

Censorship by Omission?



Closing off fiction in cataloguing

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Library of Congress Subject Headings



- ☞ Are a controlled vocabulary created by the Library of Congress
- ☞ Provide descriptive data
- ☞ Are coded into the 6xx fields of MARC (MACHINE-Readable Cataloging) records
- ☞ Allow users of the National Library catalogue to search and locate materials based on their subject

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Public Access



Ninety not out : the Nationals 1920-2010 / Paul Davey

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Author	Davey, Paul
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Subjects	National Party of Australia. Australia - Politics and government - 20th century. Australia - Politics and government - 2001-
Also Titled	90 not out

Why use Library of Congress Subject Headings?



The screenshot displays a library search interface. At the top, there are three tabs: "Search" (highlighted in blue), "Browse alphabetically", and "New items". Below the tabs is a search input field containing the text "90 not out". To the right of the input field is a dropdown menu labeled "-- Add limits --" and a "Find" button. A dropdown menu is open over the search input field, listing the following search fields: "All Fields" (with a checkmark), "Title", "Author", "Subject", "Call Number", "ISBN/ISSN", "Bib ID", and "Occupation". Below the search input field, there are links for "Advanced search" and "Search history". At the bottom of the search results area, it says "Showing 1 - 20 of 618 Results for 90 not out". To the right of this text is a "Sort by:" dropdown menu currently set to "Relevance".

2009-2010 November-April:

Total 3,850,000 searches

86,000 subject search criteria

50,000 subject browses

79,000 narrowed by subject facet

Narrow Search

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Author

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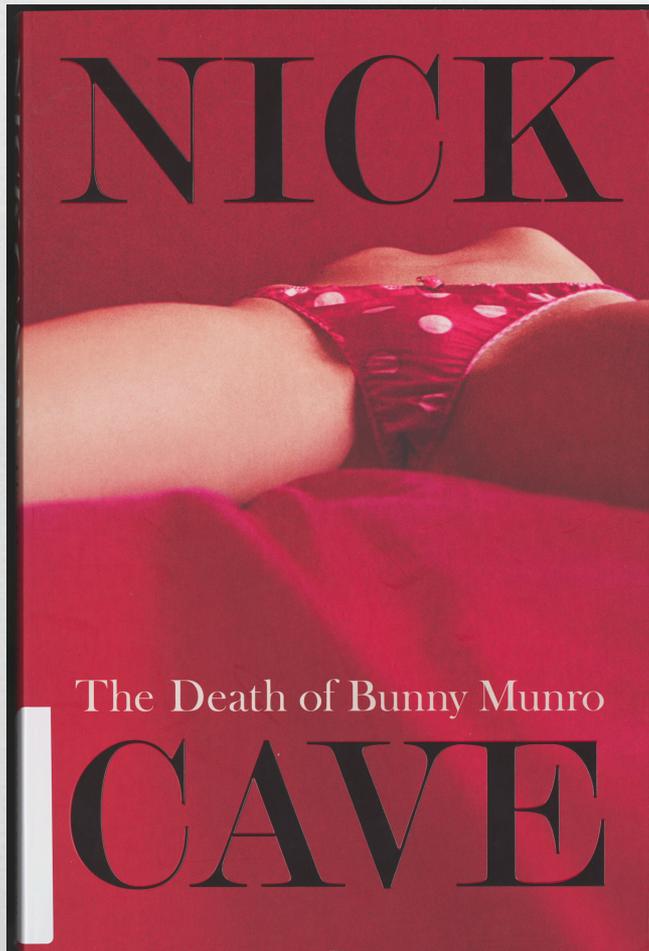
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Australian fiction and the National Library

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The Death of Bunny Munro by Nick Cave

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Fiction and cultural bias in Australia



*Do we want to put something about
HISTORY in the title?*

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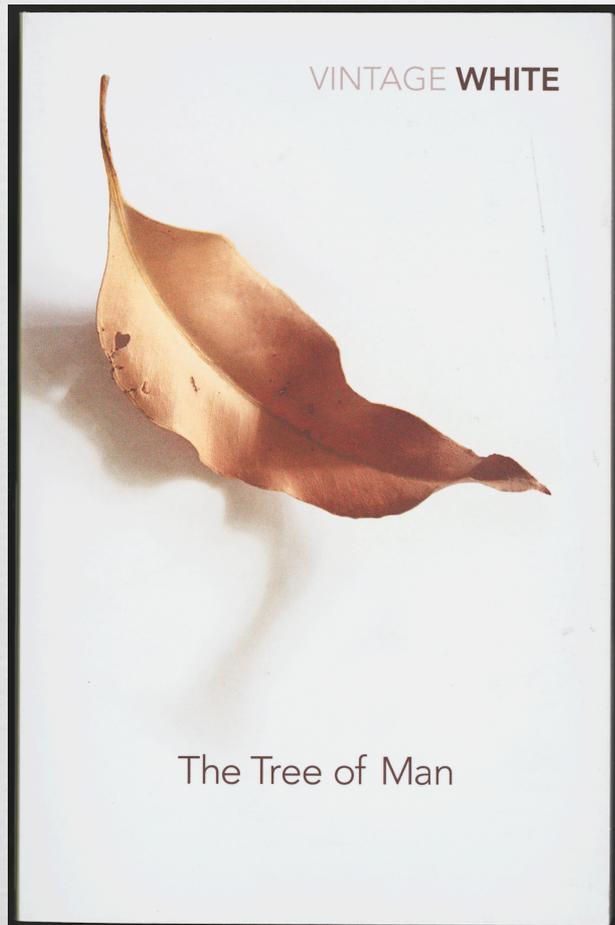
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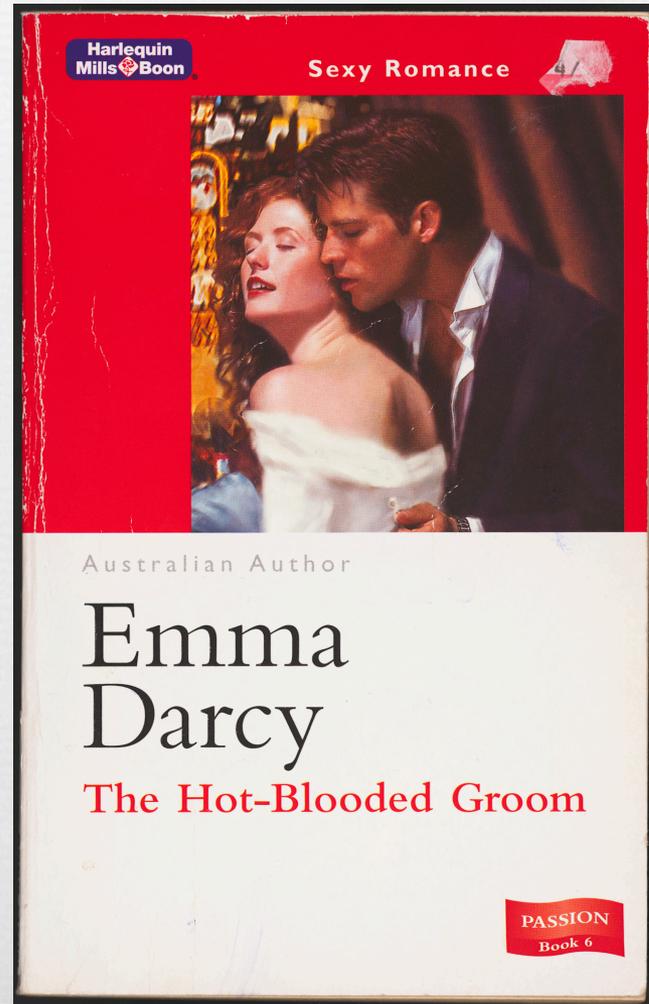
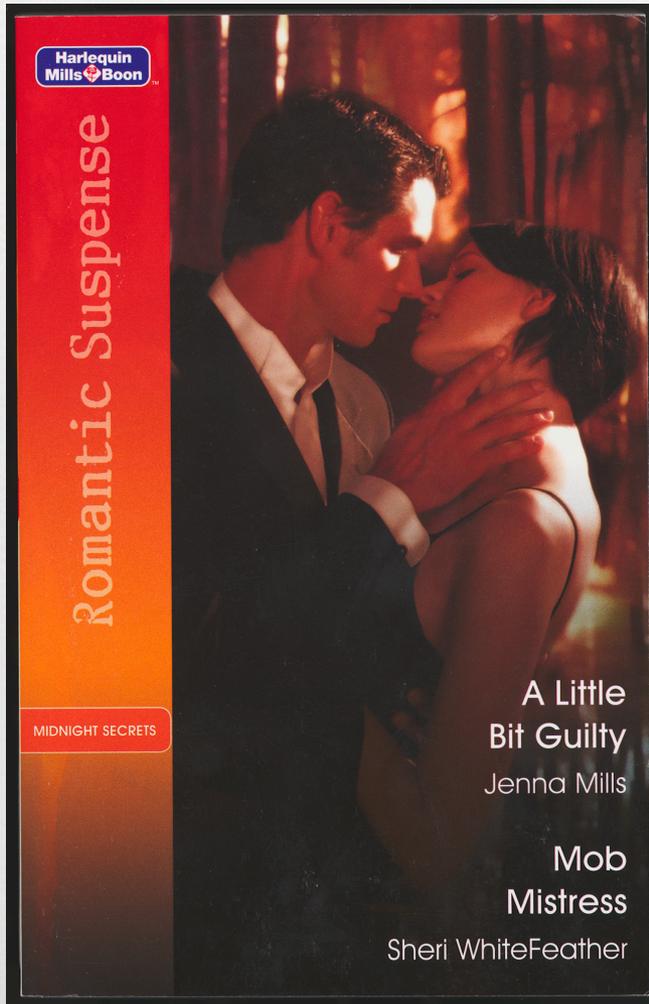
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Description	London : Eyre & Spottiswoode, 1957. 478 p. ; 20 cm.

Tree of Man



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Mills and Boon



Collaborations

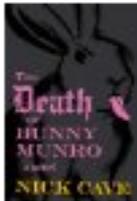


- ❧ Trove
- ❧ Publishers and Booksellers
- ❧ User-generated data

Trove



The death of Bunny Munro / Nick Cave



Author	Cave, Nick, 1957-
Subjects	Sales personnel - Fiction. ; Australian fiction. ; Humorous fiction.
Summary	<p>The Death of Bunny Munro recounts the last journey of a salesman in search of a soul. Following the suicide of his wife, Bunny, a door-to-door salesman and lothario, takes his son on a trip along the south coast of England. He is about to discover that his days are numbered. With a daring hellride of a plot</p> <p>The Death of Bunny Munro is also a modern morality tale of sorts, a stylish, furious, funny, truthful and tender account of one man's descent and judgement. The novel is full of the linguistic verve that has made Cave one of the world's most respected lyricists.</p>
Wikipedia	Read associated article: The Death of Bunny Munro
Bookmark	http://trove.nla.gov.au/work/31798013
Work ID	31798013
Editions	8 versions of this work are listed below

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Hierarchies of data: RDA AND FRBR



- ❧ Current Anglo-American Cataloguing Rules, second edition (AACR2) will be replaced by Resource Description and Access (RDA).
- ❧ Systems may eventually facilitate bibliographic clustering through the Functional Requirements for Bibliographic Records (FRBR) conceptual model.
- ❧ Hopefully this will quicken the time consuming task of subject analysis and lead to a decrease in the cost of cataloguing.

Conclusion



- ❧ Library of Congress Subject Headings as descriptive metadata is valuable to library catalogue records.
- ❧ Current policy could be improved and clarified.
- ❧ Contributing historical issues include budget and culture.
- ❧ There are ways of overcoming these issues; collaborations and the possibilities of RDA.

“Metadata is inherently in the hands of the individual creator but it is the duty of the information agency to make certain the resource is available to the users.”

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