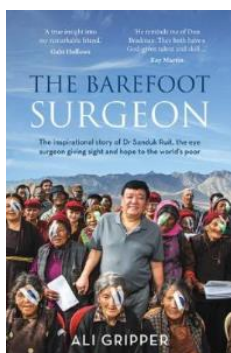


### The barefoot surgeon : the inspirational story of Dr Sanduk Ruit, the eye surgeon giving sight and hope to the world's poor

Ali Gripper | Non Fiction | 926.1 RUIT

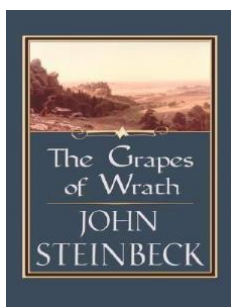
Inspiring and uplifting, this is the extraordinary story of Dr Sanduk Ruit who, like his mentor Fred Hollows, took on the world's medical establishment to give the life-changing gift of sight to hundreds and thousands of the world's poorest and most isolated people. It is the story of a boy from the lowest tiers of a rigid caste system who grew up in a tiny, remote Himalayan village with no school to become one of the most respected ophthalmologists in the world and a medical giant of Asia. Compelling and compassionate, it is also the story of a young doctor who became Fred Hollows' medical soul mate and who chose to defy the world's medical establishment and the lure of riches to make the world a better place.



### The Grapes of Wrath

John Steinbeck | Fiction

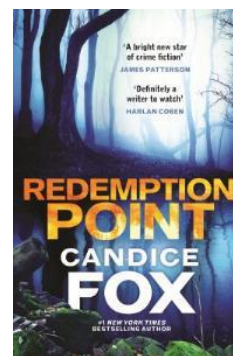
Winner of the Pulitzer Prize and the Nobel Prize for Literature -- Perhaps the most American of American classics, The Grapes of Wrath follows the movement of thousands of men and women and the transformation of an entire nation during the Dust Bowl migration of the 1930s. It is also the story of one Oklahoma farm family, the Joads, who are driven off their homestead and forced to travel.



### Redemption Point

Candice Fox | Fiction

When former police detective Ted Conkaffey was wrongly accused of abducting thirteen-year-old Claire Bingley, he hoped the Queensland rainforest town of Crimson Lake would be a good place to disappear. But nowhere is safe from Claire's devastated father. Dale Bingley has a brutal revenge plan all worked out – and if Ted doesn't help find the real abductor, he'll be its first casualty. Meanwhile, in a dark roadside hovel called the Barking Frog Inn, the bodies of two young bartenders lie on the beer-sodden floor. It's Detective Inspector Pip Sweeney's first homicide investigation – complicated by the arrival of private detective Amanda Pharrell to 'assist' on the case. Amanda's conviction for murder a decade ago has left her with some odd behavioural traits, top-to-toe tats – and a keen eye for killers. For Ted and Amanda, the hunt for the truth will draw them into a violent dance with evil. Redemption is certainly on the cards – but it may well cost them their lives.



### Happiest Man on Earth

Eddie Jaku | Non Fiction | 920.71 JAKU

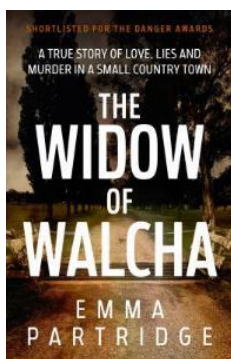
Eddie Jaku always considered himself a German first, a Jew second. He was proud of his country. But all of that changed on 9 November 1938, when he was beaten, arrested and taken to a concentration camp. Over the next seven years, Eddie faced unimaginable horrors every day, first in Buchenwald, then in Auschwitz, then on the Nazi death march. He lost family, friends, his country. Because he survived, 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'.



### The Widow of Walcha

Emma Partridge | Non Fiction | 364.152 PART

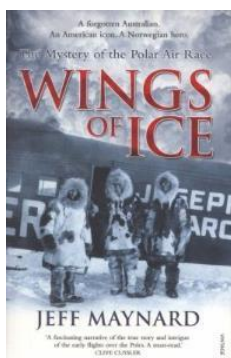
In 2017, locals were rocked by the mysterious death of a wealthy and much-loved sheep farmer, Mathew Dunbar, who signed over his multimillion-dollar property to his new partner, Natasha Darcy, just months after meeting her. "Don't forget you need to change your will", the 46-year-old had texted Mr Dunbar. In June this year a NSW Supreme Court jury found Darcy guilty of murdering Mr Dunbar. She had adopted a false name to source animal sedatives and blended them with a cocktail of other drugs in a NutriBullet before gassing him with a party balloon helium canister. In a stranger than fiction twist Darcy's estranged husband - who she had once been accused of trying to kill - was the first paramedic on the scene. Police later uncovered hundreds of Google searches made by Darcy in the lead-up to Dunbar's death, including 'toxic wild plants that look like food', 'how to commit murder' and 'can police see past web history'.



### Wings of ice

Jeff Maynard | Non Fiction | 910.9113 MAYN

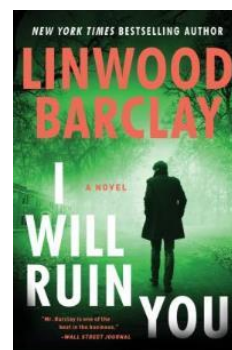
In March 1926 Wilkins and Byrd, along with veteran explorer Roald Amundsen, were locked in a race to the North Pole. A year later, while Amundsen was involved in the bitter dispute that cost him his life, Byrd announced he would fly to the South Pole. Wilkins was hired to beat him. Late in 1928 they unloaded their planes on opposite sides of Antarctica and prepared for the last great race in polar history. It was a race that ensured Byrd's place as an American icon and during his life no one dared question his claims. It was only after his death that he was accused of being "the greatest fraud in polar history".



### I will ruin you : a novel

Linwood Barclay | Fiction

How would you react in a life-or-death situation? It's a question everyone asks themselves, but few have to face in real life. English teacher Richard Boyle certainly never thought he would find himself talking down a former student intent on harming others, but when Mark LeDrew shows up at Richard's school with a bomb strapped to his chest, Richard immediately jumps into action. Thanks to some quick thinking, he averts a major tragedy and is hailed as a hero, but not all the attention focused on him is positive. Richard's brief moment in the spotlight puts him in the sights of a deranged blackmailer with a score to settle. The situation rapidly spirals out of control, drawing Richard into a fraught web of salacious accusations and deadly secrets.



### The Summer Guests

Tess Gerritsen | Fiction

Maggie Bird's 'book group' is an unusual one - a group of retired spies living an anonymous life in the seaside town of Purity. And this summer they plan little more than 'reading' (whilst sipping martinis), and some gentle birdwatching. But trouble is just around the corner as the summer guests arrive. For acting Police Chief Jo Thibodeau, summer brings its own problems - packed streets, bar brawls, petty theft. And now, a missing teenager down by the lake. When their good friend becomes a prime suspect in the girl's disappearance, Maggie and her Martini Club must put down their binoculars and roll up their sleeves. Leaving Jo to deal with not only a powerful family desperate for answers, but a meddlesome group of retirees.

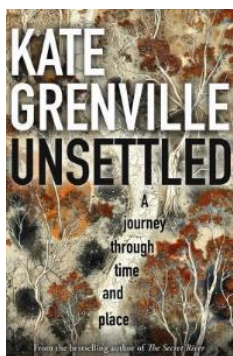




### Unsettled

Kate Grenville | Non Fiction | 928 GREN

What does it mean to be on land taken from others? 'What does it mean to be on land that was taken from other people? Now that we know how the taking was done, what do we do with that knowledge?' Kate Grenville is no stranger to the past. Her success and fame as a writer exploded when she published *The Secret River* in 2005, a bestseller based on the story of her convict ancestor, an early settler on the Hawkesbury River. More than two decades on, and following the defeat of the Voice referendum, Grenville is still grappling with what it means to descend from people who were, as she puts it, "on the sharp edge of the moving blade that was colonisation". So she decides to go on a kind of pilgrimage, back through the places her family stories happened, and put the stories and the First People back into the same frame, on the same country, to try to think about those questions.



### Meadows Law

Quentin McDermott

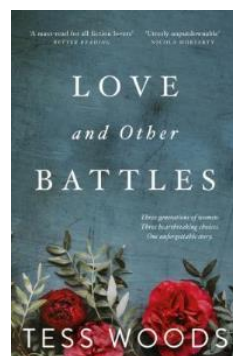
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In 2003, Kathleen Folbigg was found guilty of smothering her four young children to death, one by one. Medical experts told her trial that they had never come across a family like hers, where three or more infants had died from natural causes. Extracts from diaries she had written were judged to be virtual admissions of guilt, and Folbigg was sentenced to 40 years in jail. But did she do it? This is a gripping and meticulously researched account of one of Australia's most infamous criminal cases, written by investigative journalist Quentin McDermott, whose groundbreaking work with ABC's *Australian Story* helped trigger a push by scientists to uncover the genetic cause of two of the children's deaths. It is also the story of how dedicated teams of lawyers, friends and supporters fought to achieve Kathleen Folbigg's eventual pardon, release and acquittal after 20 years behind bars.

### Love and other battles

Tess Woods | Fiction

1969: Free-spirited hippie Jess James has no intention of falling for a soldier...but perhaps some things are not in our power to stop. 1989: Jess' daughter, Jamie, dreams of a simple life - marriage, children, stability - then she meets a struggling musician and suddenly the future becomes wilder and complex. 2017: When Jamie's daughter, CJ, brings home trouble in the form of the coolest boy at school, the worlds of these three women turn upside down... and the past returns to haunt them. Spanning the trauma of the Vietnam War to the bright lights of Nashville, the epidemic of teenage self-harm to the tragedy of incurable illness, *Love and Other Battles* is the heart-wrenching story of three generations of Australian women, who learn that true love is not always where you seek it.



### Dark game

Rachel Lynch | Fiction

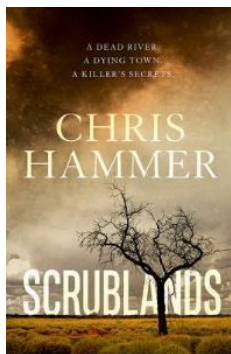
After a scandal forces DI Kelly Porter out of the Met, she returns to her home turf in the Lake District. Crimes in the Cumbrian constabulary tend to be of the minor sort, but Kelly begins work on a cold case that shocked the local community - the abduction and brutal murder of ten-year-old Lottie Davies. Meanwhile, Kelly is also investigating two seemingly straightforward crimes: a case involving an illegal immigrant, and a robbery following the death of local businessman Colin Day. But evidence comes to light that reveals a web of criminal activity beyond anything Kelly imagined. Behind the veneer of sleepy, touristy towns lies a dark and dangerous underworld. As Kelly threatens to expose those with much to lose, she risks paying the ultimate price to get to the truth.



### Scrublands

Chris Hammer | Fiction

Set in a fictional Riverina town at the height of a devastating drought, *Scrublands* is one of the most powerful, compelling and original crime novels to be written in Australia. In an isolated country town brought to its knees by endless drought, a charismatic and dedicated young priest calmly opens fire on his congregation, killing five parishioners before being shot dead himself. A year later, troubled journalist Martin Scarsden arrives in Riversend to write a feature on the anniversary of the tragedy. But the stories he hears from the locals about the priest and incidents leading up to the shooting don't fit with the accepted version of events his own newspaper reported in an award-winning investigation. Martin can't ignore his doubts, nor the urgings of some locals to unearth the real reason behind the priest's deadly rampage. Just as Martin believes he is making headway, a shocking new development rocks the town, which becomes the biggest story in Australia. The media descends on Riversend and Martin is now the one in the spotlight. His reasons for investigating the shooting have suddenly become very personal. Wrestling with his own demons, Martin finds himself risking everything to discover a truth that becomes darker and more complex with every twist. But there are powerful forces determined to stop him, and he has no idea how far they will go to make sure the town's secrets stay buried.



### Nothing Prepared Me

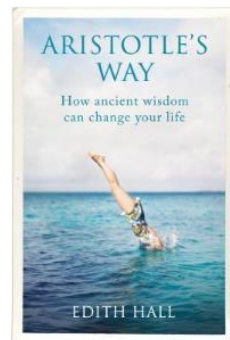
Edna Eckford Quilty  
Non Fiction | 636.201 QUIL

Edna Eckford Quilty's autobiography provides a unique view of our recent past, a past that is quickly disappearing. During her 31 years on Lansdowne, a million acre cattle station in the rugged Kimberley Ranges of Western Australia, Mrs Quilty traces the development of the Cattle Industry in Australia's 'Top End' from traditional mustering and droving to the use of helicopters and road trains.

### Aristotle's Way : how ancient wisdom can change your life

Edith Hall | Non Fiction | 158.1 HALL

Aristotle was an extraordinary thinker, perhaps the greatest in history. Yet he was preoccupied by an ordinary question: how to be happy. His deepest belief was that we can all be happy in a meaningful, sustained way - and he led by example. In this handbook to his timeless teachings, Professor Edith Hall shows how ancient thinking is precisely what we need today, even if you don't know your Odyssey from your Iliad. In ten practical lessons we come to understand more about our own characters and how to make good decisions. We learn how to do well in an interview, how to choose a partner and lifelong friends, and how to face death or bereavement.



### Time of the Child

Niall Williams | Fiction

Doctor Jack Troy was born and raised in the village of Faha, but his responsibilities mean he has always been set apart from his community. A visit from the doctor is always a sign of bad things to come. His eldest daughter, Ronnie, has grown up in her father's shadow, and remains there. But in the Advent season of 1962, as the town readies itself for Christmas, Ronnie and Doctor Troy's lives are turned upside down when an abandoned baby is left in their care. As Christmas approaches, a deep and abiding love for this secret visitor takes root in the doctor's household. But it is Ireland in the 1960s, and under the eye of the church, and the gossip of the parish, what chance does the unmarried Ronnie have of holding on to this most unexpected gift?

