

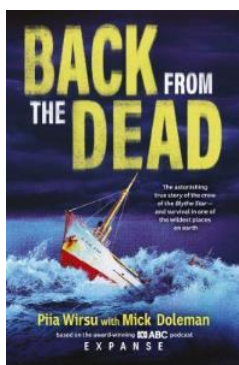
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## Back from the dead

Piia Wirsu with Mick Doleman  
Non Fiction | 910.452 WIRS

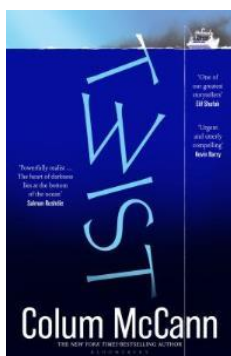
1973: When the coastal freighter MV Blythe Star left Hobart on a routine trip, Mick Doleman was an 18-year-old deckhand working alongside nine other crewmen, all accustomed to the dangers of the sea. But nothing could prepare them for what happened less than 24 hours later. In the early morning, the Blythe Star started listing, and swiftly sank. Miraculously, all the crewmen escaped, only to be crammed into a tiny life raft at the mercy of the ocean. The ship's sinking sparked the largest sea and air search at the time, but the crew remained lost - and soon they were given up for dead. Twelve days later, three ravaged and starving men, including Mick, found help on a remote logging trail in heavy bush on the Tasman Peninsula. Their story was shocking, and set the country alight with questions about their plight.



## Twist

Colum McCann

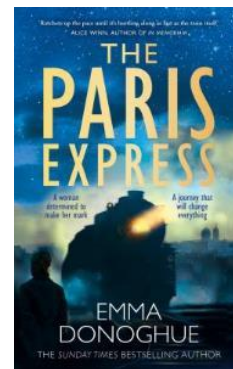
Anthony Fennell, a journalist is in pursuit of a story buried at the bottom of the sea. He has travelled to Cape Town to board the George Lecointe, a cable repair vessel captained by Chief of Mission John Conway. Conway is a talented engineer and fearless freediver - and Fennell is quickly captivated by this mysterious, unnerving man and his beautiful partner, Zanele. But as the mission falters, tensions simmer - and Conway is thrown into crisis. A terrible, violent tragedy is unfolding on the life he has left behind on land; and, trapped out at sea, it seems as if the vast expanse of the ocean is closing in. Then Conway disappears; and Fennell must set out to find him. As taut and propulsive as a thriller, and a timeless exploration of narrative and truth, Twist is the work of a master storyteller at the height of his powers.



## The Paris Express

Emma Donoghue | Fiction

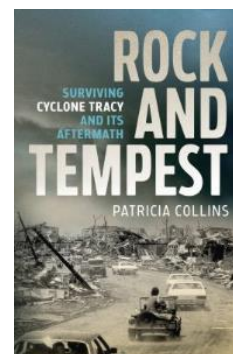
Autumn, 1895. Paris is as chaotic as it is glamorous, with industry and invention creating huge wealth and terrible poverty. One morning, an anarchist boards the ill-fated Granville to Paris express train, determined to make her mark on history. Aboard the train are others from across the globe: the railway crew who have built a life together away from their wives, a little boy travelling alone for the first time, an artist far from home, a wealthy statesman and his invalid wife, and a young woman with a secret. Truths are revealed and relationships forged as the train speeds towards the City of Light and a future that will change everything.



## Rock and tempest : surviving Cyclone Tracy and its aftermath

Patricia Collins | Non Fiction | 994.295 COLL

When Cyclone Tracy flattened Darwin on Christmas Day 1974, it was the worst natural disaster Australians had ever experienced. Stationed in the city with the Women's Royal Australian Naval Service, Patricia Collins not only lived through Tracy but was part of the massive clean-up effort. This is her extraordinary story. The experience of living through a terrifying natural disaster is chillingly told by Collins as she recounts her own dark hours that Christmas, along with those of her contemporaries. In the days after Tracy, the majority of Darwin's population was evacuated interstate as the Navy's Task Force arrived to clean up and rebuild. Collins was there as a survivor of Tracy and now an integral part of the recovery. Rock and Tempest contains astonishing first-person accounts of terror and uncertainty as well as courage and survival. It is fascinating and moving, and absolutely essential reading.



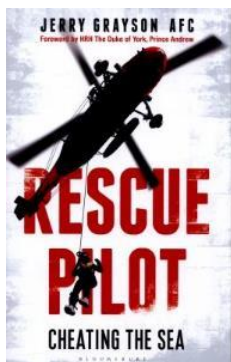
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## Rescue pilot : cheating the sea

Jerry Grayson, AFC | Non Fiction | 926.1 GRAY

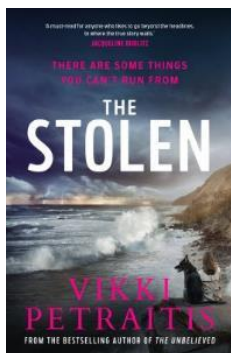
Jerry Grayson is an ordinary man who chose an extraordinary career. At age 17 he became the youngest helicopter pilot to ever serve in the Royal Navy. By age 25 he was the most decorated peacetime naval pilot in history. For the Navy's Search and Rescue pilots, getting to work is both an adventure and an ordeal. Whether rescuing a wounded fighter pilot who has ditched in the sea, saving desperate survivors from a sinking ship, or picking up a grievously ill crewman from the deck of a nuclear-armed submarine that is playing a cat-and-mouse game with the Soviet navy, Jerry Grayson has lived a life of unparalleled excitement and adventure.



## The stolen

Vikki Petraitis | Fiction

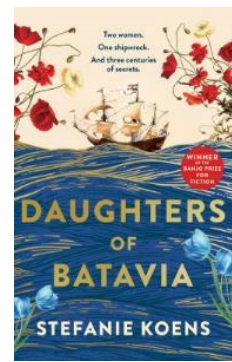
Detective Antigone Pollard is fearless. Antigone is feeling more settled in Deception Bay. Crime rates are down after a slow start to the summer holiday season, but when a distraught mother, Maddy Muir, calls the station to report her baby is missing, Antigone and Wozza begin a race against time to find the baby and the person who brazenly took him. Just when things at the Deception Bay police station are running smoothly with a new commander, Senior Sergeant Amanda Filipovic, circumstances change one stormy night. In the blink of an eye, Antigone's old boss, Bill Wheeler, is back, making the missing baby investigation harder every day. While Antigone juggles both cases, Mum and Nan move into the farm to unravel the family secret. Meanwhile, Antigone takes a DNA test with two very surprising results. Once again, Antigone faces the questions: who's protecting the women? And what happens when we don't believe them?



## Daughters of Batavia

Stefanie Koens | Fiction

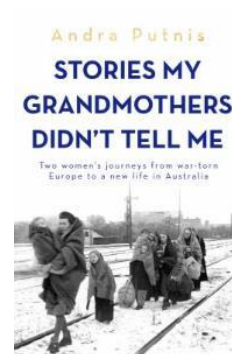
Shortly before Christmas in 2018, Tess McCarthy, after years as a hard-working English teacher who never did anything out of the ordinary, flies to Western Australia's remote Abrolhos Islands. She is in search of answers both to the infamous Batavia shipwreck and her personal family crises. Amsterdam, 1628. Saskia, an orphaned young Dutchwoman, boards Batavia with relatives, bound for a new and potentially dangerous life in the East Indies only for her world to first collide with Aris Jansz, the ship's taciturn under surgeon. Tess, Saskia and Aris their lives linked by secrets that span generations carry the baggage of past losses and the uncertainty of their futures. And, in the most unlikely circumstances, they may find qualities that echo through centuries: faith, acceptance, and love.



## Stories my grandmothers didn't tell me : two women's journeys from war-torn Europe to a new life in Australia

Andra Putnis | Non Fiction | 947.96 PUTN

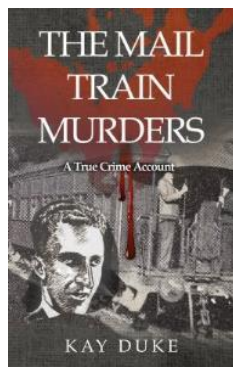
When she breaks an unspoken family code not to dig too deeply into the past, Andra is plunged into the bleak world of the Soviet and Nazi occupations of Latvia in World War II, and the secret lives of her grandmothers. Teenage Aline is separated from her parents and sent to serve in Germany's war-time labour force. With the much-feared Soviet army on the doorstep, pregnant Milda embarks on a desperate winter escape with her young son. They each face heart-wrenching decisions and endure years of hardship before finally voyaging to Australia. Aline and Milda forge new lives. But even there, reminders of wartime scandal and grief threaten to drag them under.



### The mail train murders : a true crime account

Kay Duke | Fiction

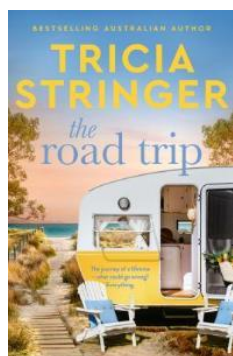
In 1936, a horrified porter finds three brutally bashed bodies, including the conductor's, in a blood-soaked mail train carriage just arrived at Brisbane Central Station. The gruesome find sparks a desperate police chase through three Australian states to catch the killer. The killer is only one step ahead of the police dragnet as he flees south. Many obstacles hinder his escape. His bungling becomes the greatest obstacle of all. As the world grapples with the Great Depression, the Australian Mail Train murders are one of the most reported in the interwar years. The community are horrified by the crime and demand the police capture and convict the killer swiftly. When police finally capture the killer, and he faces a judge and jury, the community is divided about his punishment. What pushed and pulled the killer into a life of crime? Who or what is to blame for his actions?



### The road trip

Tricia Stringer | Fiction

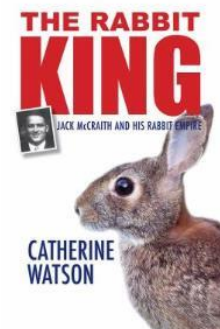
Sharyn Tregonning wanted a holiday somewhere glamorous for her 60th birthday. So, when her husband Barry surprises her with a caravan trip from Adelaide to Broome, she is furious - and bitterly disappointed. Even worse, Barry's annoying friend Ray, and Ray's reclusive frumpy sister Kathleen are coming along. Sharyn has always looked down on her, and Kathleen has never liked her (or her bitchy friends). But as a series of mishaps and accidents, overflowing toilets and destination disagreements test boundaries and fray tempers. When a dead body surfaces at a luxe resort, it brings their grudges and hurts out into the open, and the women realise that it's not just the men's future - or behaviour - that needs to change.



### The rabbit king : Jack McCraith and his rabbit empire

Catherine Watson | Non Fiction | 338.3729 MACC

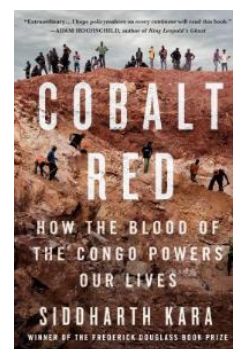
At the age 15, Jack McCraith reached a momentous decision; "Everyone knows how to catch rabbits," he said. "I'll learn how to sell them." On his first buying trip, he biked into the countryside and bought two rabbits which he skinned in the back yard and hawked around the neighbours.



### Cobalt red : how the blood of the Congo powers our lives

Siddharth Kara |

Cobalt Red is the searing, first-ever exposé of the immense toll taken on the people and environment of the Democratic Republic of the Congo by cobalt mining, as told through the testimonies of the Congolese people themselves. Activist and researcher Siddharth Kara has travelled deep into cobalt territory to document the testimonies of the people living, working, and dying for cobalt. To uncover the truth about brutal mining practices, Kara investigated militia-controlled mining areas, traced the supply chain of child-mined cobalt from toxic pit to consumer-facing tech giants, and gathered shocking testimonies of people who endure immense suffering and even die mining cobalt. Cobalt is an essential component to every lithium-ion rechargeable battery made today, the batteries that power our smartphones, tablets, laptops, and electric vehicles. More than 70 percent of the world's supply of cobalt is mined in the Congo, often by peasants and children in sub-human conditions. Billions of people in the world cannot conduct their daily lives without participating in a human rights and environmental catastrophe in the Congo.



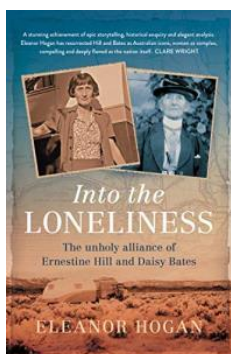
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## Into the loneliness : the unholy alliance of Ernestine Hill and Daisy Bates

Eleanor Hogan | Non Fiction | 928 HILL

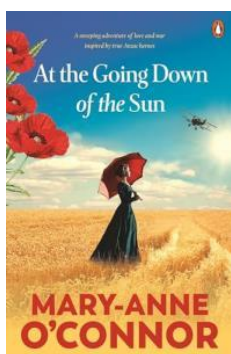
Daisy Bates and Ernestine Hill were bestselling writers who told of life in the vast Australian interior. Daisy Bates, dressed in Victorian garb, malnourished and half-blind, camped with Aboriginal people in Western Australia and on the Nullarbor for decades, surrounded by her books, notes and artefacts. A self-taught ethnologist, desperate to be accepted by established male anthropologists, she sought to document the language and customs of the people who visited her camps. In 1935, Ernestine Hill, journalist coaxed Bates to Adelaide to collaborate on a newspaper series. Their collaboration resulted in the 1938 international bestseller, *The Passing of the Aborigines*.



## At the going down of the sun

Mary-Anne O'Connor | Fiction

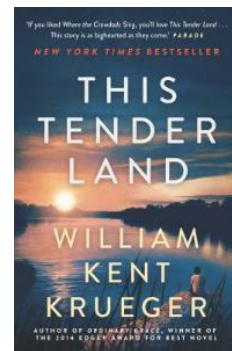
1914: Brothers Thom and Archie Hogan are the best of friends who love nothing more than tinkering with their father's old biplane. Beautiful and headstrong, Molly captures the attention of both young men, until war strikes and the brothers rush to enlist. Molly answers the call to nurse in London, and nothing is a game anymore. In the Middle East and Europe, war takes to the skies for the first time. There, Archie and Thom clash with legendary foes in a desperate quest for survival, even as a battle of hearts wages below. Tension between the trio looks set to implode - just as Molly is faced with a dangerous mission all on her own. At the going down of the sun, heroes will rise, hearts will soar, and ANZAC legend will be made.



## This tender land : a novel

William Kent Krueger | Fiction

1932, Minnesota. The Lincoln School is a pitiless place where hundreds of Native American children, forcibly separated from their parents, are sent to be educated. It is also home to an orphan named Odie O'Banion, a lively boy whose exploits earn him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee, he and his brother Albert, their best friend Mose, and a little girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own. Over the course of one unforgettable summer, these four orphans will journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, from struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kinds.



## Great Australian aviation stories : characters, pioneers, triumphs, tragedies and near misses

Jim Haynes & Jillian Dellit  
Non Fiction | 629.1309 HAYN

Here are the amazing true stories of Smithy, Ross and Keith Smith, Bert Hinkler, Amy Johnson and Nancy Bird-Walton...and many more, less famous but no less brave. Great Australian Aviation Stories includes tales of our early outback aviation pioneers and daring feats of bravery by our flyers in both World Wars. Stirring firsthand accounts of history-making flights across uncharted oceans and continents by Kingsford Smith and Ross and Keith Smith go hand in hand with the history of towns like Muldura and Narromine, which became aviation centres and remain part of our heritage.

