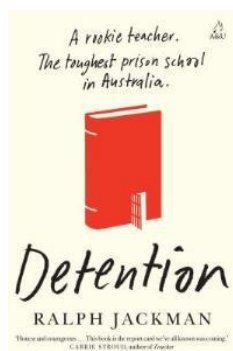


Detention : a rookie teacher, the toughest prison school in Australia

Ralph Jackman | Non Fiction | 364.36 JACK

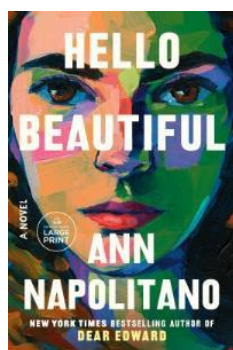
What happens when your first teaching job isn't in a classroom - but in juvenile detention? When Ralph Jackman swapped his career as a sports reporter for life as a teacher, he expected yard duty and parent-teacher nights. Instead, he found himself behind the razor wire of Melbourne's Parkville Youth Detention Centre, teaching literacy and numeracy to some of the nation's most vulnerable and damaged boys. This raw and powerful memoir takes you inside a world few educators ever see, both shocking and inspiring, with humour and heartbreak, and moments of connection that make teaching matter. But it's also the story of a system failing its most desperate kids - and a teacher who refused to look away. Detention is more than one teacher's journey, it's a call to action for everyone who believes in the rights of all kids to have an education, even behind bars.



Hello Beautiful

Ann Napolitano | Fiction

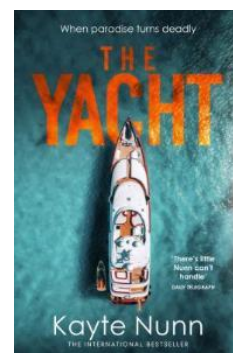
William Waters grew up in a house silenced by tragedy, where his parents could hardly bear to look at him, much less love him - so when he meets the spirited and ambitious Julia Padavano in his freshman year of college, it's as if the world has lit up around him. With Julia comes her family, as she and her three sisters are inseparable. With the Padavanos, William experiences a newfound contentment; every moment in their house is filled with loving chaos. But then darkness from Williams' past surfaces, jeopardizing not only Julia's carefully orchestrated plans for their future but the sisters' unshakeable devotion to one another. The result is a catastrophic family rift that changes their lives for generations.



The yacht

Kayte Nunn | Fiction

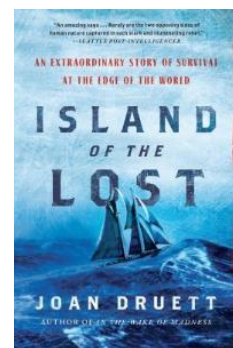
A man on the edge. A woman hell-bent on revenge. A cheating husband. A desperate wife. A property empire on the brink of collapse. A family at loggerheads. A predator hiding in plain sight. Who will sink and who will swim?



Island of the lost: an extraordinary story of survival at the edge of the world

Joan Druett | Non Fiction | 919.399 DRUE

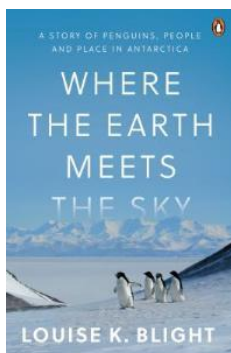
The true story of two similar shipwreck tragedies off Auckland Island in 1864 that have drastically different outcomes. Award-winning maritime historian Druett tells a gripping cautionary tale about leadership, endurance, human ingenuity, and the tenuous line between order and chaos. It is 1864, and Captain Thomas Musgrave's schooner, the Grafton, has just wrecked on Auckland Island, a forbidding piece of land 285 miles south of New Zealand. Battered by year-round freezing rain and constant winds, it is one of the most inhospitable places on earth. To be shipwrecked there means almost certain death. Incredibly, at the same time on the opposite end of the island, another ship runs aground during a storm. Separated by only twenty miles and the island's treacherous, impassable cliffs, the crews of the Grafton and the Invercauld face the same fate. And yet where the Invercauld's crew turns inward on itself, fighting, starving, and even turning to cannibalism, Musgrave's crew bands together to build a cabin and a forge--and eventually, to find a way to escape.



Where the Earth meets the sky : a story of penguins, people, and place in Antarctica

Louise K. Blight | Non Fiction

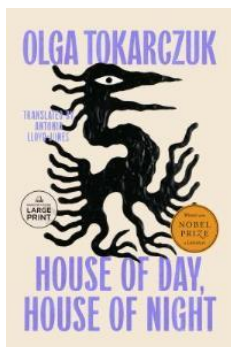
In this moving narrative, conservation biologist Louise K. Blight recounts her summer studying Adélie penguins. On isolated Ross Island, from which legendary explorers Sir Ernest Shackleton and Robert Falcon Scott attempted the South Pole, Louise and pioneering penguin biologist David Ainley document how the region's penguins are being affected by the world's largest-ever iceberg. The iceberg's impact is geological in scope and life-changing for the tens of thousands of breeding penguins rushing to mate and rear their young. Surrounded by the hypnotic splendour of Antarctica's landscape, Louise and David record details of penguin courtship, incubation, and chick-rearing against a backdrop of the mental and emotional impacts of extreme weather, ongoing isolation and twenty-four hours of daylight.



House of day, house of night

Olga Tokarczuk | Fiction

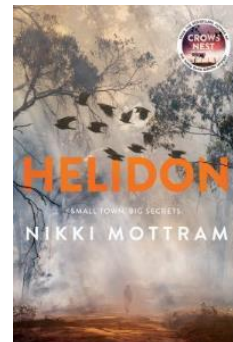
Nowa Ruda is a small town in Silesia, an area that has been a part of Poland, Germany, and the former Czechoslovakia in the past. When the narrator moves into the area, she discovers everyone -- and everything -- has a story. With the help of Marta, her enigmatic neighbour, the narrator accumulates these stories, tracing the history of Nowa Ruda from the its founding to the lives of its saints, from the caller who wins the radio quiz every day to the man who causes international tension when he dies straddling the border between Poland and Czechoslovakia. Each of the stories represents a brick and they interlock to reveal the immense monument that is the town.



Helidon

Nikki Mottram | Fiction

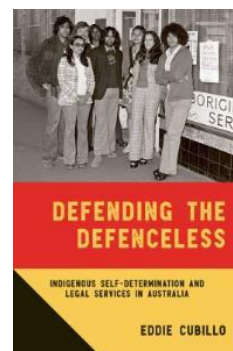
Child protection worker Dana Gibson is called to attend a fatal shooting at the Criterion Pub in Helidon where a bikie gang war has exploded. Seventeen-year-old Savannah has been caught in the crossfire, and the rural town finds itself divided between two cultures - the commune on the edge of town where Savannah's family live and an outlaw motorcycle gang. As Savannah clings to life, Dana uncovers police corruption that runs rivulets through the small town, eroding the community's trust in law enforcement. When Maddie, the primary witness to the shooting, goes missing and Helidon is at the mercy of surrounding bushfires, Dana must uncover the depths of corruption that plague Helidon and find Maddie before it's too late.



Defending the defenceless : Indigenous self-determination and legal services in Australia

Eddie Cubillo | Non Fiction | 305.899 CUBI

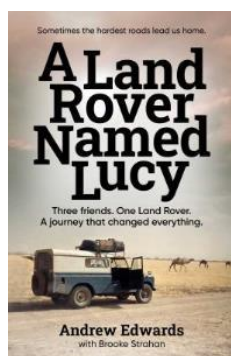
For generations, Indigenous peoples in Australia have faced systemic barriers to justice and are often denied the right to determine their own legal and cultural futures. Defending the Defenceless is a powerful exploration of Indigenous self-determination within the legal system, offering a deeply personal and critical perspective on the intersection of law, identity and advocacy. Drawing from lived experience, community leadership and academic expertise, Eddie Cubillo examines the challenges and triumphs of Indigenous legal services, exposing the structural inequalities that persist while highlighting pathways toward meaningful change.



A land rover name Lucy

Andrew Edwards | Non Fiction | 916.6 EDWA

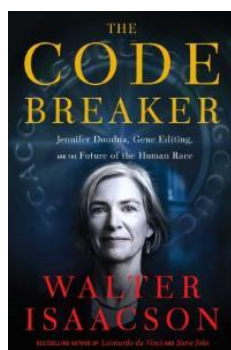
When test race car driver Andrew Edwards agrees to deliver a rusting Land Rover from England to West Africa for his cousin, a renowned wildlife artist studying bird migration, he imagines a challenging but manageable adventure. What unfolds is anything but. With two mechanically minded companions and little more than optimism, humour, and an old Series III Land Rover named Lucy, the trio set off from Cambridge on a journey that will test the limits of endurance, friendship, and faith. From the snowy passes of Spain to the vast expanse of the Sahara, they confront mechanical break-downs, bureaucratic chaos, and dangers that no map could predict. As Lucy rattles across borders and into the unknown, she becomes more than a vehicle - she becomes a lifeline, a symbol of resilience and grit.



The code breaker : Jennifer Doudna, gene editing, and the future of the human race

Walter Isaacson | Non Fiction | 925 DOUD

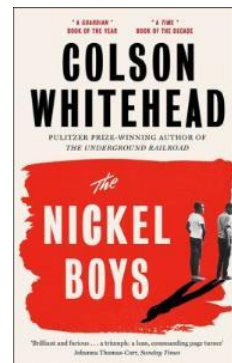
The past half-century has been an information-technology era, based on the microchip, the computer, and the internet. Now we are entering an even more momentous era, a life-science revolution. After helping to discover CRISPR, Doudna became a leader in wrestling with moral and policy issues. Her life story illustrates that the key to innovation is connecting basic science to our everyday lives-moving discoveries from our labs to our bedsides-in ways that respect our moral values. It's a thrilling detective tale that involves the most profound wonders of nature, from the origins of life to the future of our species.



The Nickel boys

Colson Whitehead | Fiction

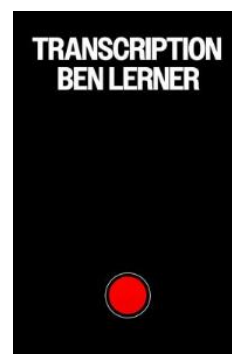
Abandoned by his parents, brought up by his loving, strict and clear-sighted grandmother, Elwood is about to enrol in the local black college. But given the time and the place, one innocent mistake is enough to destroy his future, and so Elwood arrives at The Nickel Academy, which claims to provide 'physical, intellectual and moral training' which will equip its inmates to become 'honorable and honest men'. In reality, the Nickel Academy is a chamber of horrors, where physical, emotional and sexual abuse is rife, where corrupt officials and tradesmen do a brisk trade in supplies intended for the school, and where any boy who resists is likely to disappear 'out back'. Based on the history of a real reform school in Florida that operated for one hundred and eleven years and warped and destroyed the lives of thousands of children.



Transcription

Ben Lerner | Fiction

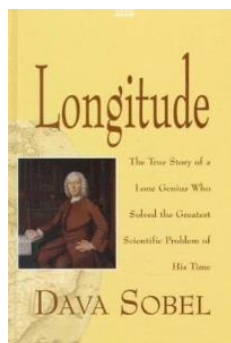
The narrator of Ben Lerner's new novel has travelled to Providence, where he is to conduct what will be the final published interview with Thomas, his ninety-year-old mentor, and the father of his college friend, Max. But after the narrator drops his smartphone in the hotel sink, he arrives at Thomas's house with no recording device, a fact he is mysteriously unable to confess. What unfolds from this dreamlike circumstance is both the unforgettable story of the triangle formed by Thomas, Max, and the narrator, and a brilliant meditation on those technologies that enrich or impoverish our connection to each other, that store or obliterate the memories that make us who we are.



Longitude : the true story of a genius who solved the greatest scientific problem of his time

Dava Sobel | Non Fiction | L 526.62 SOB

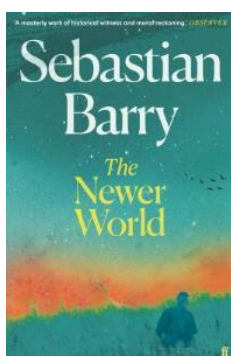
Anyone alive in the 18th century would have known that the longitude problem was the thorniest scientific dilemma of the day - and had been for centuries. The quest for a solution had occupied scientists and their patrons for the better part of two centuries when, in 1714, Parliament upped the ante by offering a king's ransom (£20,000) to anyone whose method or device proved successful. Countless quacks weighed in with preposterous suggestions. The scientific establishment throughout Europe - from Galileo to Sir Isaac Newton - had mapped the heavens in both hemispheres in its certain pursuit of a celestial answer. In stark contrast, one man, John Harrison, dared to imagine a mechanical solution.



The newer world

Sebastian Barry | Fiction

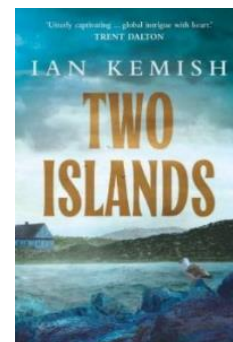
Against this rapidly shifting landscape, Tennyson Bouguereau - freed man, devoted brother, nascent singer, conflicted soldier and wanted man - journeys to find meaning and belonging. From the relative safety of home in Tennessee with his sister Rosalee, he is offered the possibility of a whole new life in Nashville, until a surprising trip to Victorian England changes everything. Exquisitely rendered, and with a rich cast of characters, The Newer World is a lyrical, visceral novel about what it is to survive, and what might be lost along the way.



Two islands

Ian Kemish | Fiction

When a desperate young man arrives on an isolated Scottish isle, the locals view him with suspicion. But Niko is there for a reason - he's running for his life, pursued by those who want him silenced for what he has seen in the Balkan War. His neighbour is a recluse known to the villagers as 'Slow Fergus'. As the two men circle each other, Australian war crimes investigator Anita Costello races against sinister forces to locate her key witness. Against this rugged landscape, where the tight-knit island community holds painful memories close, Niko must weigh his loyalties to his family, his country and himself.



Heresies : occasional pieces

Richard Flanagan | Non Fiction | A824.4 FLAN

From the only author ever to have won both the Booker Prize and the Baillie Gifford Prize (Britain's leading prize for non-fiction) comes a dazzling collection of writing, essays, articles and speeches. From Manus to MONA to birds to the Black Summer, from the destruction of our natural world to the hope offered by Indigenous Australia to the growing corrosion of democracy, from Salman Rushdie to the Segal Report, family and love, Flanagan's non-fiction writings carry the author's trademark elegance, subversive wit, and humanity. This showcase of Richard Flanagan's heretical brilliance over twenty years speaks to the heart of our troubled times now.

