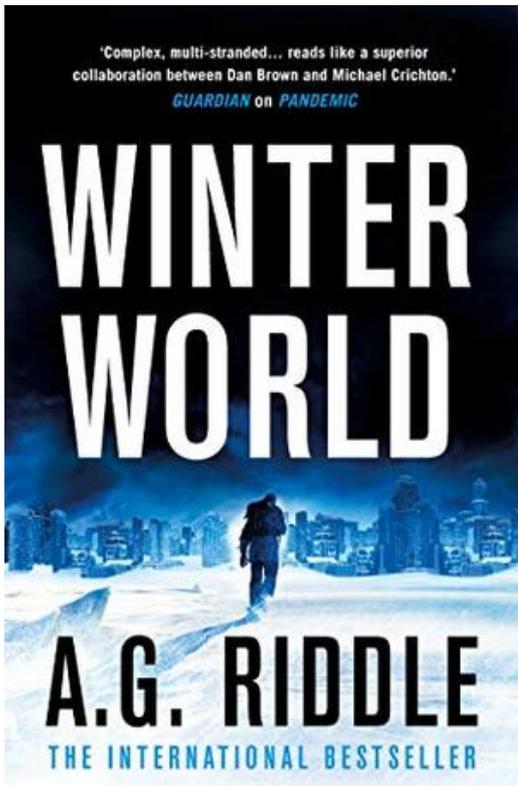
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From connections with nature, community, a hopeful future, and purpose, Hari explores how these ‘lost connections’ can cause isolation, loneliness, and even depression; and helps us reflect on how we can focus on incorporating these basic connective building blocks into our busy, modern lives. A refreshing and interesting look at our mental health, how depressive episodes are an entirely normal human experience, and how we can build or re-build lost connections in our life to help stave off and bring us through those times of loneliness, anxiety, or depression.

Kristi (Library Book Lovers’ Group)

Winter World

By A.G. Riddle



A global ice age... pushes humanity to the brink of extinction.

As ice spreads across the planet, scientists race to figure out why the Earth is cooling.

They send probes into space--and make a shocking discovery: there's a mysterious object drifting toward the sun.

Could it save us from the ice age?

Or is it the cause?

With time running out, NASA launches a desperate mission to make contact with the object. But it isn't what they expected.

From **A.G. Riddle**, the worldwide bestselling author of *The Atlantis Gene* and *Departure*, comes a new sci-fi thriller that will change the way you look at Earth's place in the solar system forever.

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Each month, Earth grows colder. Snow falls in summer. Glaciers trample cities across North America, Europe, and Asia. The new ice age gripping the planet shows no signs of stopping.

Chaos erupts. Around the world, people abandon their homes, fleeing the cold, flocking to regions where they can survive.

Nations prepare to go to war for the world's last habitable zones.

NASA and other scientific organizations race to discover why the world is cooling. They send probes into the solar system to collect readings. Near Mars, one of the probes finds something no one expected: a mysterious object, drifting toward the sun. Could it be responsible for the new ice age? And if so, can we stop it? Or is the artifact merely an observer? Or neither? Could it be a relic from a long-extinct civilization? One thing is certain: investigating the artifact is humanity's best hope of survival.

As the ice age claims more lives and the world slides into anarchy, an international consortium launches a mission into space to study the object and make contact. But the first contact mission doesn't go as planned. What the crew discovers out there is beyond anyone's imagination.

Two members of the first contact mission may hold the keys to humanity's salvation.

Dr. Emma Matthews is the commander aboard the International Space Station. For months, she has watched the world below freeze and civilization unravel. The headlines tell only half of the story. The messages from her sister tell the rest, of a world witnessing mass migrations, fighting for survival, struggling to provide a future for their children. When a catastrophe strikes the ISS, Emma faces her own fight for survival.

Dr. James Sinclair is one of the greatest scientists alive. A mind before his time. Years ago, he invented something with the potential to change the world--an invention that would upset the balance of power in the world forever. Fearing that change, his enemies sent him to prison for a crime he didn't commit. But with humanity's future at stake, NASA asks him to join the first contact mission. His expertise is vital to the mission's success--and to saving Emma. With the clock ticking down to humanity's final days on Earth, James makes a decision that will change his life forever and may determine the fate of the entire human race.