



Goondiwindi Regional Council

LIBRARY BOOK LOVERS' GROUP

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August 2023

Newsletter

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August Theme: *Travel*



Featured Titles (Details available in library)

- *The Forthright Woman* / Darry Fraser (Fiction 2022)
- *In Search of Perfumes* / Dominique Roques (Non Fiction 2022)
- *The Bombay Prince* / Sujata Massey (Fiction 2021)
- *Wandering With Intent* / Kim Mahood (Non Fiction 2022)

Recommended Reading List

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Featured Author

Taylor Jenkins Reid

Recommendations From Other Readers

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Book Reviews:

- *Crows Nest* / Nikki Mottram
- *Convict Orphans* / Lucy Frost

From Both Groups This Month

All Aboard! Tales of Australian Railways / Jim Haynes & Russell Hannah Non Fiction 2009

The Ship's Midwife / Peta Miller Fiction 2023 Inspired by true events, meticulously researched, eye-opening, heart-breaking.

The Wives of Henry Oades / Johanna Moran Historical Fiction 2010
Exploring the changing world of the late 1800s, and two remarkable women.

The Cedar Tree / Nicole Alexander Fiction 2020

From a sheep property on the barren edge of the Strzelecki Desert to cedar-cutters in New South Wales's Richmond Valley in 1867.

The Pellinor Series / Alison Croggon
Fantasy fiction 2004-08

Go As A River / Shelley Read 2023
Explores what it means to lead your life as if it were a river--gathering and flowing, finding a way forward even when a river is dammed.

In a Great Southern Land / Mary-Anne O'Connor Fiction 2019

Colonial NSW, goldfields and Eureka Stockade.

Dune is a Four Letter Word / Griselda Sprigg Non Fiction 2015
Attempting the first motorised crossing of the Simpson Desert.

Life's An Adventure / Bobbie Perkins Non Fiction – our own local Book Lover.

NEXT MEETING

5th September

Goondiwindi 10.00 a.m.

19th September

Inglewood 10.00 a.m.

***Baghdad Sketches: Journeys Through Iraq* /**

Freya Stark Non Fiction 1932

From 1927 through the 1940s, living outside the expat scene, immersed in the way of life of ordinary Iraqis.

***Twenty-Six Letters* Charlotte Nash Fiction 2023**

A packet of old letters from a mother she had lost at 5 years, an adventure and growing-up.

***The Good Pilot Peter Woodhouse* / Alexander McCall Smith Fiction 2017**

A wartime romance.

***The French Agent* / Belinda Alexandra Fiction 2022**

Wartime and the Resistance.

***Emboldened* / Belinda Alexandra NF 2023**

How do you begin your life again when you've lost everything you've worked for and your dreams have been shattered?

***Mr Smith To You* / Kerry Taylor Fiction 2023**

"A novel based on the true story of Australian jockey Bill Smith - a life lived in secret"--Cover.

***Standing Ground* / Kay Danes NF 2009**

The true story of Kay and Kerry Danes, a couple working in Laos in their own security business when they were arrested and thrown into a Laos prison.

***Obsession* / Nicole Madigan NF 2023**

A gripping blend of memoir, investigation and expert analysis - a deep dive into the disturbing phenomenon of stalking.

***The Map of William* / Michael Thomas Fiction 2023**

Western Australia, 1909. Fifteen-year-old William sets off from Fremantle on the steamer *SS Doreen May* as his father's wide-eyed assistant on a north-west expedition.

***Lessons in Chemistry* / Bonnie Garmus Fiction 2022**

Elizabeth Zott isn't just teaching women to cook. As a scientist in the 1960s, she's daring them to change the status quo.

***Under Her Skin* / Sue Williams Non Fiction 2022**

The life and work of Professor Fiona Wood.

***Cloud Cuckoo Land* / Anthony Doer Fiction 2021**

Bound together by a single ancient text, these unforgettable characters are dreamers and outsiders figuring out the world around them.

***The Bootmaker of Berlin* / Debbie Terranova Fiction 2023**

W11, internment as a German in Australia, The journey on the *Dunera*, a cane farm in North Qld, internment of Italians, a return to Berlin – and a haunting, emotional mystery.

***Stone Town* / Margaret Hickey Fiction 2022**

Gold rush history long in the past, Stone Town has seen better days. Now in the headlines for all the wrong reasons, when three teenagers stumble upon a body.

***The Cast Aways of Harewood Hall* / Karen Herbert Fiction 2022**

Josh is a sweet, well-meaning university student working in aged care when he steals two research mice from a campus laboratory, and decides to hide them in the retirement village basement.

***Elizabeth is Missing* / Emma Healey Fiction 2015**

Lately, Maud's been getting forgetful. But she is determined to discover what has happened to her friend, Elizabeth. Maud will make you laugh and cry, but she certainly won't be forgotten.

***The Gods of Atlantis* / Alan K Baker Fiction 2011**

High-action adventure, marine archaeology and the exploration of one of history's most fascinating and enduring mysteries.

***Crossing the Line* / Nick McKenzie (2023)**

The explosive inside story behind the Ben Roberts-Smith headlines. An enthralling and meticulously researched book telling the untold story of how a group of brave soldiers and two reporters exposed this military scandal of Australian history."

***Ageing Well at Home* by Janice Ellson (Qld) 2021 (Suggested to buy and have as a reference book in the library)**