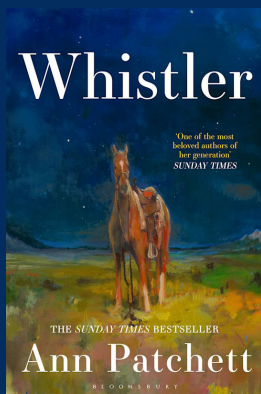


JUNE HIGHLIGHTS

NEW RELEASES YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT



Whistler
Ann Patchett
Bloomsbury | \$39.00

When Daphne notices an older gentleman following her around the Met museum in New York, she doesn't expect it to be Eddie — her former stepfather. Married to her mother for a short time when Daphne was nine, she hasn't seen Eddie for many years; not since the fateful event that changed the direction of both their lives.

But meeting again now, time falls away; while their relationship was brief, it had a profound impact on them both. And reflecting on the short, intense time they spent with each other, they begin to piece together the moments that have defined them and shaped who they have become.

BOOK OF THE MONTH

A moving, luminous story about how family, memory, and love endures, *Whistler* paints an intimate portrait of how the feeling of being known by one other person, even for a short period of time, can change everything.

FICTION

Lit
Anna Woods

Echo Publishing | \$37.99

When architect Gin begins glimpsing Billy — her practice's missing third partner, presumed dead — she blames stress and guilt. But as her finances collapse and girlfriend Clary grows increasingly elusive, paranoia hardens into something darker. Anna Woods's debut literary thriller is a taut, nuanced exploration of gaslighting, secrecy and the blurred line between love and control.



The Nowhere Boy
Anne Cleary

Allen & Unwin | \$37.99

When three-year-old Oliver vanishes from a remote car park, his devastated parents are pulled back into each other's orbit as a desperate search unfolds across a wild coastline. Far away, a grieving woman believes she has found her miracle. A taut, emotionally charged debut about love, loss and possession.



What We Can Know
Ian McEwan

Vintage | \$28.00

The bestseller from one of the finest writers alive is now in paperback. In 2119, Britain's lowlands lie submerged and a great lost poem remains undiscovered. When scholar Tom Metcalfe uncovers a vital clue, revelations of entangled love and brutal crime emerge. A quest, a literary thriller and a masterpiece of hope.

The Children
Melissa Albert

Bloomsbury | \$39.00

As Guin prepares to launch her memoir about life with her late mother, the beloved children's writer, her estranged brother announces a provocative new art installation entitled *Mother* — and the carefully constructed story of their idyllic Vermont childhood begins to crack. Moving between the 1990s and present-day New York, *The Children* is a twisting exploration of family secrets, long-held resentments and the ghosts of a forsaken childhood.

A Parade of Horribles
Matt Dinniman

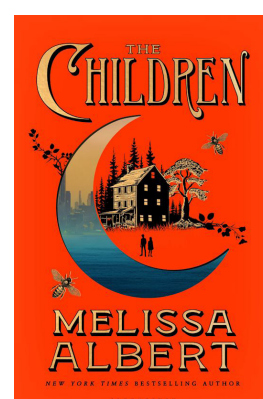
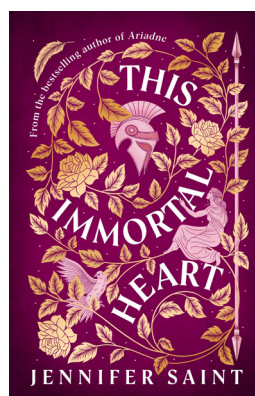
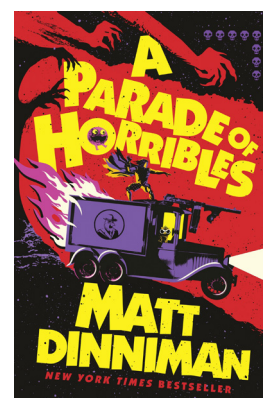
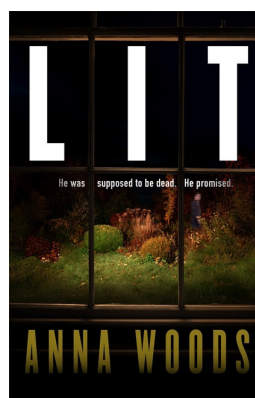
Michael Joseph | \$60.00

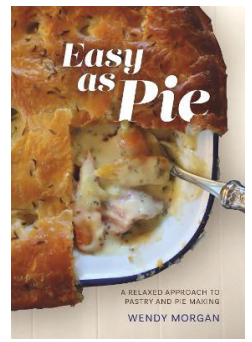
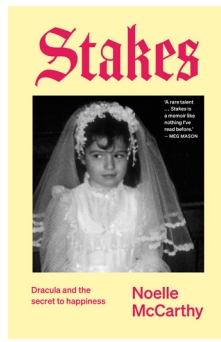
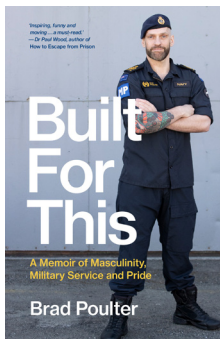
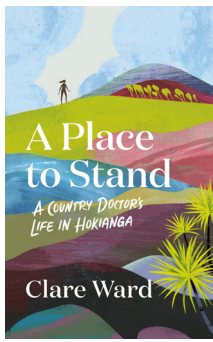
The eighth instalment in the bestselling *Dungeon Crawler Carl* series. On the tenth floor, Carl and Donut face deceptively simple racing challenges — but the whispered horrors of the mysterious eleventh floor loom large. With stakes higher than ever, Carl is planning a party of his own. What could possibly go wrong?

This Immortal Heart
Jennifer Saint

Viking | \$38.00

The oldest love story of all time... Aphrodite, the most dangerous of gods, rules by passion. Ares, feared and relentless, thrives in destruction. Opposites in every way — yet when their worlds collide, neither is immune to love or loss. But even divine devotion cannot protect them from the fates of Mount Olympus.





NON-FICTION

A Place to Stand Clare Ward

Allen & Unwin | \$37.99

Over thirty years practising medicine in the remote Hokianga, Clare Ward has witnessed a profound cross-section of rural life. This thoughtful memoir explores the challenges of healthcare in an isolated, deeply Māori world, and what it means to be Pākehā within it — told with quiet dignity, respect and an understated humanity.



Stakes Noelle McCarthy

Penguin | \$40.00

The darkly funny follow-up to the bestselling Grand. Returning to Bram Stoker's Dracula after twenty years, Noelle McCarthy uses its themes of transgression, intoxication and sexual danger to reckon with her own history — Catholic shame, unruly appetite and a world reshaped by #MeToo. *Stakes* asks: what's the difference between an inheritance and a curse?



I Eat the Stars Sarah Wilson

Penguin | \$40.00

From bestselling author Sarah Wilson. As wildfires, collapsing democracies and economic inequality signal systemic collapse, how do we live fully amid such upheaval? Drawing on conversations with philosophers, poets and spiritual leaders, *I Eat the Stars* charts an intimate, wise path beyond doom and despair — an urgent call to relish what matters most.

Built for This Brad Poulter

Allen & Unwin | \$37.99

From small-town New Zealand to Afghanistan and twenty years in the Royal New Zealand Navy, Brad Poulter's memoir charts a life lived under unspoken rules — including those around his own sexuality. Honest, sharp and often funny, *Built For This* is a compelling exploration of masculinity, identity and what it takes to rebuild yourself on your own terms.



Mother Mary Comes to Me Arundhati Roy

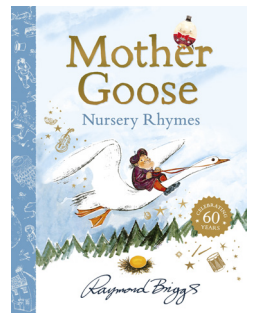
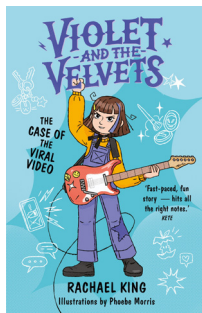
Penguin | \$30.00

The first memoir from Booker Prize-winning author Arundhati Roy. Shaken by the death of the mother she fled at eighteen, Roy turns to the relationship that shaped her most profoundly — with Mary, her shelter and her storm. *Mother Mary Comes to Me* is an ode to freedom, thorny love and savage grace. Now available in paperback.

Easy as Pie Wendy Morgan

Bateman Books | \$39.99

Flaky, golden and irresistible — the humble pie is a Kiwi institution. *Easy as Pie* unlocks the secrets to perfect pastry and seriously addictive fillings, from classic favourites to quirky combinations that will surprise even seasoned enthusiasts. With a section on vol-au-vents included, this is essential reading for every dedicated pie lover.



KIDS' & YOUNG ADULT

Detective Beans & The Map of Mystery Li Chen

Penguin | \$22.00

When Captain Scuttlebeard presents Beans with a treasure map, the hunt takes him on an unexpected adventure across Cat Town. With loyal sidekick Biscuits alongside, can Beans find the prize and still make it home in time to tidy his room?



Ana & Frog: Search for Minty the Missing Horse Shelley Burne-Field & Story Hemi-Morehouse

Allen & Unwin | \$19.99

When Whaea McCready's beloved horse Minty goes missing, best-friend cousins Ana and Frog launch their own investigation. Armed with determination and small-town local knowledge, the junior detectives follow every clue — but can they crack the mystery and bring Minty home? A funny, warm middle-grade adventure about friendship, family and finding your stride.



The Court of the Dead Rick Riordan & Mark Oshiro

Puffin | \$22.00

Now in paperback, from the Percy Jackson World. When demigod boyfriends Nico and Will answer Hazel's call for help at Camp Jupiter, they discover she's harbouring escaped Underworld monsters. But when the monsters begin disappearing and a dark force emerges, the trio find themselves dangerously, unexpectedly connected to it.

The Case of the Viral Video: Violet and the Velvets 3 Rachael King

Allen & Unwin | \$18.99

Violet and the Velvets have made it to the Band-Champs finals — but the pressure is on. With a recording studio session, a music video shoot and fierce new rivals the Starling Sisters circling, can the band hold together without losing what makes them special?



What If You Could Jacinda Ardern & Ruby Shamir

Penguin | \$30.00

When Jacinda Ardern became one of the world's youngest leaders, many doubted her — including herself. But the qualities she feared would hold her back — empathy, overthinking, kindness — proved to be her greatest strengths. An inspiring guide for teens on embracing exactly who you are.



The Mother Goose Treasury Raymond Briggs

Puffin | \$40.00

Celebrate 60 years of Raymond Briggs's beloved classic with this beautiful foiled edition. First awarded the Kate Greenaway Medal in 1966, *The Mother Goose Treasury* brings together over 200 nursery rhymes — from cherished favourites to hidden gems — continuing to delight and surprise new generations of young readers. A timeless gift for every child.