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### **The Unquiet Grave**

### **Dervla McTiernan | Fiction**

When a corpse is found in a bog in Galway, Cormac Reilly assumes the find is historical. But closer examination reveals a more recent story. The dead man is Thaddeus Grey, a local secondary school principal who disappeared two years prior. There's nothing in Grey's past that would explain why he was



murdered, or why his body was mutilated in a ritual manner. At first, progress on the case is frustratingly slow and Cormac struggles to keep his mind on the job. His ex-girlfriend, Emma Sweeney, is in trouble, and she's reached out to him for help - Emma's new husband has gone missing in Paris, and the French police are refusing to open an investigation into his disappearance. Cormac is sure that he has found Grey's killer, and is within hours of an arrest, when another mutilated body is discovered on the other side of the country. Two days later, a third body is found. Press attention is intense. Is there a serial killer at work in Ireland?

### Wintering

### Krissy Kneen | Fiction

When Jessica's partner disappears into the dark Tasmanian forest, there is of course the mystery of what happened to him—the deserted car, the enigmatic final image recorded on his phone. There is the strange circle of local women, widows of disappeared men, with fellowship their eday and

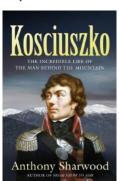


unhinged theories. And the forest itself: looming hugely over this tiny settlement on the remote tip of the island. But for Jessica there is also the tight community in which she is still a stranger and Matthew was not. And why do they believe things that should not—cannot—be true. For her own sanity, Jessica needs to know two things. Who was Matthew? And who—or what—has he become?

## Kosciuszko: the incredible life of the man behind the mountain

Anthony Sharwood | Non Fiction | 923.5 SHAR

Kosciuszko - our iconic highest mountain - is a name familiar to all Australians. But how many people know who the mountain is named after? Tadeusz Kosciuszko, who lived from 1746 to 1817, is the most famous person Australians probably know absolutely nothing about. A military engineer, freedom

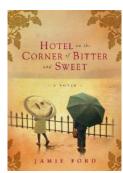


fighter, and champion of human rights, this extraordinary revolutionary was crucial to the success of the American War of Independence, then bravely led an uprising against Russia and other invaders in his native Poland, promising freedom and equality to all who joined his cause. In his day, Kosciuszko was loved and respected across Europe and America. His great friend Thomas Jefferson called him 'as pure a son of liberty as I have ever known', while Kosciuszko would later challenge Jefferson to live up to the famous words 'All men are created equal' by bequeathing his American funds to free enslaved people, including those on Jefferson's plantation.

# The Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet

### Jamie Ford | Fiction

A chance discovery in boarded up old hotel brings back long forgotten memories and rekindles a forbidden love, swept aside during the chaos and heartbreak World War II and internment of Japanese families in the wake of Pearl Harbor.





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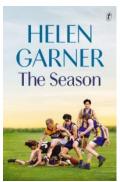
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### The Season

### Helen Garner | Non Fiction | 928 GARN

It's footy season in Melbourne, and Helen Garner is following her grandson's under-16s team. She not only goes to every game (give or take), but to every training session too, shivering on the sidelines at dusk, fascinated by the spectacle. She's a passionate Western Bulldogs fan (with an imperfect grasp of the



rules) who loves the epic theatre of AFL football. But her devotion to the under-16s offers her something else. This is her chance to connect with her youngest grandchild, to be close to him before he rushes headlong into manhood. To witness his triumphs and defeats, to fear for his safety in battle, to gasp and to cheer for his team as it fights for a place in the finals. With her sharp eye, her generous wit and her warm humour, Garner documents this pivotal moment, both as part of the story and as silent witness.

### The Ghosts of August

### **Peter Watt | Fiction**

It is 1914, and the storm clouds of war are building on the horizon. In Sydney, Josiah Steele is the new head of the family and grappling with his two very different sons - David, upstanding, decent and heir to the family enterprises; and Benjamin, wayward, restless and a magnet for trouble. To give Ben



some responsibility, Josiah sends him on a trade mission straight into the territory of their soon-to-be enemy. As war erupts across Europe, its repercussions are felt in the Pacific. Ben and David find themselves caught up in the first Australian action of World War I - the fight to take possession of German New Guinea. But that is only the start. The brothers will see desperate action across Egypt, Palestine and the terrible killing fields of the Western Front, where the years of war, mud and bloody battlegrounds will forever change the Steele family ...

### The Daughter

### T.M. Logan | Fiction

Lauren can't wait to see her daughter again, to pick her up from university at the end of her first term. But when she arrives at her hall and knocks at room 309, a stranger opens the door. For a few minutes, Lauren assumes she must have the wrong room, or the wrong floor. Maybe even the wrong building. But she soon

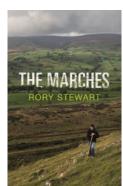


discovers the truth: Evie's not there. She hasn't been there for weeks. So where is she?

### The Marches: border walks with my father

### Rory Stewart | Non Fiction | 941.37 STEW

In The Marches Rory Stewart walks a thousand miles across the north of England, crossing and recrossing the English-Scottish border. He discovers that, buried beneath England and Scotland, is another country, now lost, a Middleland with its own history, its own civilisation: a vanished kingdom. Stewart



sleeps on mountain ridges and in housing estates, in motels and in farmhouses. Following lines of neolithic standing stones; wading through floods and ruined fields, he traces Hadrian's Wall with soldiers who have fought in Afghanistan. He interviews Buddhist and Christian monks, investigates arson attacks and heritage websites, and tries to get to grips with his tartan-clad father. His book becomes a history of the Middleland, or 'The Marches'. Defined by a profound love of landscape, and walking, an unusual erudition, and an instinct for the most eccentric local histories, The Marches draws on contemporary politics and on troubled borders, to illuminate the pattern of forgetting and remembrance that makes a very modern border and a very modern nationalism.



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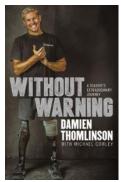
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### Without Warning

### **Damien Thomlinson with Michael Cowley** Non Fiction | 923.553

After losing both his legs in an accident in Afghanistan, Special Forces soldier Damien Thomlinson was determined not only to survive, but to meet life head on. This is an uplifting story of guts, drive and exceptional resilience. Without warning, Private Damien Thomlinson's life changed forever. On a night



patrol in Afghanistan in 2009, his vehicle drove over a Taliban explosive device. His right leg turned instantly to red mist and his left leg was severed below the knee. His arms and hands were shattered and his nose smashed. Blood poured into his lungs. He was as close to death as you can get. Damien's story could have been a tragedy, but because of his enormously optimistic spirit it is instead one of triumph and inspiration.

### All the Broken Place s

#### John Boyne | Fiction

1946. Three years after a cataclysmic event which tore their lives apart, a mother and daughter flee Poland for Paris, shame, and fear at their heels, not knowing how hard it is to escape your past. Nearly eighty years later, Gretel Fernsby lives a life that is a far cry from her traumatic childhood. When a couple moves into the flat below

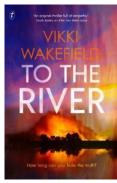


her in her London mansion block, it should be nothing more than a momentary inconvenience. However, the appearance of their nine-year-old son Henry brings back memories she would rather forget. Faced with a choice between her own safety and his, Gretel is taken back to a similar crossroads she encountered long ago. Back then, her complicity dishonoured her life, but to interfere now could risk revealing the secrets she has spent a lifetime protecting.

### To the river

### Vikki Wakefield | Fiction

The Kelly family has always been trouble. When a fire in a remote caravan community kills nine people, including 17-year-old Sabine Kelly's mother and sister, Sabine confesses to the Shortly after, she murders. escapes custody and disappears. Recently made redundant from marriage, motherhood and her career, journalist Rachel

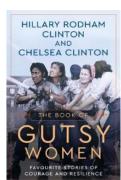


Weidermann has long suspected Sabine made her way back to the river-now, twelve years after the 'Caravan Murders', she has the time and the tenacity to corner a fugitive and land the story of the year. Rachel's ambition lights the fuse leading to a brutal chain of events, and the web Sabine weaves will force Rachel to question everything she believes. Vikki Wakefield's compelling psychological thriller is about class, corruption, love, loyalty, and the vindication of truth and justice. And a brave dog called Blue.

### The Book of Gutsy Women

### Hillary Rodham Clinton and Chelsea Clinton I Non Fiction | 920.02 CLIN

Hillary Rodham Clinton and her daughter, Chelsea, share the stories of the gutsy women who have inspired them--women with the courage to stand up to the status quo, ask hard questions, and get the job done. Ensuring the rights and opportunities of women and girls remains a big piece of the unfinished business



of the twenty-first century. While there's a lot of work to do, we know that throughout history and around the globe women have overcome the toughest resistance imaginable to win victories that have made progress possible for all of us. That is the achievement of each of the women in this book. So how did they do it? The answers are as unique as the women themselves.



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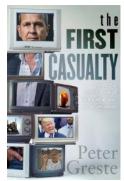
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### The First Casualty

Peter Greste | Non Fiction | 302.23

In a world where the first casualty of war is truth, journalism has become the new battleground. Peter Greste spent two decades reporting from the front line in the world's most dangerous countries before making headlines himself following his own incarceration in an Egyptian prison. Charged with threatening



national security, and enduring a sham trial, solitary confinement and detention for 400 days, Greste himself became a victim of the new global war on journalism. Wars have always been about propaganda but today's battles are increasingly between ideas, and the media has become part of the battlefield. Extremists have staked a place in news dissemination with online postings, and journalists have moved from being witnesses to the struggle to a means by which the war is waged – which makes them a target.

### **Three Juliets**

### Minnie Darke | Fiction

In 1980, designer Claudie Miller is a household name. Girls are begging their mothers to make them her famous dress, the 'Juliet'. But there's a big hole in Claudie's life - sixteen years ago she was forced to give up her baby for adoption. Now she's in a race to track her daughter down before it's too late. In 1980,

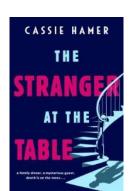


Roisin, Miranda and Bindi are turning sixteen on the same day. Raised in different families, in different parts of the country, they know nothing about each other... or their connection to the dress every teenager is talking about. But the Juliet was designed with one of them in mind - and its threads are slowly pulling them closer to the truth.

### The stranger at the table

Cassie Hamer | Fiction

Maz Antonio has spent the last two years in prison so is determined to make the first major family gathering in their new home deep in Australian suburbia as perfect as possible. She owes it to everyone after the terrible mistakes she's made... mistakes for which she will always be trying to atone. This



special lunch is her chance to make things right for her husband and children, to show everyone that she can maintain her sobriety, that things can go back to normal. (Whatever normal looks like when you have traumatic, confusing flashbacks of that fateful day where two innocent lives were lost.) Her sister, Elli, is in. So is her husband's brother. Her distant father-in-law is gracing them with his presence and her mum Margaret is on the way from Newcastle, bringing a colleague - a virtual stranger she impulsively invited. But is this man really a stranger? Or could it be that he is intimately connected to the past that Maz has so desperately been trying to put behind her - a past that's about to explode across the dinner table in the deadliest of ways...

# The Girl With Seven Names :a North Korean defector's story

Hyeonseo Lee with David John Non Fiction | 920.72 LEE

An extraordinary insight into life under one of the world's most ruthless and secretive dictatorships - and the story of one woman's terrifying struggle to avoid capture and guide her family to freedom. As a child growing up in North Korea, Hyeonseo Lee was one of millions trapped by a secretive and brutal communist regime.



