



NOVEMBER HIGHLIGHTS

THE BEST NEW BOOK RELEASES OF THE MONTH

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Good Things Come and Go

Josie Shapiro

Allen & Unwin | \$38.00

The stunning second novel from the best-selling author of *Everything Is Beautiful and Everything Hurts*.

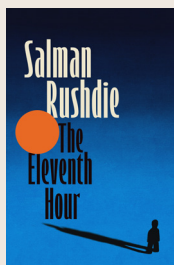
After the death of their young daughter, Penny Whittaker and Adam Riggs are struggling. Penny's lifelong dream of becoming a successful artist has stalled, and Riggs, battling an addiction to prescription painkillers, is coming to grips with the end of his glittering professional skateboarding career. When Penny is unexpectedly offered a chance to exhibit her work at an Auckland gallery, she accepts, despite her reservations.

At the same time, back in Auckland, Jamie Flannery suddenly finds himself out of work and out of options. To recuperate, he moves to his uncle's abandoned bach on the Coromandel, and when his childhood friend Riggs calls out the blue, the three friends reunite.

At first, being together feels just like old times. But secrets from their shared past threaten their newfound peace, forcing them to reckon with their history and themselves.

A novel about friendship and betrayal, ambition and grief, *Good Things Come and Go* is also a study of homecoming and heartbreak and an ode to the courage of taking risks no matter the consequences.

FICTION



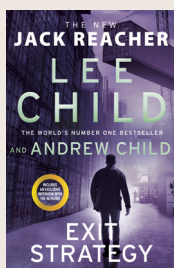
The Eleventh Hour

Salman Rushdie

Jonathan Cape | \$38.00

The Eleventh Hour follows two quarrelsome old men in Chennai confronting personal tragedy amid national turmoil. From Bombay to an English college, Salman Rushdie explores aging,

memory, and reckoning. This powerful new work asks how we face life's final chapter and say goodbye to the places we call home, offering a profound meditation on time, loss, and belonging.



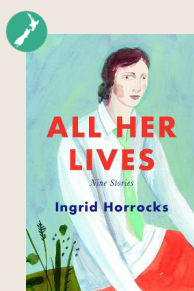
Exit Strategy

Lee Child &
Andrew Child

Bantam | \$38.00

Reacher's day starts ordinary: coffee, a new coat, and a stranger's desperate note slipped into his pocket. Instinct turns to mission as he follows this unexpected

trail—wherever it leads. What begins as a chance encounter becomes a mission only Reacher can handle. The 30th thrilling adventure in the *Jack Reacher* series, packed with suspense, danger, and relentless pursuit.



All Her Lives

Ingrid Horrocks

THWUP | \$35.00

All Her Lives follows women across generations as they navigate love, politics, motherhood, and memory. From early 20th-century New Zealand to a Berlin rave, to the frontlines of climate

activism. Shadowed by the spirit of Mary Wollstonecraft, these stories explore what women inherit, resist, and remake. A powerful debut of transformation, resilience, and the quiet force of lives lived on their own terms.



The Silver Book

Olivia Laing

Hamish Hamilton | \$38.00

September 1974, Venice. A young English artist fleeing London meets Danilo Donati, legendary Italian cinema designer. Swept into the dazzling world of Fellini's Casanova and Pasolini's Salò, Nicholas hides a dangerous

secret. Amidst Italy's political chaos, his hidden truth ignites a tragic chain of events in a world where illusion blurs with reality.



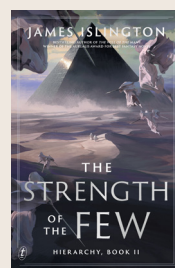
The American Boys

Olivia Spooner

Moa Press | \$38.00

Wellington, 1942. As American troops arrive, Lorna meets Stan, a kind, handsome Marine. But it's his wild younger brother, Alfie, who unsettles her and who stays on her mind long

after both are sent to war. With her own brothers fighting overseas and the world shifting around her, Lorna faces impossible choices in love and loyalty as war closes in on every side.



The Strength of the Few

James Islington

Text | \$38.00

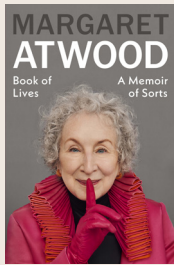
The highly anticipated follow-up to *The Will of the Many*. Vis Telimus won the ludicium but lost everything. Now, an ancient device has replicated him across three

worlds—Obiteum, Luceum, and Res—each with a different life and identity. Forced to hide, fight, and navigate deadly politics, he must unravel the mystery behind his fragmentation and stop a looming Cataclysm before it's too late.

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NON-FICTION

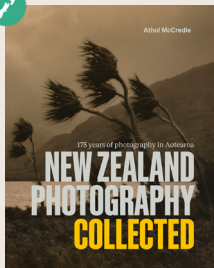


Book of Lives

Margaret Atwood

Chatto & Windus | \$75.00

How does a master storyteller tell her own story? In this long-awaited memoir, Margaret Atwood traces her life from a wild, unconventional childhood in the forests of Quebec to the creation of her most iconic works, including *The Handmaid's Tale*. With wit, insight, and sharp reflection, she explores the threads between life and fiction, and the making of one of literature's most powerful voices.



New Zealand Photography Collected

Athol McCredie

Te Papa Press | \$90.00

A landmark collection reimagined for today. *New Zealand Photography Collected* returns in a fully revised edition, showcasing over 400 images spanning 1850 to 2025. This essential volume captures the evolution of photography in Aotearoa while reflecting the changing face of our national identity. With nearly half the photographs newly included, this edition offers fresh insights, unseen gems, and a powerful visual history of life in New Zealand.

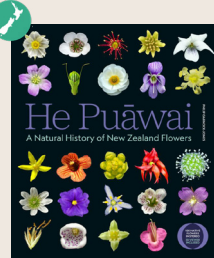


New Zealand Place Names

Peter Dowling & A.W. Reed

Oratia Books | \$40.00

Discover the stories behind Aotearoa's place names. *New Zealand Place Names* offers updated meanings, origins, and histories for over 850 names, from Cape Reinga to Bluff and Whanganui to Whangarei. Packed with maps, glossaries, and expert insights, this portable paperback is perfect for locals and visitors curious about the country's rich geographic heritage. Created in close collaboration with the New Zealand Geographic Board, it's the definitive guide to NZ's place names.



He Puāwai

Philip Garnock-Jones

Auckland University Press | \$80

A stunning 3D celebration of Aotearoa's native flowers. *He Puāwai* showcases 100 extraordinary native species, from iconic kōwhai and pōhutukawa to the world's smallest flower, through fascinating botanical insights and over 500 jaw-dropping 3D photographs. With a built-in viewer included, this natural history is perfect for gardeners, foragers, and nature lovers alike. A beautiful, informative tribute to the floral wonders found only in Aotearoa.



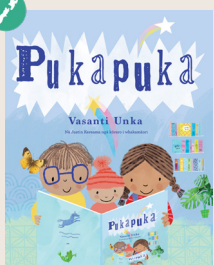
The Launch of Rocket Lab

Peter Griffin & Peter Beck

HarperCollins | \$75.00

From a Kiwi garage to the global space race. *The Launch of Rocket Lab* tells the extraordinary journey of Sir Peter Beck and his aerospace company, from start-up to space powerhouse. With groundbreaking launches, major partnerships, and ambitious missions to Mars and beyond, Rocket Lab is redefining space access. This is a story of innovation, grit, and New Zealand's bold place in the final frontier.

CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULT

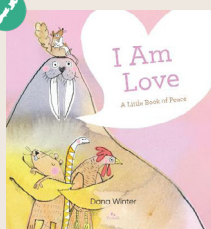


Pukapuka

Vasanti Unka & Justin Kereama

Beatnik Publishing | \$25.00

Where can we find unicorns, taniwha, dancing and stars? At our favourite place, of course! A family's delightful journey across town and into a place which is fun, restful, informative, musical and absorbing in turn. A very special treat for library lovers, young and old alike, from one of Aotearoa's best-loved author/illustrators.

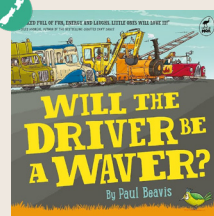


I Am Love

Dana Winter

Bateman Books | \$25.00

A gentle, joyful introduction to peace and kindness for ages 0–3. This beautifully illustrated board book follows a curious mouse and its animal friends through heartfelt affirmations and simple moments of calm. *I Am Love* is perfect for quiet reading, bedtime snuggles, or anytime connection—encouraging little ones to embrace love, patience, and joy. The first in a charming new series for growing hearts.



Will the Driver Be a Waver?

Paul Beavis

Little Moa | \$22.00

Toota-toot-toot! Will the driver be a waver? Inspired by real walks with his son, Paul Beavis delivers a joyful, sound-filled picture book that invites kids to guess who might wave from six different vehicles. With playful repetition and interactive fun, this is a read-aloud little ones will beg for again and again. Perfect for ages 2–5 and fans of vehicle-themed storytime!



We Fell Apart

E. Lockhart

Allen & Unwin | \$28.00

A summer of secrets, lies, and twisted family ties. When Matilda arrives at her estranged father's crumbling seaside home, he's missing. The house is full of secrets and strange boys who all seem to be hiding something. As Matilda digs deeper into the mystery of Hidden Beach, she uncovers truths more unsettling than she ever imagined. From the author of *We Were Liars*, this is a gripping, unforgettable new novel.



Wonderous Tale of Lavender Wolfe

Karen Foxlee

Allen & Unwin | \$28.00

Lavender Wolfe is a thief with a magical secret, snatched by pirates and forced to disguise herself as a boy aboard *The Good Marchioness*. But this is no ordinary ship, it's cursed. Unless its stolen treasure is returned, the crew will turn to sand. As Lavender's magic grows, so does her place in this strange story-within-a-story. Can she break the curse or will she vanish like those before her?



What Have They Done to Liza McLean?

Amy Doak

Penguin | \$24.00

Dark academia meets *The Stepford Wives* in this gripping YA thriller. When Meg's sister Liza starts acting strangely at their elite boarding school, Meg knows something is wrong. As secrets unravel and bodies begin to surface, Meg must decide who to trust—including the mysterious (and wildly wealthy) Benedict Hargreaves. What's really happening at Douglas College and who's pulling the strings?

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