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# MONTHLY HIGHLIGHTS OCTOBER

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## FICTION



### FORCE OF NATURE

Jane Harper  
Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

What happened to Alice Russell? Five women go into the bush... but only four come out.

As Federal Police Agent Aaron Falk delves into the disappearance, it seems some dangers may run far deeper than anyone knew. The second, hotly anticipated novel by the author of the bestselling *The Dry*.



### FIRST PERSON

Richard Flanagan  
Hardback  
RRP \$39.99

2 October release, advance orders welcome

What is the truth?

In this blistering story of a ghost writer haunted by his demonic subject, the Man Booker Prize winner turns to lies, crime and literature with devastating effect. By turns compelling, comic, and chilling, *First Person* is a haunting journey into the heart of our age.



### MANHATTAN BEACH

Jennifer Egan  
Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

3 October release, advance orders welcome

The long-awaited novel from Pulitzer Prize-winning author Jennifer Egan, *Manhattan Beach* opens in Brooklyn during the Great Depression. Mesmerizing, hauntingly beautiful, with the pace of a noir thriller, Egan's novel explores a transformative moment in the lives of women and men, America and the world.

## BOOK OF THE MONTH



### THE LIFE TO COME

Michelle de Kretser  
Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

Set in Sydney, Paris and Sri Lanka, a mesmerising novel about the stories we tell and don't tell ourselves as individuals, as societies and as nations. It feels at

once firmly classic and exhilaratingly contemporary. Driven by riveting stories and unforgettable characters, here is a dazzling meditation on intimacy, loneliness and our flawed perception of other people. Profoundly moving and wickedly funny, *The Life to Come* will strike to your soul, from the author of *Questions of Travel* and winner of the Miles Franklin Award.



### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Michelle de Kretser was born in Sri Lanka and emigrated to Australia when she was 14. Educated in Melbourne and Paris, Michelle has worked as a university tutor, an editor and a book reviewer. She is the author of *The Rose Grower*, *The Hamilton Case* and *The Lost Dog*, which was longlisted for the Man Booker Prize and the Orange Prize for Fiction. Her last novel, *Questions of Travel*, received 14 honours, including winning the 2013 Miles Franklin Literary Award.

## NON-FICTION



### CAROLINE CHISHOLM: AN IRRESISTIBLE FORCE

Sarah Goldman  
Hardback  
RRP \$39.99

A fresh, spirited and engaging

biography of a fascinating and influential woman who was absolutely instrumental in shaping modern Australia - but whose influence and importance has largely been forgotten.



### ADVENTURES OF A YOUNG NATURALIST

David Attenborough  
Hardback  
RRP \$39.99

In 1954, David Attenborough was

offered the opportunity of a lifetime: to travel the world finding rare and elusive animals for London Zoo with the BBC. Written with trademark wit and charm, this is the story of the man who made us fall in love with nature.



### ANGER MUSIC

Eddie Ayres  
Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

From the former ABC Classic FM presenter comes a remarkable story about the power of

music in the lives of Afghan children, who are transported from the bombs and chaos of Kabul by the music of Bach, Abba, Beethoven and their own exhilarating Afghan music.

## CHILDREN'S & YA



### KOALA BARE

Jackie French & Matt Shanks (Illus)  
Hardback  
RRP \$24.99

For too long koalas have been called bears. But this koala is out to prove to the world that he is BARE! And that never, ever, ever can a koala be called a bear...

From the internationally renowned author of the bestselling *Diary of a Wombat* comes a hilariously funny picture book that Jackie French has created with talented new illustrator Matt Shanks. **Age: 3+**



### HARRY POTTER AND THE PRISONER OF AZKABAN

J.K. Rowling & Jim Kay (Illus)  
Hardback RRP \$59.99

3 October release, advance orders welcome

This stunning illustrated edition brings breathtaking scenes and unforgettable characters. Fizzing with magic, this full-colour edition will captivate fans and new readers alike as Harry, now in his third year at Hogwarts, faces Dementors, death omens and - of course - danger. **Age: 9+**



### LA BELLE SAUVAGE: THE BOOK OF DUST VOLUME ONE

Philip Pullman  
Paperback  
RRP \$32.99

19 October release, advance orders welcome

Eleven-year-old Malcolm Polstead and his *dæmon* live with his parents near Oxford, across from the River Thames where the nuns live. Malcolm learns they have a guest with them; a baby by the name of Lyra Belacqua...

Philip Pullman returns to the world of *His Dark Materials* with this magnificent first volume of *The Book of Dust*. **Age: 12+**



### NEVERMOOR: THE TRIALS OF MORRIGAN CROW

Jessica Townsend  
Paperback RRP \$16.99

10 October release, advance orders welcome

Morrigan Crow is cursed. Born on an unlucky day, she is blamed for all local

misfortunes and, worst of all, the curse means that Morrigan is doomed to die at midnight on Eventide. But as Morrigan awaits her fate, a strange and remarkable man named Jupiter North appears. Chased by black-smoke hounds and shadowy hunters on horseback, he whisks her away into the safety of a secret, magical city called Nevermoor.

An enchanting new series by debut Australian author Jessica Townsend, about a cursed girl who escapes death and finds herself in a magical world - but is then tested beyond her wildest imagination. **Age: 8+**

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NEW RELEASES FROM

## Australian GEOGRAPHIC



### AUSTRALIA GONE WILD

Hardback  
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*Australia Gone Wild* brings together over 40 of the best stories spanning the natural world from the smallest of invertebrates to the creatures that inhabit the waters that surround us to the largest of our marsupial mammals.



### AUSTRALASIAN NATURE PHOTOGRAPHY

Hardback  
RRP \$34.95

*Australasian Nature Photography: The year's best wildlife and landscape photos* is a collection of award winning and shortlisted images from the 2017 Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year competition.



Paperback RRP \$32.99

It was a cause célèbre: the biggest case of alleged art fraud to come before the Australian criminal justice system, a \$4.5 million sting drawing in one of the country's most gifted and ultimately tragic artists, Brett Whiteley.

*Whiteley on Trial* investigates this remarkable case and exposes the avarice of the art world, the disdain for connoisseurship and the fragility of authenticity.



Fiction at its finest



## SHORTLIST

WINNER TO BE ANNOUNCED  
ON 17 OCTOBER 2017

## the sun and her flowers

rupi kaur

A journey of wilting,  
falling,  
rooting,  
rising and  
blooming,  
a celebration of love  
in all its forms.



'This book is  
so important  
to me.'

*Maggie's Recipe for Life* is so much more than a cookbook. Maggie Beer has teamed up with world-leading Alzheimer's researcher Professor Ralph Martins to fight one of the most debilitating diseases of our times. Based on Ralph's scientific research, Maggie has created more than 200 delicious recipes to help reduce your chances of Alzheimer's and other lifestyle diseases.



6 October release, advance orders welcome. RRP \$39.99



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