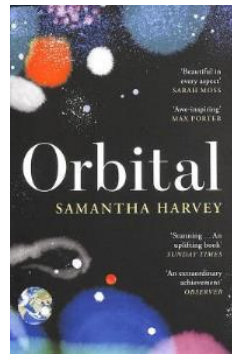


### Orbital

**Samantha Harvey | Fiction**

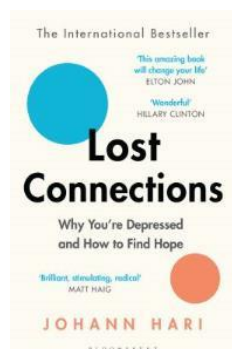
Six astronauts rotate in their spacecraft above the earth. They are there to collect meteorological data, conduct scientific experiments and test the limits of the human body. But mostly they observe. Together they watch their silent blue planet, circling it sixteen times, spinning past continents and cycling through seasons, taking in glaciers and deserts, the peaks of mountains and the swells of oceans. Endless shows of spectacular beauty witnessed in a single day. Yet although separated from the world they cannot escape its constant pull. News reaches them of the death of a mother, and with it comes thoughts of returning home. They look on as a typhoon gathers over an island and people they love, in awe of its magnificence and fearful of its destruction. The fragility of human life fills their conversations, their fears, their dreams. So far from earth, they have never felt more part - or protective - of it. They begin to ask, what is life without earth? What is earth without humanity?



### Lost Connections

**Johann Hari | Non Fiction | 616.85 HARI**

What really causes depression and anxiety - and how can we really solve them? Award-winning journalist Johann Hari suffered from depression since he was a child and started taking anti-depressants when he was a teenager. He was told that his problems were caused by a chemical imbalance in his brain. As an adult, trained in the social sciences, he began to investigate whether this was true - and he learned that almost everything we have been told about depression and anxiety is wrong.



### Jacinta Nampijinpa Price: Matters of the heart

**Jacinta Nampijinpa Price | Non Fiction |**

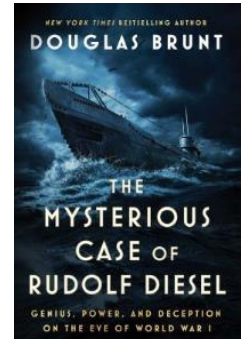
The moving story of an Indigenous woman who beat disadvantage and violence to become one of Australia's most influential political voices.



### The mysterious case of Rudolf Diesel

**Douglas Brunt | Non Fiction | 926 DIES**

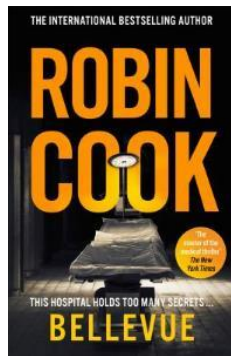
September 29, 1913: the steamship Dresden is halfway between Belgium and England. On board is one of the most famous men in the world, Rudolf Diesel, whose new internal combustion engine is on the verge of revolutionizing global industry forever. But Diesel never arrives at his destination. He vanishes during the night and headlines around the world wonder if it was an accident, suicide, or murder. After rising from an impoverished European childhood, Diesel had become a multi-millionaire with his powerful engine that does not require expensive petroleum-based fuel. In doing so, he became not only an international celebrity but also the enemy of two extremely powerful men: Kaiser Wilhelm II of Germany and John D. Rockefeller, the founder of Standard Oil and the richest man in the world. At the outset of this new age of electricity and oil, Europe stood on the precipice of war. Rudolf Diesel grew increasingly concerned about Germany's rising nationalism and military spending. The inventor was on his way to London to establish a new company that would help Britain improve its failing submarine program when he disappeared.



### Bellevue

Robin Cook | Fiction

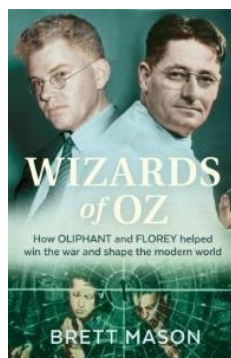
Michael "Mitt" Fuller starts his surgical residency at the iconic Bellevue hospital. With the pressure on, Mitt uses his secret sixth sense to his advantage - a sensitivity to the nonphysical. Between the fatigue, stress, and nerves, the first few days and nights of his surgical residency are tough ones. Then his patients begin to die from mysterious causes. Mitt struggles to find the cause of the deaths, but things rapidly spiral out of control. As bodies mount and Mitt's stress level rises, he finds himself drawn into the secrets of the abandoned Bellevue Psychopathic Hospital building - having defied demolition a few doors north of the modern Bellevue Hospital high-rise.



### Wizards of Oz

Brett Mason | Non Fiction | 925 MASO

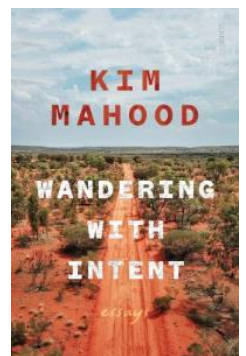
Two Australian scientists played a vital yet largely unknown role in the Allied victory in the Second World War. Almost eight decades later, Wizards of Oz finally tells their story. Brett Mason reveals how childhood friends from Adelaide - physicist Mark Oliphant and medical researcher Howard Florey - initiated the most significant scientific and industrial projects of the Second World War: manufacturing penicillin, developing microwave radar and building the atomic bomb. These innovations gave the Allies the edge and ultimate victory over Germany and Japan. More than just a story of scientific discovery, Wizards of Oz is a remarkable tale of secret missions, international intrigue and triumph against all odds. Mason tells how Oliphant and Florey were also instrumental in convincing a reluctant United States to develop and deploy the three breakthrough inventions in time to change the course of the war.



### Wandering with intent

Kim Mahood | Non Fiction | 305.899 MAHO

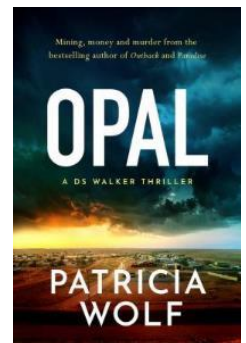
In these finely observed and probing essays, award-winning artist and writer Kim Mahood invites us to accompany her on the road and into the remote places of Australia where she is engaged in long-established collaborations of mapping, storytelling, and placemaking.



### Opal

Patricia Wolf

A small mining community. A murderer at large. And a flood that has trapped them all. DS Lucas Walker is off duty. His young half-sister Grace is visiting from Boston, and he's supposed to be spending time with her at his home in Caloodie in outback Queensland. But instead they've driven 400 kilometres west to the tiny mining town of Kanpara to pick up Walker's cousin Blair, who's been digging for boulder opals and is suddenly very keen to get out. It's not like Blair to quit so easily. Walker has the definite sense that something is off. On their arrival, the atmosphere is already tense with rumours of a life-changing opal discovery. The following day, they awake to find that Kanpara has been completely cut off by a flood and the roads will be closed for days. As they take in their predicament, Blair receives a shocking phone call. A man and a woman have been found brutally murdered. The murdered woman's husband is an immediate suspect, but Walker isn't convinced. Could the killings be connected to the rumoured opal find? When the police take Blair in for questioning, the stakes couldn't be higher for Walker. He must now work with his fellow officers to uncover the killer in the community's midst before the waters recede and make escape possible. Can he unravel the mystery quickly enough to save his cousin and keep Grace safe?

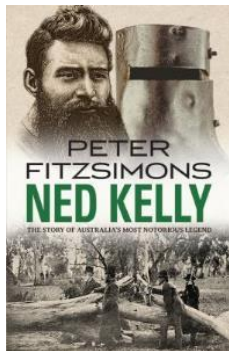




### Ned Kelly

Peter FitzSimons | Non Fiction | 923.6 FITZ

Historians still disagree over virtually every aspect of the eldest Kelly boy's brushes with the law. Did he or did he not shoot Constable Fitzpatrick at their family home? Was he a lawless thug or a noble Robin Hood, a remorseless killer or a crusader against oppression and discrimination? Was he even a political revolutionary, an Australian republican channelling the spirit of Eureka?



### Has anyone seen Charlotte Salter?

Nicci French | Fiction

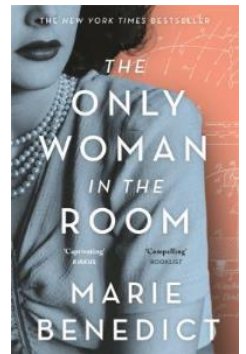
1990. When beautiful and vivacious Charlotte Salter fails to turn up to her husband Alec's 50th birthday party, her kids are worried, but Alec is not. As the days pass and there's still no word from Charlie, her daughter, Etty, and her sons, Niall, Paul and Ollie, all struggle to come to terms with her disappearance. How can anyone just vanish without a trace? Left with no answers and in limbo, the Salter children try and go on with their lives, all the while thinking that their mother's killer is potentially very close to home. Now, after years away, Etty returns home to the small East Anglian village where she grew up to help move her father into a care home. Now in his eighties, Alec has dementia and often mistakes his daughter for her mother. Etty is a changed woman from the trouble-free girl she was when Charlie was still around - all the Salter children have spent decades running and hiding from their mother's disappearance. But when their childhood friends, Greg and Morgen Ackerley, decide to do a podcast about Charlotte's disappearance, it seems like the town's buried secrets - and the Salters' - might finally come to light. After all this time, will they finally find out what really happened to Charlotte Salter?



### The only woman in the room

Marie Benedict | Fiction

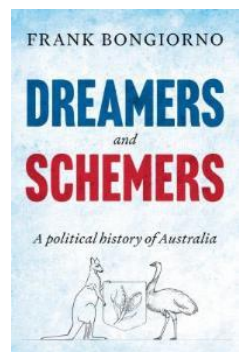
Her beauty almost certainly saved her from the rising Nazi party and led to marriage with an Austrian arms dealer. Underestimated in everything else, she overheard the Third Reich's plans while at her husband's side, understanding more than anyone would guess. She devised a plan to flee in disguise from their castle, and the whirlwind escape landed her in Hollywood. She became Hedy Lamarr, screen star. But she kept a secret more shocking than her heritage or her marriage: she was a scientist. And she knew a few secrets about the enemy. She had an idea that might help the country fight the Nazis...if anyone would listen to her. A powerful novel based on the incredible true story of the glamour icon and scientist whose groundbreaking invention revolutionised modern communication, The Only Woman in the Room is a masterpiece.



### Dreamers and schemers: a political history of Australia

Frank Bongiorno | Non Fiction | 320.994 BONG

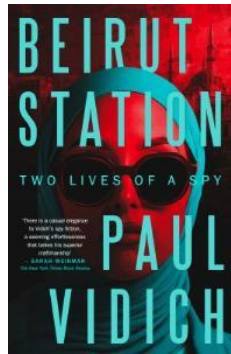
A landmark book - the first full political history of Australia. In this compelling and comprehensive work, renowned historian Frank Bongiorno presents a social and cultural history of Australia's political life, from pre-settlement Indigenous systems to the present day. Depicting a wonderful parade of dreamers and schemers, Bongiorno surveys moments of political renewal and sheds fresh light on our democratic life. From local pubs and meeting halls to the parliament and cabinet; from pamphleteers and stump orators to party agents and operatives - this enthralling account looks at the political insiders in the halls of power, as well as the agitators and outsiders who sought to shape the nation from the margins.



### Beirut Station

Bronwyn Hall | Fiction

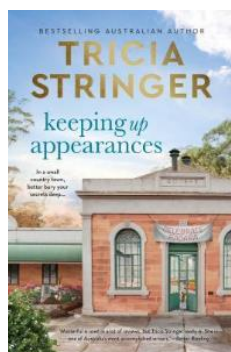
The Israel-Hezbollah war is tearing Beirut apart. The CIA and Mossad are targeting a reclusive Hezbollah terrorist, Najib Qassem. Najib is believed to be planning the assassination of Secretary of State, Condoleezza Rice, who is coming to Beirut in ten days to broker a cease-fire. The spy agencies are running out of time to eliminate the threat. They turn to a young Lebanese-American CIA agent. Analise comes up with the perfect plan: she has befriended Qassem's grandson as his English tutor, and will use this friendship to locate the terrorist and take him out. As the plan is put into action, though, Analise begins to suspect that Mossad has a motive of its own: exploiting the war's chaos to eliminate a generation of Lebanese political leaders. She alerts the agency but their response is for her to drop it. Analise is now the target and there is no one she can trust.



### Keeping up appearances

Tricia Stringer | Fiction

Privacy is hard to maintain in Badara, the kind of small Australian country town where everyone knows everyone else's business. So discovers single mum Paige when she and her three children arrive from the city seeking refuge. Besides, both the brusque Marion and her polished sister-in-law Briony are too busy dealing with their own dramas to examine hers. Well-to-do farmer's wife and proud mother Briony is in full denial of her family's troubles. Even with her eldest daughter's marriage in ruins and her son Blake's recent bombshell. Suddenly Briony and husband Vince have a full house again - and the piles of laundry aren't the only dirty linen that's about to be aired. For Marion, the unearthing of a time capsule - is a disaster - especially as a letter reveals their darkest secrets to the world.

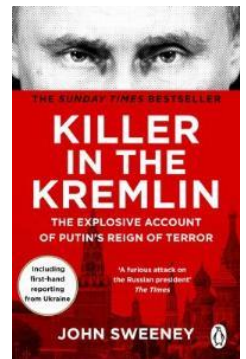


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### Killer in the Kremlin

John Sweeney | Non Fiction | 923.1 PUTI

A gripping and explosive account of Vladimir Putin's tyranny, charting his rise from spy to tsar, exposing the events that led to his invasion of Ukraine and his assault on Europe. In Killer in the Kremlin, award-winning journalist John Sweeney takes readers from the heart of Putin's Russia to the killing fields of Chechnya, to the embattled cities of an invaded Ukraine. In a disturbing expose of Putin's sinister ambition, Sweeney draws on thirty years of his own reporting - from the Moscow apartment bombings to the atrocities committed by the Russian Army in Chechnya, to the annexation of Crimea and a confrontation with Putin over the shooting down of flight MH17 - to understand the true extent of Putin's long war. Drawing on eyewitness accounts and compelling testimony from those who have suffered at Putin's hand, we see the heroism of the Russian opposition, the bravery of the Ukrainian resistance, and the brutality with which the Kremlin responds to such acts of defiance, assassinating or locking away its critics, and stopping at nothing to achieve its imperialist aims.



### The murder rule

Dervla McTiernan | Fiction

First Rule: Make them like you. Second Rule: Make them need you. Third Rule: Make them pay. They think I'm a young, idealistic law student, that I'm passionate about reforming a corrupt and brutal system. They think I'm working hard to impress them. They think I'm here to save an innocent man on death row. They're wrong. I'm going to bury him.

