



NOVEMBER 2024 NEWSLETTER | Firsts

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Featured Titles

First Lie Wins

Ashley Elston | Fiction - 2024

Water

John Boyne | Fiction - 2023

The Shape of Dust

Lamisse Hamouda
Non-Fiction | 2023

Beyond. The astonishing story of the first human to leave our planet and journey into space

Stephen Walker | Non Fiction - 2021

Recommended Reading List

List attached. Printed copies in the library.

Recommendations From Other Readers

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Featured Author

Lamisse Hamouda

A selection from Both Groups

***The instrumentalist* / Harriet Constable Fiction | 2024**

Anna Maria may have no name, no fortune, no family. But she has her ambition, and her talent. Her best hope lies in her teacher, Antonio Vivaldi. Soon she is his star pupil. But as Anna Maria's star rises, not everyone is happy. Because Anna Maria's shining light is threatening to eclipse that of her mentor. She will leave her mark, whatever it takes. And her story will be heard.

***Father of the Lost Boys* / Yuot Alaak Non-Fiction | 2024**

This is the true story of Mecak Ajang Alaak, leader and educator, who in the early 1990s assumed command of 20,000 of the Lost Boys of South Sudan during the conflict of the Second Sudanese Civil War, and led them on a harrowing dangerous journey of several thousand kilometres to the safety of the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya.

***Tell me Everything* / Elizabeth Strout Fiction | 2024**

It's autumn in Maine, and the town lawyer Bob Burgess has become enmeshed in an unfolding murder investigation, defending a lonely, isolated man accused of killing his mother. He has also fallen into a deep and abiding friendship with the acclaimed writer, Lucy Barton, who lives down the road in a house by the sea with her husband, William. Lucy, meanwhile, is finally introduced to the iconic Olive Kitteridge, now living in a retirement community on the edge of town.

DECEMBER MEETINGS

Theme: *Books that stay with you*

3rd December 2024

Goondiwindi 10 am

17th December 2024

Inglewood 10 am



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When I was Ten / Fiona Cummins
Fiction | 2021

Twenty-one years ago, Dr Richard Carter and his wife Pamela were murdered in what has become the most infamous double murder of the modern age. Ten-year-old Sara Carter - nicknamed the Angel of Death - spent eight years in a children's secure unit and is living quietly under an assumed name with a family of her own. Now, on the anniversary of the trial, a documentary team has tracked down her older sister Shannon Carter, compelling her to break two decades of silence. Her explosive interview sparks national headlines and journalist Brinley Booth, a childhood friend of the Carter sisters, is tasked with covering the news story. For the first time, the three women are forced to confront what really happened on that blood-soaked night - with devastating consequences for them all.

The Myth of Normal / Gabor Mate
Non-Fiction | 2022

Over four decades of clinical experience, renowned physician and addiction expert Dr Gabor Maté has seen how health systems neglect the role that trauma exerts on our bodies and our minds. Medicine often fails to treat the whole person, ignoring how today's culture stresses our bodies, burdens our immune systems and undermines emotional balance. Dr Maté connects the dots between our personal suffering and the pressures of modern-day living - with disease as a natural reflection of a life spent growing further and further apart from our true selves.

Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte mysteries
Arthur Upfield | Fiction

Upfield's first published book was *The House of Cain* in 1928. It wasn't until *The Barrakee Mystery* that he introduced the character of Inspector Napoleon Bonaparte, affectionately known as 'Bony'. Bony was a mixed blood Aboriginal famous for using techniques he learnt in the bush to track down his suspects. Bony is also known as Boney for the American market and was also used in 70's Australian TV series (*BONEY*) which was also distributed overseas in high demand. (Extract from Arthur Upfield Website)

An unlikely prisoner / Sean Turnell
Non-Fiction | 2023

For 650 days Sean Turnell was held in Myanmar's terrifying Insein Prison on the trumped-up charge of being a spy. In *An Unlikely Prisoner* he recounts how an impossibly cheerful professor of economics, whose idea of an uncomfortable confrontation was having to tell a student that their essay was 'not really that good', ended up in one of the most notorious prisons in South-East Asia. And how he not only survived his lengthy incarceration, but left with his sense of humour intact, his spirit unbroken and love in his heart.

Paths of Glory / Jeffrey Archer
Fiction | 2024

Some people have dreams that are so outrageous that if they were to achieve them, their place in history would be guaranteed. Francis Drake, Robert Scott, Percy Fawcett, Charles Lindbergh, Amy Johnson, Edmund Hillary and Neil Armstrong are among such individuals. But what if one man had such a dream, and when he'd achieved it, there was no proof that he had fulfilled his ambition? *Paths of Glory* is the story of such a man. But not until you've turned the last page of this extraordinary novel, will you be able to decide if George Mallory should be added to this list of legends, because if he were, another name would have to be removed."

Joan makes History / Kate Grenville
Fiction | 2014

This wonderfully irreverent novel rewrites 200-odd years of Australia's past. Joan is a wife and mother of no great distinction but in the life of her imagination she is in the front line of events, cheerfully altering the course of history.

Never Say Die / Chris O'Brien
Non-Fiction | 2008

Of all the medical graduates who dedicated themselves to oncology, few could have been such a livewire as Chris O'Brien. His autobiography, *Never Say Die*, portrays a man who never would settle for safe, conservative practice.