



MAY 2019 NEW RELEASES

LEAD TITLE **Art**



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Blooms and Brushstrokes

A floral history of Australian art

PENELOPE CURTIN AND TANSY CURTIN

HB • 216 PP • 275 x 220 • Full colour t/out
ISBN 9781743056493 • \$65.00

Blooms and Brushstrokes takes you on a unique journey through the history of Australian art, one flower at a time, examining the blooms depicted in still lifes, floral portraits, decorative interiors and botanical illustrations by a long line of Australian artists. Mother-and-daughter team Penelope and Tansy Curtin start this fascinating journey in the late eighteenth century, when the traditions adhering to the Western art canon were transplanted into the newly colonised Australia. They follow it through the rapidly developing artistic styles of the early twentieth century, to the new media of the contemporary period.

These works of art also shine a light on the role and importance of plants and flowers in everyday life. They illustrate changing floral fashions, as well as highlighting flowers in their various forms – cut flowers, pot plants and gardens. And along the way you'll encounter many of Australia's most significant artists, including John Glover, Arthur Streeton, Margaret Preston, Grace Cossington Smith, John Brack and Margaret Olley, as well as some of

Australia's most beautiful, and sometimes intriguing, native flora, such as the waratah and Sturt's desert pea, not to mention perennial garden favourites like roses, sweet peas and daisies.

Spectacular, intimate, engaging and meticulously researched – and full of interesting and quirky facts about the flowers and the artists themselves, *Blooms and Brushstrokes* is a book for art, flower and history lovers alike.

Penelope Curtin is a freelance editor who works mainly in the area of art publications.

Tansy Curtin is the Curatorial Manager at Bendigo Art Gallery. She holds a Masters in Art History from the University of Adelaide.

Perfect for gifting

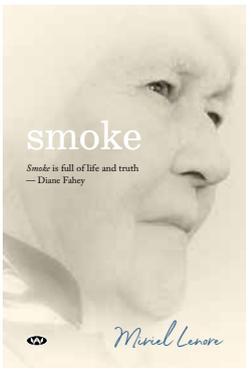
Key selling points

- This gorgeous full-colour illustrated art book, lovingly produced by a mother-and-daughter team (an art book editor and a gallery curator), is the ideal gift book for anyone who loves art and flowers.
- Ideal for Mother's Day, or indeed any gift occasion.

LEAD TITLE **Poetry**



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Smoke

MIRIEL LENORE

PB • 124 PP • 210 x 140 • ISBN 9781743056448 • \$22.95

Welcome to the Victorian town of Boort, where poet Miriel Lenore spent her childhood. With characteristic humour and compassion, Lenore has created a series of vivid and moving portraits of Australian rural life in the 1930s. As a child, and as a returning adult, she observes the weaving together of individual lives, the unravelling that comes with war and tragedy, and the pragmatism and everyday reality of country life. Miriel Lenore's voice is clear, forthright and transparent, and her use of form flexible and persuasive.

Miriel Lenore's poetry is deeply grounded in her experience as a feminist, mother, grandmother and pioneer of a different sort. She lives in Adelaide.

Praise for Smoke

'*Smoke* is full of life and truth, a compelling testament to the courage and resilience of the many lives it honours.' **Diane Fahey**

Key selling points

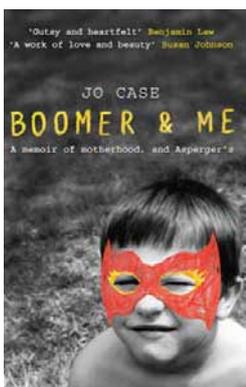
- A poetic memoir of growing up in rural Australia by one of Australia's best poets.

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RE-RELEASE **Memoir**



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Boomer and Me

A memoir of motherhood, and Asperger's

JO CASE

PB • 198 PP • 210 x 130 • ISBN 9781742702582 • \$24.99

Praise for Boomer and Me

'Gutsy and heartfelt, *Boomer and Me* not only relays the rhythms of what it's like to raise a child with Asperger's, but illuminates the fundamental challenges of being any parent. An honest and deeply affecting account of motherhood, with all its contradictions, anxieties and joys intact. A stunning memoir.' **Benjamin Law**

'Jo Case doesn't milk, or mine, or plunder her experiences of motherhood; she lays them out with dignity and humour. This book will do a lot of good in the world.' **Maria Tumarkin**

'A poignant portrait of the love between a mother and her son ... What parenting yields by way of lessons is that our kids will teach us things about ourselves we do not know or necessarily wish to learn. It takes humility and courage to meet this head-on. Case's humour and strength shine as she turns towards this confrontation.' **Australian**

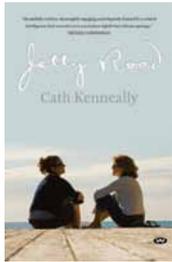
Key selling points

- Re-release of bestselling memoir. Limited stock.

World Autism Day 2 April



REPRINTS Back by popular demand



Jetty Road

CATH KENNEALLY

PB•384 PP•210 x 135•ISBN 9781862548299•Fiction•\$32.95

Jetty Road is an amusing and insightful novel about women of a certain age, kids and oldies – about life actually, and how we never really grow into it. The story explores the intertwined lives of two sisters, Evie and Paula Haggerty. Damaged by their early life experiences – Evie’s past drug habit and the collapse of Paula’s long-term relationship – the sisters depend on one another to stand strong against the challenges of mid life, and together face difficult decisions that must be made.

Cath Kenneally is an arts journalist and broadcaster. She has written five books of poetry, including *Around Here*, which won the John Bray National Poetry Award, and one other novel, *Room Temperature*, also published by Wakefield Press. She lives in Adelaide and has three children.

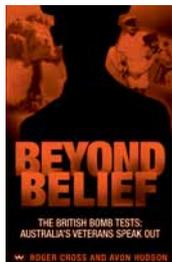
Praise for Jetty Road

‘An urbane and insightful domestic drama filled with humour, pathos and acutely drawn characters.’ **Age**

‘A robust, homely, family novel full of crossed purposes, mixed messages, petty jealousies and generous intentions. Like life, it occasionally drops us into real, swinging, breath-holding suspense when characters we care about are suddenly under threat.’ **Katharine England, Advertiser**

‘This book draws you in with its insightful treatment of the things that beguile and bedevil sisters who grow up and grow old together. A nice slice of life well told. Recommended.’ **South Coast Register**

‘*Jetty Road* is an enjoyable, frequently amusing, acutely observed, gossipy family saga that will appeal to many women readers.’ **Ruth Starke, Transnational Literature**



Beyond Belief

The British bomb tests: Australia’s veterans speak out

ROGER CROSS, AVON HUDSON

PB•224 PP•210 x 135•ISBN 9781862546608•Australian History/ Current Affairs•\$29.95

In *Beyond Belief*, Roger Cross and Avon Hudson give a long-ignored voice to the veterans of the British atomic bomb tests conducted in Australia during the 1950s and 1960s. Their chilling stories raise many disturbing questions, both about what happened then, and the effects on their lives in the decades that have passed.

Successive British and Australian governments denied their understanding of the dangers of ionising radiation in the 1950s. But the government scientists employed to monitor the tests were given protective clothing. The servicemen were left unprotected, given radiation-measuring devices and exposed to a simulated theatre of nuclear war. They trusted their government and the appointed Safety Committee, only to be left with a tragic legacy for their children and grandchildren.

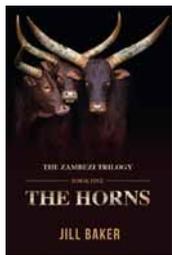
Roger Cross is a senior fellow at the University of Melbourne.

Avon Hudson is a long-time campaigner for a just solution to the human problems caused by the British atomic bomb tests. He served at Maralinga during some of the disastrous Minor Trials; he has intimate first-hand knowledge of the effects of radiation on human health.

Key selling points

- At last, veteran victims speak about a crucial event in Australian history.

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The Horns

The Zambezi Trilogy: Book One

JILL BAKER

PB•400 PP•229 x 152•ISBN 9781925846379•Fiction•\$34.95•

Published by Vivid Publishing

Available now

The Horns brings to life the early history of Matabeleland and Southern Rhodesia through the increasingly divergent paths of four childhood friends. Jabu, son of an eminent Ndebele Chief; Themba discovering his Tswana past as a slave to the Ndebele; Prune, his mother dying in childbirth and his adoption by the clinic nurse and orderly; Carol, daughter of a Native Commissioner in Nyamandhlovu – all of them living in the heartland of Matabele history.

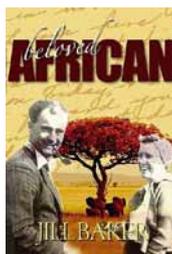
Jill Baker grew up as in Southern Rhodesia. Until she went to school her best playmates were three black children. The paths each of their lives took could not have been more divergent.

The Horns is founded on careful historical research into the valuable, but scarce, generational Matabele and Mashona oral histories; the vastly differing and biased accounts from early missionaries, pioneers, hunters, miners and traders; and records from the British South Africa Company, as well as government and parliamentary archives.

The historical skeleton holds this story firmly in place. What is fictional is for the author to know – and for you, the reader, to guess.

Praise for The Horns

- ‘You will laugh out loud, pull out your hair in utter despair and learn a lot ... A must read for anyone who has fallen in love with the precious land between the Zambezi and Limpopo rivers.’ **Knysna Herald**
- ‘An excellent combination of personal/fictional narrative and historical events and situations.’ **Aaron Murphy, Paper True**



Beloved African

JILL BAKER

PB•440 PP•232 x 152•ISBN 9781903905357•Biography•\$29.95•

Published by RoperPenberthy Publishing

Available now

I feel there is no long term future for the white man in this country unless he learns to live comfortably with the black. To that end, I find myself more and more interested in the education of the black instead of white. **Letter from John Hammond, Plumtree, Rhodesia 1935**

Beloved African is a powerful love story, tested and strengthened in adversity. John Hammond was one of Rhodesia’s great educators – beloved by black and white alike. The pivotal role he played in early African education in that country is woven against a backdrop of increasing tension as he strode an increasingly political stage – fighting for the time he needed to educate his pupils to a point where they would be in a position to lead the new Zimbabwe with wisdom and integrity.

The story draws on the author’s mother Nancy Hammond’s precise

memory for detail, on hundreds of letters written and lovingly preserved since the early 1900s as well as on a series of tape recordings with John, the *Beloved African*, 18 months before his death in South Australia in 1996.

The agonies of what subsequently occurred and the effect it had on John are described with candour and clarity. The book gives a not always popular view of what life was like to those who were determined to try and find answers but whose efforts were so often thwarted by political duplicity.

Jill Baker is the daughter of John and Nancy Hammond. From her role as a broadcaster in Rhodesia and Zimbabwe, she is now an active speaker and has received the Australian Order of Merit for her efforts to help re-settle both black and white families from her home country.



BOOKS FOR ANZAC DAY

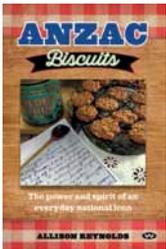


The Australian War Memorial *A century on from the vision*

STEVE GOWER

HB•440 PP•234 x 156•120 images (29 B&W, 91 colour)• ISBN 9781743056165•History•\$60.00

In this book Steve Gower, the highly successful director of the Australian War Memorial from 1996 to 2012, gives a comprehensive account of the development of the Memorial from its inception just over a century ago.



Anzac Biscuits

The power and spirit of an everyday national icon

ALLISON REYNOLDS

PB•168 PP•210 x 140•B&W images t/out• ISBN 9781743055533•Food history•\$24.95

Culinary detective Allison Reynolds has travelled Australia, New Zealand and England delving into war files and family cookbooks to investigate the provenance of this extraordinary everyday biscuit.

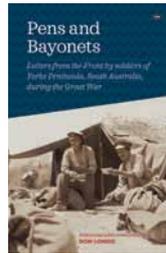


The Year I Said Goodbye

PETER WINTER

PB•272 PP•210 x 135•ISBN 9781862546103• Biography•\$24.95

A collection of letters written by platoon commander Peter Winter to his family during the Vietnam War in 1970.



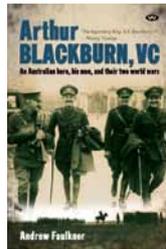
Pens and Bayonets

Letters from the Front by Soldiers of Yorke Peninsula during the Great War

EDITED AND WITH COMMENTARY BY DON LONGO

PB•358 PP•234 x 156•B&W images t/out• ISBN 9781743056103•History•\$39.95

A collection of moving letters written by soldiers during WWI thoughtfully set within their historical context by Don Longo.



Arthur Blackburn, VC

An Australian hero, his men, and their two world wars

ANDREW FAULKNER

PB•552 PP•235 x 160•ISBN 9781862547841• Biography•\$29.95

Arthur Blackburn – Gallipoli hero, Victoria Cross recipient, battalion and brigade commander – one of Australia's most remarkable soldiers.



The Diggers' Doctor

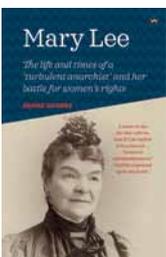
The Fortunate Life of Col. Donald Beard, AM, RFD, ED (Retd)

ASHLEY MALLET

PB•232 PP•234 x 160•16 PP colour images• ISBN 9781743053065•Biography•\$32.95

The story of Dr Donald Beard, AM, his extraordinary life as a surgeon, as well as his love of cricket and a deep friendship with cricketers, including Sir Donald Bradman.

BOOKS FOR MOTHER'S DAY



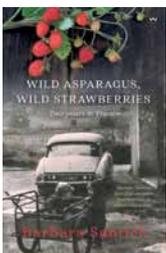
Mary Lee

The life and times of a 'turbulent anarchist' and her battle for women's rights

DENISE GEORGE

PB•270 PP•210 x 140•ISBN 9781743055960• Biography•\$34.95

A biography of Suffragist and social justice advocate Mary Lee.



Wild Strawberries, Wild Asparagus

Two years in France

BARBARA SANTICH

PB•296 PP•210 x 140•ISBN 9781743055335• Travel/Memoir•\$34.95

A memoir by culinary historian Barbara Santich about the two years she spent in France during the 1970s along with her husband and infant children.



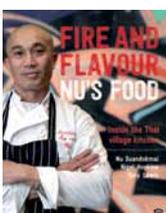
The Sensible Sleep Solution

A guide to sleep in your baby's first year

SARAH BLUNDEN, ANGIE WILLCOCKS

PB•176 PP•230 x 210•ISBN 9781862549470• Parenting•\$29.95

A moderate approach, providing month-to-month advice to guide you through your baby's first year.



Fire and Flavour

Nu's Food

NU SUANDOKMAI, NIGEL HOPKINS AND TONY LEWIS

PB•160 PP•250 x 200•Full colour t/out• ISBN 9781743056394•Food•\$34.95

A truly authentic taste of a style of cooking – and daily life – that is fast disappearing, even in rural Thailand, from star chef Nu Suandokmai.



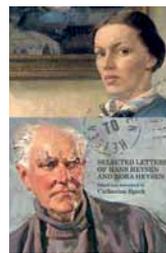
Magic Little Meals

Making the most of homegrown produce

LOLO HOUBEIN AND TORI ARBON

HB•352 PP•200 x 200•Full colour t/out• ISBN 9781743055793•Food/Gardening•\$49.95

Warm, witty and wise, this practical garden-to-table cookbook will help you not just to grow your own food – but eat it, too.



Heysen to Heysen

Selected Letters of Hans Heysen and Nora Heysen

EDITED AND INTRODUCED BY CATHERINE SPECK

PB•392 PP•240 x 160•32 PP Colour images• ISBN 9781743056417•Art•\$45.00

A showcase of letters between Hans and Nora Heysen from the collection of the National Library of Australia.



Surrogate

A novel

TRACY CRISP

PB•240 PP•210 x 140•ISBN 9781743055083• Fiction•\$29.95

A psychosexual drama depicting the issues around motherhood, both past and present, by a writer at the peak of her talents.



Things My Garden Taught Me

With a few pointers from literature

GABRIELLE BALDWIN

HB•152 PP•180 x 128•ISBN 9781743054178• Memoir•\$29.95

With whimsy, reflection, and literary allusion Gabrielle Baldwin explores what she has learnt about life – and death – from her South Gippsland bush garden.

