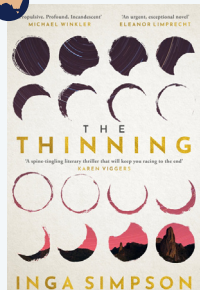


November highlights

The best books as chosen by Australia's leading booksellers

Adult Fiction



The Thinning Inga Simpson

Hachette Australia
TPB \$32.99

Fin has grown up in her parents' world of astronomy. In a future world riven with mass extinctions and

environmental decline, she and her off-grid community are wary of outsiders. In a thrilling race against time, Fin works with Terry, born as part of a new breed of evolved human, to fend off looming natural disasters.

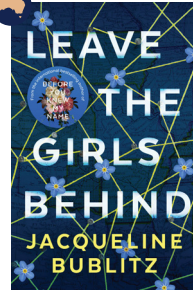


Everyone This Christmas Has a Secret Benjamin Stevenson

Penguin
HB \$29.99

Benjamin Stevenson returns with a

Christmas addition to his bestselling Ernest Cunningham mysteries. Finding himself backstage at the show of world-famous magician Rylan Blaze, whose benefactor has just been murdered, it's up to Ernest to see through the illusions of his professional trickster suspects and get back to some hard-earned holiday rest.

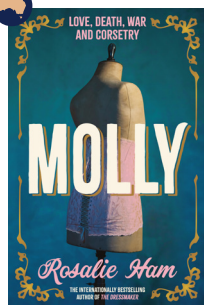


Leave the Girls Behind Jacqueline Bublitz

Allen & Unwin
TPB \$34.99

Nineteen years ago, Ruth's childhood friend was murdered by a convicted killer. Convinced the killer

had other victims, Ruth delves back into the investigation when another girl goes missing in the present day. The acclaimed author of *Before You Knew My Name* returns with another taut suspense thriller exploring the ways in which violent crime ricochets through the lives of those left behind.



Molly Rosalie Ham

Picador Australia
TPB \$34.99

This delightful book returns to the world of *The Dressmaker* in a prequel to the international bestseller. Molly is struggling in

Melbourne to build a corsetry business and escape poverty and the cruelty of men. With war on the horizon and her dreams faltering, true love upends Molly's hopes and dreams in an unforgettable story of hope, loss and redemption.



Theory & Practice Michelle de Kretser

Text Publishing
TPB \$32.99

It's 1986, and 'beautiful, radical ideas' are in the air. A young woman arrives in Melbourne to research the novels

of Virginia Woolf and falls in love with the bohemians of St Kilda. This mesmerising account of desire and jealousy, truth and shame, plays with the forms of fiction, and is deservedly one of this year's most anticipated novels.



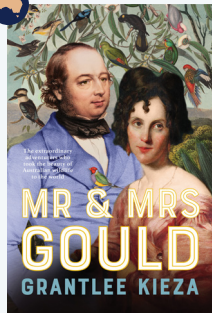
Time of the Child Niall Williams

Bloomsbury Publishing
TPB \$32.99

Doctor Jack Troy was born and raised in a small town in Ireland but has always been set apart from his community. His

daughter Ronnie, has grown up in his shadow, missing out on her chance of love. But in the advent of 1962, their lives are torn upside down when a baby is left in their care. A heartbreaking and life-affirming novel by the author of *This is Happiness*.

Non-Fiction

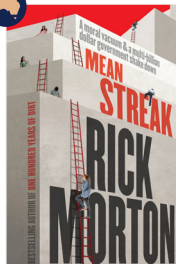


Mr & Mrs Gould Grantlee Kieza

ABC Books
HB \$49.99

Renowned historical writer Grantlee Kieza invites us into the colourful collaborative world of the Goulds—two

incredibly passionate naturalists who made it their life's adventure to catalogue every bird species in Australia. John, the articulate scientific man who can describe in exquisite detail each fauna they encountered, and Elizabeth who can recreate the descriptions and taxidermy in perfect strokes. on the paper.



Mean Streak Rick Morton

4th Estate
TPB \$35.99

A gripping and horrifying account of how, over the course of four and a half years, Australia's government turned on

its most vulnerable citizens. Robodebt, as it became known, was a new debt-creation system that was used to illegally pursue close to half a million Australian welfare recipients for fake debts generated by the thousands. *Mean Streak* reveals disturbing truths about the country we have become and the government that was.



The Chairman's Lounge Joe Aston

Scribner Australia
TPB \$36.99

Former *Financial Review* columnist Joe Aston has expanded on his *Rear Window* investigations

of Qantas and written a scathing exposé of the ethical failings of our national airline. CEO Alan Joyce has gone, but the series of crises he presided over are a tale of money, power, and how poor governance and ill-conceived incentives can infect and destroy an organisation.

Non-Fiction



What I Ate in One Year Stanley Tucci

Fig Tree
HB \$45.00

Some people eat to live, and others live to eat. Stanley Tucci is definitely the latter. A follow up to the bestselling *Taste*, we

now get a year in the life of Stanley Tucci. A year of family, friends, work and, of course, food. From high-end restaurants to simple, delicious, home-made food, Tucci opens another window into a life of eating well.?



Australian Gospel Lech Blaine

Black Inc.
TPB \$36.99

Growing up, Lech Blaine's raucous, loving, rugby-league-obsessed home took in three foster children

as part of their family. The parents of these kids, self-styled Christian saviours, refused to let their children go. This is a remarkable true story of generosity, love, intergenerational trauma and a mental illness. Unputdownable.



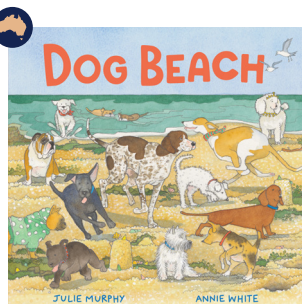
Some of My Best Friends Are Cookies Emilia Jackson

Murdoch Books
HB \$39.99

From the author of the bestselling *First, Cream the Butter and Sugar* comes the

perfect guide for cookie-lovers. Covering classics like choc-chip to creative global treats, this is a baking companion for all skill levels, with more than 80 fully photographed recipes to revisit in those sweet tooth moments.

Children & Young Adults



Dog Beach Julie Murphy and Annie White (illus)

National Library of Australia Publishing
HB \$24.99

There are all sorts of dogs to be found at the dog beach! This delightful picture book compares and contrasts an assortment of playful canine companions enjoying their day at the seaside. With its sun-soaked illustrations and clever rhyme scheme, this cheeky celebration of all dog-kind is sure to be enjoyed by the whole family.



All the Beautiful Things Katrina Nannestad

ABC Books
HB \$22.99

Anna's little sister Eva acts and sees the world differently from other children,

but there is no place for difference in Nazi Germany. To keep Eva safe, she is hidden away with others, and Anna and her friends must show tremendous bravery and courage to keep them safe. This is a powerful historical novel based on true events for readers aged 10+ years.



We Do Not Welcome Our Ten Year-Old Overlord Garth Nix

Allen & Unwin Children's Publishing
PB \$17.99

Kim's little sister is drawn to a glowing orb

she found submerged in a lake. When her strange behaviour develops into mind-control, Kim and his *D&D* crew must come up with a plan that will save her and the world from the whims of a supernatural entity. Readers aged 9-13 years will enjoy this thrilling novel by master storyteller Garth Nix.



The 113th Assistant Librarian Stuart Wilson

Penguin
HB \$19.99

Who wouldn't want to live in a library? This particular library is filled with magic, mysterious cats, bats

and some very dangerous books. Oliver Wormwood, the newly appointed Librarian Assistant, must look after the library, serve customers and most importantly survive longer than the previous 112 Librarian assistants. This book is adventurous and so much fun.

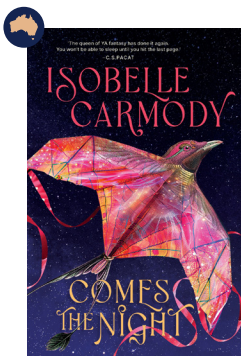


Thunderhead Sophie Beer

Allen & Unwin Children's Publishing
PB \$17.99

Best friends Thunderhead and Moonflower are going to different high schools. How will they survive? Will they make new

friends? This warm, funny and heartfelt story is full of art, angst and playlists! With themes of friendship, music, disability and fitting in—it's a life-affirming story full of hope.



Comes the Night Isobelle Carmody

Allen & Unwin Children's Publishing
PB \$24.99

CBCA award-winning author Isobelle Carmody has expertly realised a dystopian future in her new YA fantasy

thriller. This is a fast-paced commentary on politics, climate change and the dangers of governmental control. The characters are smart, thoughtful and strong, and the setting leaps off the page, quickly immersing the reader inside a story of domed cities and wars in dreamspaces.