

LIBRARY BOOK LOVERS' GROUP

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Our wonderful library team member who instituted leadership and momentum to our Library Book Lovers program officially retires this month, as the program celebrates the tenth anniversary.

With gratitude, we say farewell.

Before we say goodbye

Toshikazu Kawaguchi | Fiction

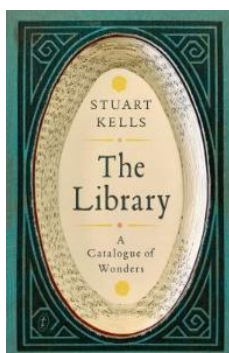
The regulars at the magical Café Funiculi Funicula are well acquainted with its famous legend and extraordinary time-travel offer. Many patrons have reunited with old flames, made amends with estranged family and visited loved ones. But the journey is not without risks, and there are rules to follow. In the tradition of Toshikazu Kawaguchi's sensational *Before the Coffee Gets Cold* Series, readers will once again be introduced to a new set of visitors: the husband with something important left to say; the woman who couldn't bid her dog farewell; the woman who couldn't answer a proposal; and the daughter who drove her father away.



The library

Suart S. Kells | Non Fiction | 027 KELL

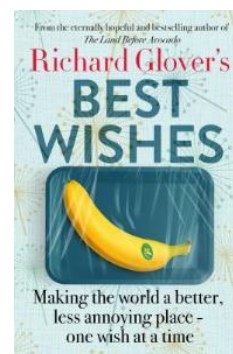
Libraries are filled with magic. From the Bodleian, the Folger and the Smithsonian to the fabled libraries of middle earth, Umberto Eco's mediaeval library labyrinth and libraries dreamed up by John Donne, Jorge Luis Borges and Carlos Ruiz Zafón, Stuart Kells explores the bookish places, real and fictitious, that continue to capture our imaginations. "The Library: A Catalogue of Wonders" is a fascinating and engaging exploration of libraries as places of beauty and wonder. It's a celebration of books as objects and an account of the deeply personal nature of these hallowed spaces by one of Australia's leading bibliophiles.



Best wishes

Richard Glover | Non Fiction | 827.4 GLOV

Making the world a better, less annoying place one wish at a time. Do you hate gambling ads, pre-ripped jeans and pedestrians who walk five abreast? Do you also have a problem with plastic-wrapped fruit, climate-change deniers and take-away sandwiches priced at \$14.95? And, most of all, do you think the world would be a better place if people got back their sense of humour? Here's proof you are not alone. Heartfelt and hilarious, serious but sly, *Best Wishes* is the Encyclopedia of 'Can Do Better'. It's a plea for a better world - one wish at a time.



The quiet librarian

Allen Eskens | Fiction

Hana Babic is a quiet, middle-aged librarian in Minnesota who wants nothing more than to be left alone. But when a detective arrives with the news that her best friend has been murdered, Hana knows that something evil has come for her, a dark remnant of the past she and her friend had shared. Thirty years before, Hana was someone else: Nura Divjak, a teenager growing up in the mountains of war-torn Bosnia--until Serbian soldiers arrived to slaughter her entire family before her eyes. The events of that day thrust Nura into the war, leading her to join a band of militia fighters, where she became not only a fierce warrior but a legend--the deadly Night Mora. But a shattering final act forced Nura to flee to the United States with a bounty on her head. Now, someone is hunting Hana, and her friend has paid the price, leaving her eight-year-old grandson in Hana's care. To protect the child without revealing her secret, Hana must again become the Night Mora--and hope she can find the killer before the past comes for them, too.



How to have an epic retirement

Bec Wilson | Non Fiction | 646.79 WILS

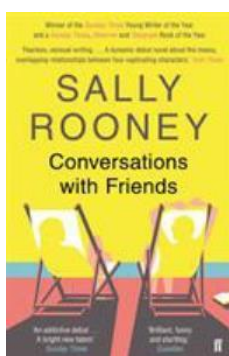
More than 500,000 Australians plan to retire in the next five years and are in their pre-retirement or 'part-time' retirement years, preparing for the massive life change that signals their move from working every day to living as they choose. There is no one in Australia who has more insight into what retirees want and what they need to know to achieve it than Rebecca Wilson, founder of the hugely successful online platform Starts at 60. Armed with information and the best anecdotal knowledge from retirees and those planning to retire, Rebecca has compiled the ultimate guidebook for those who want to make the most of this time of their lives. With examples, common questions and information you can apply to your own circumstances, Rebecca addresses the six key pillars of a great retirement: time, money, health, happiness and fulfilment, travel and your home.



Conversation with friends

Sally Rooney | Fiction

Frances is twenty-one years old, cool-headed, and darkly observant. A college student in Dublin and aspiring writer, she works at a literary agency by day. At night, she performs spoken word with her best friend Bobbi, who used to be her girlfriend. When they are profiled by Melissa, a well-known journalist, they enter an exotic orbit of beautiful houses, raucous dinner parties and holidays in Provence. Initially unimpressed, Frances finds herself embroiled in a risky menage-a-quatre when she begins an affair with Nick, Melissa's actor husband. Desperate to reconcile herself to the desires and vulnerabilities of her body, Frances's intellectual certainties begin to yield to something new - a painful and disorienting way of living from moment to moment.



Happy people read & drink coffee

Agnes Martin-Lugand | Fiction

Diane is the owner of Happy People Read and Drink Coffee, a literary cafe in Paris. When her husband and daughter die in a car accident, her life is overturned and the world as she knows it instantly disappears. Trapped by her memories, she moves to a small town on the Irish coast. There she falls into a surprising and tumultuous romance with Edward, a taciturn photographer who lives next door.



In good company : simple, generous recipes and ideas for get-togethers and good times

Sophie Hansen | Non Fiction | 641.564 HANS

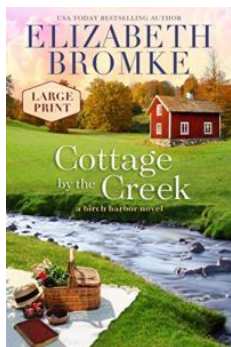
Ask anyone to tell you about the most memorable meal of their life and they won't give you a chronological playback of what they ate; they'll tell you about how that meal made them feel. Whether it's a last-minute dinner with neighbours, a family feast or a casual summer picnic, Sophie Hansen has done the thinking for you and designed menus featuring 120 recipes that are simple, tasty and perfect for sharing. She also includes ideas for creating a memorable atmosphere for any gathering, large or small, plus advice on how to embrace shortcuts to take the pressure off, so you can focus on enjoying the good times rather than stressing in the kitchen. In Good Company is filled with all the recipes and inspiration you need to encourage you to throw open your doors and invite people in, because there's never been a better time to bring people together.



Cottage by the creek

Elizabeth Bromke | Fiction

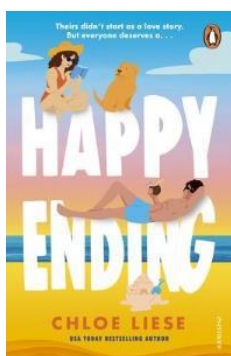
As she cleans up the cottage her mother left behind, Clara Hannigan discovers a locked hope chest. Inside is a book that might have the answers to her questions... if she can connect the dots between her mom and a prominent local. Meanwhile, Clara's oldest sister, Kate, is ready to take her romance to the next level. She could have everything she wants by Thanksgiving, until her boyfriend's daughter is implicated in Birch Harbor High School drama... and it has nothing to do with theatre club. Amelia is ready to open her new business to locals and tourists. But that means she must finally bury the search for her father. It would be easy, if one of her sisters didn't show up with an old yearbook and a new interest in the case. Megan is in the throes of fixing her life. With a new career and a new home, all she needs now is to ensure her teenage daughter will fit in at the local high school.



Happy ending

Chloe Liese | Fiction

Bookseller Thea never thought she'd meet her best friend through her ex-husband. But that's exactly how she ended up with Alex -- a world renowned chef and single dad who charms everyone he meets. They vowed that romance would never ruin their friendship, and two years later, they are inseparable. So much so, that when their exes invite them both on a 'family' beach vacation -- Alex's daughter and Thea's dog in tow -- they reluctantly agree. Theirs didn't start as a love story. But as blistering beach days melt into slow golden evenings, Thea and Alex find themselves confronting feelings that might just lead them to the last place they ever expected: a happy ending



The booklover's library

Madeline Martin | Fiction

In Nottingham, England, widow Emma Taylor finds herself in desperate need of a job to provide for herself and her beloved daughter, Olivia. When the threat of war becomes a reality, Olivia must be evacuated to the countryside. In her daughter's absence, Emma seeks solace in the unlikely friendships she forms with her neighbours and coworkers, as well as the recommendations she provides to the library's quirky regulars. But the job doesn't come without its difficulties. Books are mysteriously misshelved and disappearing, and her work forces her to confront the memories of her late father and the bookstore they once owned together before a terrible accident. As the Blitz intensifies in Nottingham and Emma fights to reunite with her daughter, she must learn to depend on her community and the power of literature more than ever to find hope in the darkest of times.



One small act of kindness

Lucy Dillon | Fiction

What can you do to make the world a better place? Libby helps a stranger, and transforms her life in the process. Libby and her husband Jason have moved back to his hometown to turn the family B&B into a boutique hotel. They have left London behind and all the memories good and bad that went with it. The injured woman Libby finds lying in the remote country road has lost her memory. She doesn't know why she came to be there, and no one seems to be looking for her. When Libby offers to take her in, this one small act of kindness sets in motion a chain of events that will change many people's lives.



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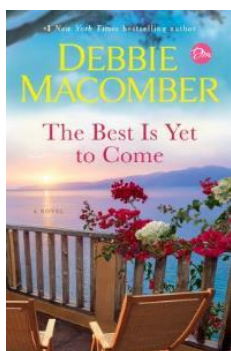
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The best is yet to come

Debbie Macomber | Fiction

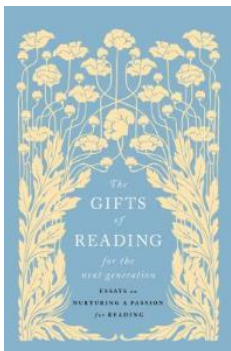
A new beginning in charming Oceanside, Washington is exactly what Hope Godwin needs after the death of her twin brother. Despite having settled quickly into the community, something is still missing for Hope. That is, until her landlord convinces her to volunteer at his animal shelter. There she meets Shadow, a rescue dog that everyone has given up on. Like Shadow, shelter volunteer Cade Lincoln, Jr. is suffering with injuries most can't see. A wounded ex-marine, Cade identifies with Shadow, assuming they are both beyond help. Hope senses that what they each need is someone to believe in them, and she has a lot of love to give. As she gains Shadow's trust, Hope notices Cade begin to open up as well. Finding the courage to be vulnerable again, Cade and Hope take steps toward a relationship and Hope finally begins to feel at peace in her new home.



The gifts of reading for the next generation : essays on nurturing a passion for reading

Jennie Orchard | Non Fiction | 809.8928 MACF

Inspired by Robert Macfarlane and curated by Jennie Orchard, an anthology of essays about the joys of giving books to children and young people, from some of the world's most beloved writers. Remember the books that shaped your childhood, sparked your imagination, and ignited a lifelong love of reading? In The Gifts of Reading for the Next Generation, some of the world's most beloved authors share their own transformative reading experiences - the books and stories that set them on the path of becoming the readers and writers they are today. survive on the kindness of strangers.



Kindness

Kath Koschel | Non Fiction | 920.72 KOSC

Kath Koschel has faced almost unimaginable hurdles. In her mid-twenties, she broke her back and was told she may never walk again. Shortly afterwards, she lost her beloved partner to suicide. Then, just as she was piecing her life back together, she was hit by a drunk driver while cycling and forced to relearn to walk a second time. In the midst of these harrowing experiences, Kath created the Kindness Factory on social media to share her small acts of kindness, hoping to inspire a groundswell of people to join her. Her idea blew up: millions of acts have since been logged, giving birth to the 'Kindness Curriculum' - a blueprint for happiness, resilience and connection which has now launched in schools across three countries. In 2016 she put her beliefs to the ultimate test, leaving home with nothing but a change of clothes, her phone and a toothbrush - no food, money or water. Her goal? To see how long she could.



Thank you for the little things

Caryl Hart

Whenever I am feeling sad or life feels hard or wrong or bad, I focus for a little while on little things that make me smile... What are the things that make YOU feel happy? From swinging high on playground swings to licking melty ice cream, there are lots of small things that can cheer up a grey day. This reassuring, uplifting picture book celebrates the little things that bring us joy and happiness. We all have bad days and sad days, but sometimes it's the smallest things that make us smile!

