



BookHyb's June Highlights



He Taonga te Toka (Māori) A Guide to Rocks (English)

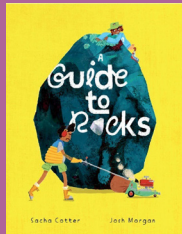
Sacha Cotter and Josh Morgan
Huia Publishers | \$26.00

A Guide to Rocks is a weighty tome. In this glorious picture book, the team who brought us *Dazzlehands* and *The Bomb*, in both English and Te Reo, deliver on all counts again. The composition on each page between illustration and text strikes a seamless balance for the story to progress.

Here we have young Charlie being confronted with the age old dilemma of how to deal with his feelings. They can turn up in all shapes and sizes and soon resemble literal rocks that just hang around and won't go away. Those sharp, heavy clumps of stone can soon get on top of us if we let them, and Dad has some learning to do in this area as well.

With a beautiful light touch in tone and such expressive facial reactions, Morgan and Cotter offer sage guidance on how to best deal with those burdensome rocks and remind us that a problem shared is a problem halved. Sacha Cotter and Josh Morgan have once again "dazzle'd and "bomb"arded us with their brilliance.

Reviewed by Roger at Little Unity, Auckland



Food for Kiwi Babies

Fraser and Matthew Williamson
Penguin Random House | \$17.00

From kiwifruit to kamokamo, sweetcorn to strawberries, Aotearoa has so many nourishing and delicious foods to try, and these eye-catching and vibrant pictures are the perfect way to introduce Kiwi babies to their names in both languages. This simple book with essential words in English and Māori is certain to delight our littlest learners.



Detective Beans: Adventures in Cat Town

Li Chen
Penguin Random House | \$22.00

Detective Beans is back to solve all the mysteries that you need solved, and even the ones you don't need solved. He's that good. In between playing Scrabble, having sleepovers and trips to the beach, there's always time for crime solving. Whether it's who ate Mum's donuts, who has lost their handbag in the park, which pigeon stole King Chip, or even a burgled diamond ring, Beans is ready for anything.



Bluey: Zoo

Bluey
Penguin Random House | \$21.00

OOO-AH-AH! Bluey and Bingo are playing zoo! They turn their backyard into a home for all sorts of amazing creatures, including a big blue daddy gorilla. But when the daddy gorilla escapes, will zookeeper Bluey be able to track him down?

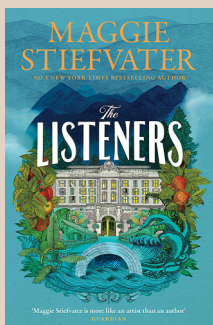


Spark Hunter

Sonya Wilson
Allen & Unwin | \$25.00

This award-winning book is being rereleased with a brand new sparkly cover. Something is hiding deep in the forest. Nissa has seen mysterious, supernatural lights in the trees. What are they, why do they seem to be trying to attract her attention and why does no one else seem to notice them? When Nissa sneaks away from her school camp to track down the lights, she finds herself lost in a dangerous wonderland. Reveal ancient secrets and journey into a vast treacherous wilderness in this epic fantasy adventure.

ADULT FICTION

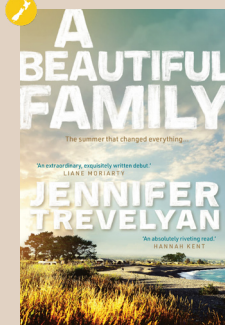


The Listeners

Maggie Stiefvater
Headline | \$38.00

The Avallion Hotel and its enigmatic General Manager, June Hudson, are famed for offering unrivalled luxury, season after season, to those who come from far and wide. So when the Avallion is called upon to help the war effort – to oust

its guests and host three hundred diplomats and Nazi sympathisers – June's priority is business as usual. But as dark alliances and unexpected attractions crack the polished veneer of the hotel, she is forced to reckon with the true price of luxury.



A Beautiful Family

Jennifer Trevelyan
Allen & Unwin | \$37.00

An eventful summer forever changes the lives of a family in the most engrossing debut you'll read this year. At ten years old, Alix catches more than her parents and older sister suspect. Left to her own devices over the summer, she meets Kahu, a boy who tells her a tragic story about a little girl who went missing a couple of years ago. Between dips in the ocean, afternoon barbecues and lazy sunbaking, their detective work brings to the surface shocking discoveries and dark secrets, even about her own beautiful family.



The Stars Are a Million Glittering Worlds

Gina Butson
Allen & Unwin | \$38.00

Thea, a young woman crippled by guilt, flees to Central America to escape her life. In Guatemala, she meets the charismatic Chris and his partner, Sarah, and the three of them form a tight bond. But everything changes when a tragedy occurs. Thea soon finds herself in a new relationship, bonded to her partner by grief. Together they do their best to start over in Hobart, but when tragedy strikes again Thea realises that if she wants to know the truth, she will need to come clean about her past.



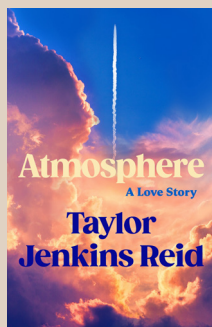
The Passengers on the Hankyu Line

Hiro Arikawa

Doubleday | \$38.00

Famously scenic, the Hankyu commuter train trundles daily through changing landscape unaware of the heartaches of the passengers it carries. On the outward journey we are introduced to the emotional

dilemmas of five characters as we puzzle out how they will unravel. As the season and the landscapes change, passengers jostle and connect, holding and releasing their dreams and desires, as this famous little train carries them ever forward towards the person each intends to become.



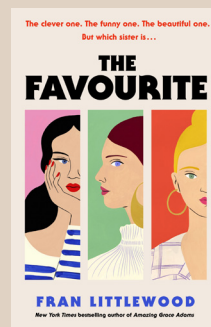
Atmosphere

Taylor Jenkins Reid

Penguin Random House | \$38.00

In the summer of 1980, astrophysics professor Joan Goodwin begins training to be an astronaut at Houston's Johnson Space Center, alongside an exceptional group of fellow candidates. As the new astronauts prepare for their first flights,

Joan finds a passion and a love she never imagined and begins to question everything she believes about her place in the observable universe. Then, in December of 1984, on mission STS-LR9, everything changes in an instant.



The Favourite

Fran Littlewood

Penguin Random House | \$38.00

Alex, Eva and Nancy. Three grown-up sisters; each wonderful and messy in their own individual ways. And loved equally by their parents, Vivienne and Patrick. Or so they thought. On their annual family holiday, Patrick accidentally

lets slip that he has a favourite daughter, causing other long-buried secrets to come to light. Set over a single week, *The Favourite* examines the highs and lows that define a family over the decades.

ADULT NON-FICTION



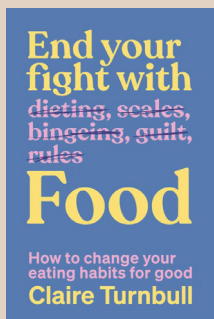
A Different Kind of Power

Jacinda Ardern

Penguin Random House | \$60.00

From the former prime minister of New Zealand, then the world's youngest female head of government and just the second to give birth in office, comes a deeply personal memoir chronicling her extraordinary

rise and offering inspiration to a new generation of leaders. What if we could redefine leadership? What if kindness came first? This is the remarkable story of how a Mormon girl plagued by self-doubt made political history and changed our assumptions of what a global leader can be.



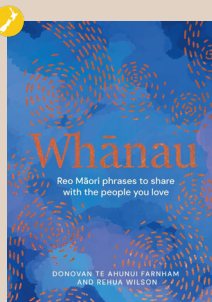
End Your Fight with Food

Claire Turnbull

Allen & Unwin | \$37.00

Start your journey to a healthier, happier you – inside and out. Do you feel like you're constantly battling with food? We are bombarded with advice on what we should do to be healthier or lose weight,

but making that happen feels overwhelming, if not impossible. In this compassionate and practical guide, nutritionist and wellbeing expert Claire Turnbull helps you break free from the struggle. Learn how to unpack your eating patterns and change your habits for good.

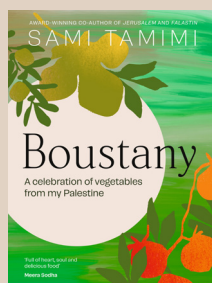


Whānau

Donovan Farnham & Rehua Wilson

Moa Press | \$30.00

Ignite your interest in te reo Māori with *Whānau*, a starting point for your language journey or a way to build on what you already know. Most of all, sow the seed of the Māori language within your home and see it bloom in the fertile soils of te ukaipo. This book, packed with insightful reflections, is perfect for those looking to deepen their connection with Māori culture and language.



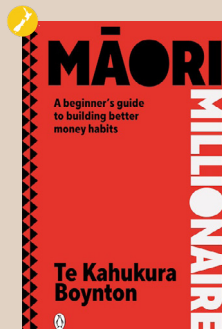
Boustany

Sami Tamimi

Ebury Press | \$65.00

A homage to Palestinian food and culture, *Boustany*, is the first solo cookbook from Sami Tamimi, Ottolenghi co-founder and champion of Palestinian food and culture. Boustany translates from Arabic as

'My Garden', and the down-to-earth, relaxed and plentiful recipes are reflective of Sami's signature style and approach to food. With over 100 recipes, Sami offers recipes for breakfast, sharing plates, big celebrations, simple breads, moreish sweet treats, easy dinners and more.



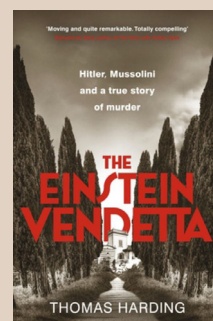
Māori Millionaire

Te Kahukura Boynton

Penguin Random House | \$35.00

Money makes the world go round, but what happens when you have none? Te Kahukura Boynton is Māori Millionaire, and her debut book is here to help. Learn how to heal your money mindset, find better strategies for managing

your finances and start your journey in increasing your income. With tips on building better habits with your money and your life, *Māori Millionaire* is the positive mindset change you might be missing.



The Einstein Vendetta

Thomas Harding

Penguin Random House | \$40.00

August 1944. A unit of German soldiers arrives at a villa near Florence. Villa Il Focardo is home to Robert Einstein, cousin to the most famous scientist in the world, Albert Einstein – a prominent enemy of the Nazi regime. Twelve hours after arriving, the soldiers have vanished, and a family is dead. This crime, and what happened next, still haunts those who survived. In *The Einstein Vendetta*, Thomas Harding recounts the story of an until-now untold true crime.

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