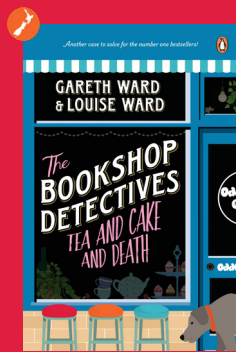


# april highlights

## featured review



### The Bookshop Detectives: Tea and Cake and Death Gareth Ward & Louise Ward

Penguin  
\$38.00

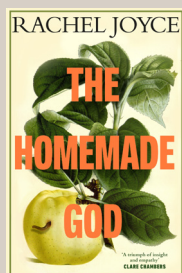
The Bookshop Detectives' second instalment is another boisterous and joyful mystery set in the book universe in the northeast corner of Aotearoa New Zealand. Told in turn-taking chapters by bookshop owners Eloise and Garth, while their bookselling crew and four-legged friends - pleasingly! - have much more than supporting roles this time around.

Follow-ups can be tough, especially when the debut comes to both critical and commercial acclaim. The Ward writing duo stood their ground and belted out a great, if not better, book two. I particularly enjoyed the lead up to the showdown, where the crew of booksellers turns into some sharply organised, A-team vibe quasi-assassins. At a book quiz, mind you. This is what makes these books so entertaining: the marrying up of the mundane (endless coffee making) with the twisty turning international serial killer mystery poisoning plot that unravels underneath it all, practically without you noticing.

If you haven't read the first book in the series, definitely start with it. The Bookshop Detectives are for you if you enjoy Richard Osman, Amanda Hampson or Benjamin Stevenson and love a good name drop of authors and places you know. A tremendous read.

- Ina at University Book Shop, Otago

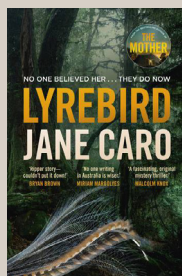
## adult fiction



### The Homemade God Rachel Joyce

Transworld | \$38.00

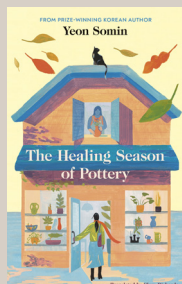
Family is everything, even when it falls apart. Goose and his three sisters gather at the family's house in Italy in the wake of their famous father's death.



### Lyrebird Jane Caro

Allen & Unwin | \$38.00

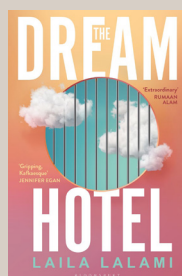
Ornithology student Jessica Weston inadvertently filmed a lyrebird mimicking the dying screams of a woman in the Barrington Tops National Park.



### The Healing Season of Pottery Yeon Somin

Penguin | \$35.00

A burnt-out young TV broadcast writer begins to heal, working the clay, piece by piece, season by season.



### The Dream Hotel Laila Lalami

Bloomsbury Publishing  
\$37.00

Using data from her dreams, the Risk Assessment Administration has determined that Sara will commit a crime.



### Death at the White Hart Chris Chibnall

Penguin | \$38.00

When Detective Nicola Bridge moves back to Dorset from the big city, the last thing she expects is for the picturesque village of Fleetcombe to become a grisly crime scene.



### The Eights Joanna Miller

Penguin | \$38.00

Oxford, 1920. For the first time the world's most famous university has admitted female students.



### Lost Souls Meet Under a Full Moon Mizuki Tsujimura

Transworld | \$38.00

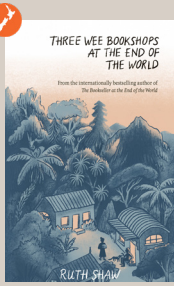
Ayumi, the go-between, reunites his clients with the people who once changed their lives.

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## adult non-fiction

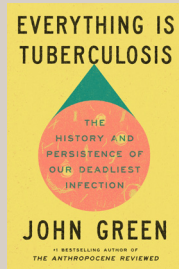


### Three Wee Bookshops at the End of the World

Ruth Shaw

Allen & Unwin | \$40.00

Ruth Shaw's story continues with more heartwarming tales from a woman who has lived a brave and fascinating life.



### Everything Is Tuberculosis

John Green

Random House | \$40.00

A deeply human story illuminating the fight against the world's deadliest disease.

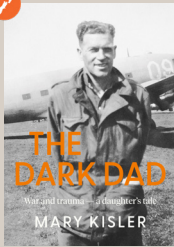


### Central Otago Couture

Jane Malthus & Claire Regnault

Te Papa Press | \$70.00

This collection honours the skills of New Zealand creatives of the 1970s and 1980s at their very best and represents a unique slice of couture fashion not found anywhere else in the country.



### The Dark Dad

Mary Kisler

Massey University Press | \$37.00

The damage done to a family by war. Art historian Mary Kisler tells her father's story.



### The Good Life

Gillian Swinton

Allen & Unwin | \$45.00

In this gorgeously illustrated guide, Gillian shares all the tips and tricks she's learned about how to be a modern-day homesteader, and how you can be one too.

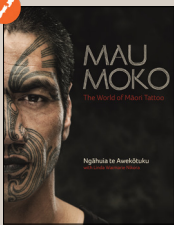


### Groundwork

Michele Leggott & Catherine Field-Dodgson

Te Papa Press | \$60.00

Part inspired creative endeavour and part determined detective work, this long overdue book brings to light one of New Zealand's most significant botanical artists of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries.

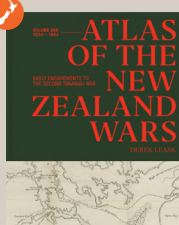


### Mau Moko: The World of Māori Tattoo

Ngāhūia Te Awekōtuku

Penguin | \$50.00

This book explores the cultural and spiritual issues surrounding moko and relates dozens of stories, many of them powerful and heart-warming, from wearers and artists.

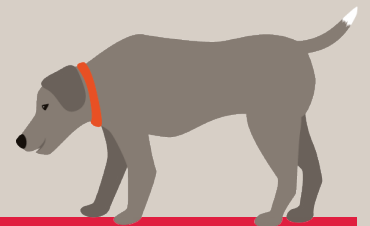


### Atlas of the New Zealand Wars

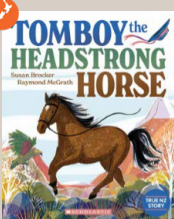
Derek Leask

Auckland University Press | \$90.00

Five decades of maps and plans from 1834 to 1884 provide remarkable new insight into the deep conflicts running through nineteenth-century Aotearoa.



## children's books



### Tomboy the Headstrong Horse

Susan Brocker & Raymond McGrath

Scholastic | \$22.00

The real-life 1866 journey of Caroline and Nicolas Chevalier, who crossed New Zealand's rugged Southern Alps on horseback, accompanied by the spirited and wilful horse, Tomboy.



### Giraffe the Gardener

Kimberly Andrews

Penguin | \$21.00

Giraffe is the green-hoofed creator of the most magnificent garden. But when he injures his neck, will all his hard work go to ruin?

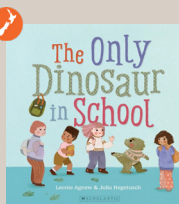


### Don't Trust Fish

Neil Sharpson & Dan Santat

Penguin | \$24.00

This nature-guide-gone-wrong is a hilarious, off-the-rails exploration of the seemingly innocent animals that live in the water.



### The Only Dinosaur in School

Leonie Agnew & Julia Hegetusch

Scholastic | \$22.00

Meet Theo, the only dinosaur in a school full of humans—or so he thinks!



### The Seaside Sleepover

Jacqueline Wilson

Penguin | \$30.00

Another instalment in Jacqueline Wilson's highly popular Sleepover series featuring Daisy and her sister Lily.



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