



My triple life as a manuscripts librarian, musician and law student leaves little time to read anything other than law reports, and as much as I adore Lord Denning, he's not quite the thing for curling up.

I love biography. Peeking into other people's lives can almost never be boring. One that caught my eye recently was *Owen Dixon* by Philip Ayres. Sir Owen sat on the High Court from 1929 to 1964, becoming Chief Justice in 1952. His personal papers remained with his family until 2009, when they were at last transferred to the Library's Manuscripts Collection. Ayres' meticulous research brings the man and his world alive for lovers of Australian history.

Before that, I enjoyed *Barwick* by David Marr, on Sir Owen's successor, Sir Garfield Barwick. The book reads as freshly now as I'm sure it did when it was first published in 1980. Sir Garfield was responsible for the construction of the permanent High Court building in Canberra, known for a time as 'Gar's Mahal'. He played a controversial role in advising Sir John Kerr in the 1975 Constitutional Crisis. On that note, I'm looking forward to Jenny Hocking's new book, *The Dismissal Dossier*, which draws on newly available material from the Library's Oral History collection.

As for fiction, Canadian author Robertson Davies' *The Salterton Trilogy* is a perennial favourite with its Trollope-like caricatures, as are Graeme Simsion's endearing *Rosie* novels.

## LIBRARY EVENTS

## LECTURE AND BOOK LAUNCH

**Taking Flight: Lores Bonney's Extraordinary Flying Career** by Kristen Alexander

Aviation writer Kristen Alexander tells the story of audacious pilot Lores Bonney. The book will be officially launched by Gaby Kennard OAM, the first Australian woman to fly solo around the world.

Tuesday 8 March, 6 pm

Foyer, free (includes refreshments and book signing)

Bookings: [nla.gov.au/bookings](http://nla.gov.au/bookings) or 02 6262 1424

## ERIC ROLLS MEMORIAL LECTURE

**Gifts from China**

Professor Nicholas Jose reflects on Eric Rolls' research for *Sojourners: The Epic Story of China's Centuries-old Relationship with Australia* and his own experiences as a researcher, writer and former cultural attaché in Beijing.

Sunday 20 March, 2 pm

Theatre, \$15 (includes refreshments)

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## BOOK LAUNCH

**The Gatekeepers of Australian Foreign Policy 1950–1966** by Adam Hughes Henry

Join author Dr Adam Hughes Henry and Dr Nicholas Brown of the School of History, Australian National University, for the launch of this detailed study of Australian foreign policy.

Monday 21 March, 6 pm

Bookshop, free (includes refreshments)

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## CHILDREN'S BOOK READING AND ACTIVITIES

**Socks, Sandbags and Leeches: Letters to my Anzac Dad** by Pauline Deeves

Join author Pauline Deeves as she reads from her latest book by NLA Publishing. The book reading will be followed by an interactive activity session. Suitable for children 4 years and over.

Sunday 10 April, 11 am

Foyer, free

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## BOOK LAUNCH

**All My Januaries: Pleasures of Life and Other Essays** by Barbara Blackman

Join Barbara Blackman AO for the launch of her new collection of essays.

Sunday 24 April, 12 pm

Theatre, \$15 (includes refreshments and book signing)

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## BOOK READING

**Celebrating 10 Years of Publishing**

In 2006, Finlay Lloyd published their first book, a collection of essays entitled *When Books Die*, and for 10 years this non-profit publisher has published a lively array of authors.

Join Paul McDermott, Meredith McKinney, Carmel Bird, Alan Gould, Julian Davies and others as they read from their works.

Saturday 28 May, 2 pm

Foyer, free

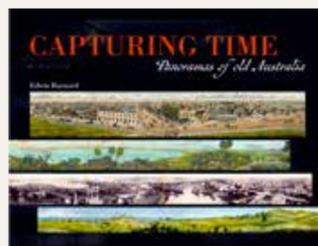
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## SPECIAL OFFER

**Capturing Time: Panoramas of Old Australia** by Edwin Barnard

RRP \$49.99 **Special Price \$9.99**

This book looks back on our nation through the magic of panoramas—to the streets of Sydney when it was the convict capital, to the gold rushes of Melbourne and to Perth, struggling to establish a toehold on the continent's western frontier.



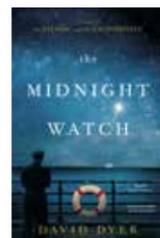
## AUTUMN 2016

## HIGHLIGHTS



**The Amazing Mrs Livesey: The Remarkable Story of Australia's Greatest Imposter** by Freda Marnie Nicholls, Allen & Unwin, RRP \$29.99

Ethel Livesey was quite a gal. An attractive young woman from a respectable middle-class family in Manchester, she had over 40 aliases, eight official marriages, four children and five divorces. With a prologue by Ethel Livesey's granddaughter, this extraordinary and constantly surprising story of the woman who was possibly Australia's greatest fraudster is told for the first time in rich and fascinating detail.



**The Midnight Watch** by David Dyer, Hamish Hamilton, RRP \$32.99

Sometimes the smallest of human failings can lead to the greatest of disasters. On a wretchedly cold night in the North Atlantic, a steamer stopped in an icefield sees the glow of another ship on the horizon. Just after midnight, the first of eight distress rockets is fired. Why did the *Californian* look on while the *Titanic* sank? Based on true events, this heart-stopping novel explores the frailty of men, the strength of women, the capriciousness of fate and the price of loyalty.



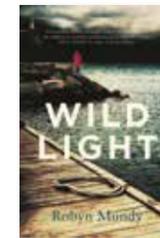
**Outback Penguin: Richard Lane's Barwell Diaries** by Elizabeth Lane and Fiona Kells, Black Inc., RRP \$49.99

Richard Lane was one of the three brothers who founded Penguin Books in 1935. For close to three decades, he led the business with Allen Lane and championed the imprint's editorial character. But before Penguin, Richard was a boy migrant in rural South Australia and New South Wales. He worked on the land enduring many hardships. In Australia, he deepened his appreciation for literature and the importance of making good writing widely accessible.



**Margaret Preston** by Art Gallery of New South Wales, Thames & Hudson, RRP \$80

Bearing 'the conspicuous mark of talent' from an early age, the fiercely independent and opinionated Margaret Preston is one of Australia's most innovative early modernists. In this revised edition of the Preston monograph, curator Deborah Edwards looks in detail at the life and art of this extraordinary artist, from the mid-1890s in Adelaide to her life in Sydney in 1963. Also featuring a CD-ROM catalogue raisonné of paintings, monotypes and ceramics, this richly-illustrated monograph is unrivalled in its scope.



**Wildlight** by Robyn Mundy, Picador Australia, RRP \$32.99

Sixteen-year-old Stephanie West has been dragged from Sydney to remote Maatsuyker Island off the coast of Tasmania by her parents, hoping to recapture a childhood idyll and come to terms with their grief over the death of Steph's twin brother. With no television, no heating and no-one else on the island, the months ahead look to be filled with ghosts of the past. *Wildlight* is an exploration of the journey of adolescence, and how the experience of place can change the course of lives.



**BakeClass** by Anneka Manning, Murdoch Books, RRP \$45

An essential baking book that builds the home cook's skills and confidence through technique-based lessons and delicious recipes. Take a personalised master class with baking expert Anneka Manning. Whether you're a beginner or already baking with confidence, Anneka will guide you through a unique step-by-step lesson to help you master the ten fundamental mixing methods that provide the foundation for all baking recipes. Features over 90 sweet and savoury fail-safe recipes that will build your confidence and help you become the baker you want to be.

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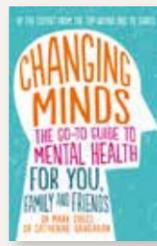
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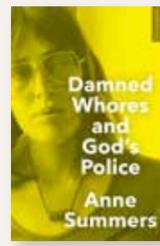
**Talking to My Country** by Stan Grant, HarperCollins Australia, RRP \$29.99

This is that rare and special book that talks to every Australian about their country—what it is, and what it could be. It is not just about race, or about Indigenous people, but all of us, our shared identity. Direct, honest and forthright, Stan is talking to us all. He might not have all the answers but he wants us to keep on asking the question: how can we be better?



**Changing Minds** by Dr Mark Cross and Dr Catherine Hanrahan, ABC Books, RRP \$29.99

Leading psychiatrist Dr Mark Cross, from the acclaimed ABC TV series *Changing Minds*, feels strongly that everyone should have easy access to information they can trust about common mental health problems. This compassionate and insightful guide will demystify mental health issues and help anyone concerned about themselves or loved ones. Since almost half of all Australians will experience a mental health issue at some point in their lifetime, this book is for everyone.



**Damned Whores and God's Police—40th Anniversary Updated Edition** by Anne Summers, NewSouth Books, RRP \$39.99

Sexual harassment, domestic violence and date rape had not been named, although they certainly existed, when *Damned Whores and God's Police* was first published in 1975. It's hard to imagine an Australia where these abuses were not yet fully understood. Who are today's damned whores? And why do women themselves still want to be God's Police?



**Hold** by Kirsten Tranter, 4th Estate, RRP \$27.99

Three years ago, Shelley's lover Conrad died. Still in a state of subdued grief, Shelley has just moved into an old Victorian terrace in Paddington with her new partner. At home one morning, Shelley discovers a door to a small room that is not on the plans. There is a window, a fireplace and a beautiful chandelier—but nothing else.



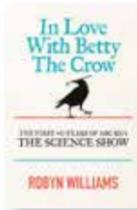
**Our Magic Hour** by Jennifer Down, Text Publishing, RRP \$29.99

Audrey, Katy and Adam have been friends since high school—a decade of sneaky cigarettes, drunken misadventures, heart-to-hearts and in-jokes. But now Katy has gone. Without her, Audrey is thrown off balance: everything she thought she knew, everything she believed was true, is bent out of shape. This debut novel captures the moment youth and invincibility give way to the vulnerability and openness that come with lived experience.



**The Soldier's Curse** by Meg and Tom Keneally, Vintage Australia, RRP \$32.99

In the Port Macquarie penal settlement for second offenders, gentleman-convict Hugh Monsarrat hungers for freedom. Transported for forging documents, he is now the clerk of the commandant. When the commandant is away, his beautiful wife falls ill with an unidentifiable sickness and dies. She has been slowly poisoned, but by whom? Monsarrat must find the killer.



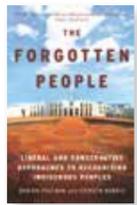
**In Love with Betty the Crow: The First 40 Years of ABC RN's The Science Show** by Robyn Williams, ABC Books, RRP \$32.99

The Science Show with Robyn Williams on Radio National is one of the longest running programs on Australian radio. Scientific issues, debates, events, personalities, exposing scientific fraud, discoveries and broadcasting pranks have been its hallmarks, and the show has given Australians fascinating insights into all manner of things.



**Whisperings in the Blood: A Memoir** by Shelley Davidow, UQP, RRP \$29.99

An exquisite story of courage, destiny and the search for home. In 1913, Jacob Frank leaves his Lithuanian village bound for New York. Twenty-five years later, his daughter Bertha sets sail for South Africa to marry a man she has never met. Her granddaughter, Shelley, flees the violence of apartheid to live in America, before at last finding home in Australia.



**The Forgotten People** by Damien Freeman and Shireen Morris, MUP, RRP \$29.99

It is easy to assume that constitutional recognition of Indigenous Australians is a project of the Left in Australia. This collection challenges that assumption. It frames Indigenous constitutional recognition in the context of conservative and liberal philosophical thought, and demonstrates that there may indeed be a set of reforms for constitutional recognition that can achieve symbolic and substantive change.



**Clarrie's Pig Day Out** by Jen Storer, ABC Books, RRP \$24.99

Clarrie is a farmer who loves his chickens and his dog, Bert. Clarrie also gets his worms—*no!*—his words, mixed up. Clarrie and Bert head out in his jar—*whoops!*—he means car and it turns out to be a day filled with fun and surprises. Young children will love seeing how Clarrie mixes up his words—and will enjoy correcting them, as well!



**Something Wonderful** by Raewyn Caisley, Viking, RRP \$24.99

Sam likes to pull things apart and put them back together, and think about how things work. But he is sometimes so busy doing this that he forgets his chores on the family farm. Then one day he creates something truly wonderful. An inspirational story about discovery, invention and the importance of dreams.



**Hattie Helps Out** by Jane Godwin and Davina Bell, Allen & Unwin, RRP \$24.99

It's a busy day at Hattie's house. There's a lot to do before Dad's birthday party. Hattie is being very helpful, until it's time for her afternoon nap. She's not even sleepy! But Mama looks tired. Very tired ... A delightfully funny story about a little girl with big ideas.



**The Pearl-Shell Diver** by Kay Crabbe, Allen & Unwin, RRP \$16.99

Sario lives with his family on a remote Torres Strait island, which he never wants to leave—but the winds of change are stirring. The year is 1898 and the pearl-shell trade is at its height. When his father is coerced to join a white trader on his pearling lugger, 13-year-old Sario must go to work as a diver to support the family.



**Where the Shoreline Used to Be** edited by Susan La Marca and Pam Macintyre, Penguin Books, RRP \$24.99

A diverse collection of poetry, short stories, song lyrics, novel extracts and illustrations from some of the most important creators today. Susan La Marca and Pam Macintyre have gathered an exciting mix of original and pre-published works that cover Indigenous issues, friendship, migrants in Australia, the environment, dystopia, sci-fi adventure and death.



**Magrit** by Lee Battersby, Walker Books, RRP \$19.99

Magrit lives in an abandoned cemetery with her friend and advisor, Master Puppet, whom she built from bones and bits of graveyard junk. One night as Magrit and Master Puppet sit atop their crumbling chapel, a passing stork drops a baby into the graveyard. A haunting tale about accepting the truth about yourself, presented in a gothic gift package.

## Fiction

1. *The Secret Chord* by Geraldine Brooks
2. *Olmec Obituary* by L.J.M. Owen
3. *The Wayward Leunig: Cartoons That Wandered off* by Michael Leunig
4. *The Girl with the Dogs* by Anna Funder
5. *The Dressmaker* by Rosalie Ham

## Non-Fiction

1. *Celestial Empire: Life in China, 1644–1911* by Nathan Woolley
2. *Building a City: C.S. Daley and the Story of Canberra* by Jennifer Horsfield
3. *Quarterly Essay 60: Political Amnesia* by Laura Tingle
4. *Best Australian Political Cartoons 2015* edited by Russ Radcliffe
5. *Behind the Lines 2015* by Museum of Australian Democracy

## Children's Books

1. *New Year Surprise!* by Christopher Cheng and Di Wu
2. *Tea and Sugar Christmas* by Jane Jolly and Robert Ingpen
3. *The Little Monkey King's Journey: Retold in English and Chinese* by Li Jian
4. *Lennie the Legend: Solo to Sydney by Pony* by Stephanie Owen Reeder
5. *Wombat Wins* by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley

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