

# LIBRARY BOOK LOVERS' GROUP

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### A selection from Both Groups

***Wandering with intent* | Kim Mahood**  
Non Fiction | 305.899 MAHO

In these finely observed and probing essays, award-winning artist and writer Kim Mahood invites us to accompany her on the road and into the remote places of Australia where she is engaged in long-established collaborations of mapping, storytelling, and placemaking.

***Orbital* | Samantha Harvey**  
Fiction

Six astronauts rotate in their spacecraft above the earth. They are there to collect meteorological data, conduct scientific experiments and test the limits of the human body. But mostly they observe. Together they watch their silent blue planet, circling it sixteen times, spinning past continents and cycling through seasons, taking in glaciers and deserts, the peaks of mountains and the swells of oceans. So far from earth, they have never felt more part - or protective - of it. They begin to ask, what is life without earth? What is earth without humanity?

***Jacinta Nampijinpa Price: Matters of the heart* | Jacinta Nampijinpa Price**  
Non Fiction

Expected to be available through the library in the coming months.

***Bellevue* | Robin Cook**  
Fiction

Twenty-four-year-old Michael "Mitt" Fuller starts his surgical residency at the iconic Bellevue hospital. With the pressure on, Mitt uses his secret sixth sense to his advantage - a sensitivity to the nonphysical. Between the fatigue, stress, and nerves, the first few days and nights of his surgical residency are tough ones. Then his patients begin to die from mysterious causes. Mitt struggles to find the cause of the deaths, but things rapidly spiral out of control.

***Life's an adventure* | Bobbie Perkins**  
Non Fiction | LH 920 Perk

A memoir written by local identity, Bobbie Perkins.

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***Ned Kelly* | Peter FitzSimons**  
**Non Fiction | 923.6 FITZ**

Historians still disagree over virtually every aspect of the eldest Kelly boy's brushes with the law. Did he or did he not shoot Constable Fitzpatrick at their family home? Was he a lawless thug or a noble Robin Hood, a remorseless killer or a crusader against oppression and discrimination? Was he even a political revolutionary, an Australian republican channelling the spirit of Eureka?

***The family next door* | Sally Hepworth**  
**Fiction**

One hot February day during an unprecedented Melbourne heatwave, a new neighbour arrives. Isabelle is single and childless, when everyone else is married, with kids. She is renting, when everyone else owns. Isabelle's job is mysterious and vague. Strangest of all, Isabelle is very interested in her new neighbours. Too interested, some might say. It soon starts to become clear that Isabelle's choice of neighbourhood was no accident.

***Lost Connections* | Johann Hari**  
**Non Fiction | 616.85 HARI**

What really causes depression and anxiety - and how can we really solve them? Award-winning journalist Johann Hari suffered from depression since he was a child and started taking anti-depressants when he was a teenager. He was told that his problems were caused by a chemical imbalance in his brain. As an adult, trained in the social sciences, he began to investigate whether this was true - and he learned that almost everything we have been told about depression and anxiety is wrong.

***Burn* | Melanie Saward**  
**Fiction**

Growing up in small-town Tasmania, Andrew struggled at home, at school, at everything. The only thing that distracted or excited him was starting little fires. Flames boosted his morale and purified his thoughts, and they were the only thing in his life he could control. Until one day things got out of hand, and Andrew was forced to leave everything behind. Andrew runs out of people to turn to, he must decide whether he can put his faith in himself to find a way forward.

***The mysterious case of Rudolf Diesel***  
**Douglas Brunt | Non Fiction | 926 DIES**

September 29, 1913: the steamship Dresden is halfway between Belgium and England. On board is one of the most famous men in the world, Rudolf Diesel, whose new internal combustion engine is on the verge of revolutionizing global industry forever. But Diesel never arrives at his destination. He vanishes during the night and headlines around the world wonder if it was an accident, suicide, or murder.

***Wizards of Oz* | Brett Mason**  
**Non Fiction | 925 MASO**

Brett Mason reveals how childhood friends from Adelaide - physicist Mark Oliphant and medical researcher Howard Florey - initiated the most significant scientific and industrial projects of the Second World War: manufacturing penicillin, developing microwave radar and building the atomic bomb. These innovations gave the Allies the edge and ultimate victory over Germany and Japan.

***Pandemic* | Robin Cook**  
**Fiction**

In New York City, an unidentified, healthy, well-dressed woman is struck down by a sudden respiratory illness on the subway as opportunist thieves snatch her phone and backpack. Ending up on forensic pathologist Dr. Jack Stapleton's autopsy table as the potential victim of a contagion, reveals surprising findings. Fearing what could be the first in a severe outbreak of a deadly virus similar to the 1918 influenza pandemic, Jack works in overdrive for a diagnosis and to identify the woman.

***Angel of Vienna* | Kate Hewitt**  
**Fiction**

Nazi-occupied Vienna, 1940: A young nurse finds herself with the chance to save innocent children. An unmissable and heartbreaking story-based on devastating real events-about tragedy, hope and courage in the face of impossible odds. "These children, who the Nazis don't even see as human, these children are innocent. And, Hannah, if you have the chance to save even one of them, you know what you have to do.