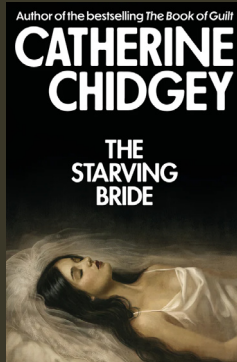


OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

NEW BOOKS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

BOOK OF THE MONTH



The Starving Bride

Catherine Chidgey

THWUP | \$38.00

England, the near future.

Dumped by her boyfriend, fired from her job and estranged from her parents, Hazel Whitlock signs up for a sideshow act in Blackpool. The seaside resort has revived all the cancelled old favourites and she will be the Starving Bride.

On display in the iconic Blackpool Tower, with a ravenous lion prowling the enclosure, Hazel must lie in silence while strangers view her body.

As the days tick down, thousands are captivated by Hazel's transformation. Some are inspired. Some are obsessed. And some are watching far more closely than they should be.

Hazel's old friend Gilda becomes increasingly worried for her welfare. Councillor Frank Marsh warns that the Tower could collapse – but no one will listen.

As the spectacle spirals and the world outside grows increasingly unstable, Hazel must confront the truth: how far is she willing to go to be seen?

FICTION

In One Brief Moment All Eternity

Elif Shafak

Penguin | \$38.00

What if the women

Flaubert overlooked seized the quill and told a different story? Through the voices of a nursemaid, an Egyptian dancer and a jealous lover, Elif Shafak reinvents an iconic writer in a luminous meditation on who gets remembered and who gets erased.

The Star Path

Witi Ihimaera Smiler

Penguin | \$35.00

Return to the breathtaking world of *The Whale Rider*. Deep in Antarctica's ice, the Mysticeti whales fear for their lives and desperately search for the whale rider's heir. Sixteen-year-old Teva, growing up in France, isolated from his Polynesian heritage, but with an astonishing talent, is about to discover a destiny older than memory.

Partita

Barbara Kingsolver

Faber | \$37.99

When Livia's beloved brother takes his own life, music becomes her only solace. A gifted pianist, she has a chance to escape the stifling family farm and is determined to build a new life at college, until she catches a glimpse of a man she will come to wish she had never met.

Life Out of Order

Audrey Niffenegger

Penguin | \$40.00

Discover the kaleidoscopic sequel to *The Time Traveler's Wife*. Alba DeTamble slips unpredictably through time just like her father before her, but the hardest thing she carries is a secret: she is in love with two people, each offering a different life. Is it possible to love, and live a meaningful life, in an increasingly troubled, fractured world?

Peck & Peck

Bonnie Garmus

Bonnier | \$37.99

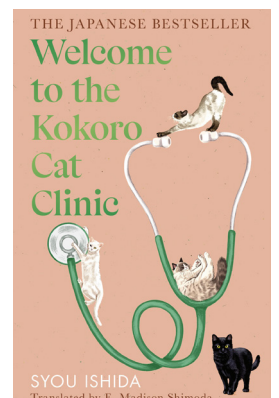
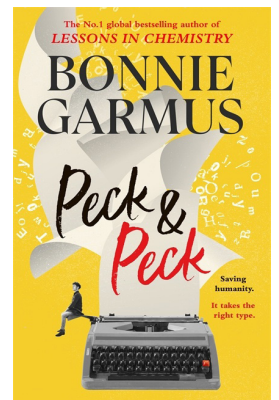
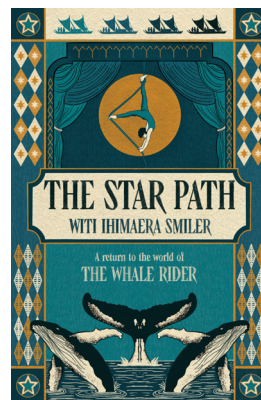
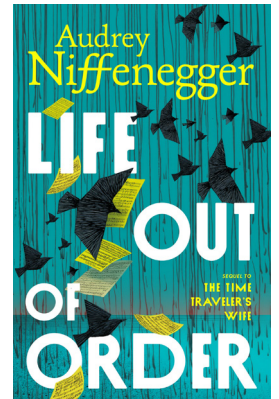
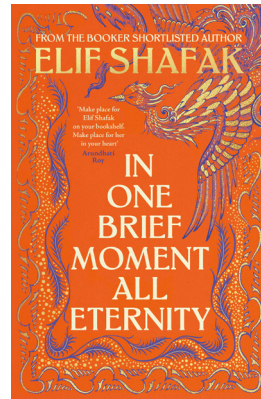
Batter Gray is perpetually worried about the future but could never settle on a path. Now in his twenties and living in New York City, his life is turned upside down when he is hired by the most prestigious, secretive, and gloriously dysfunctional poetry journal in the world: the renowned Peck & Peck.

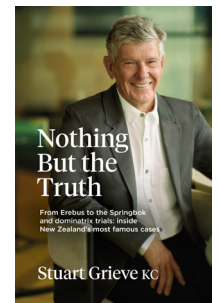
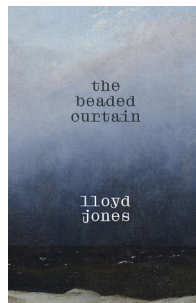
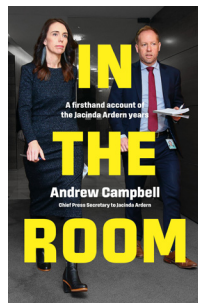
Welcome to the Kokoro Cat Clinic

Syou Ishida

Penguin | \$38.00

The wonderful third book in the award-winning, bestselling Japanese series. Dr. Nikké and his clinic are always ready to offer their unconventional approach to healing. Although no one never quite understands how they ended up there, whoever walks through the door leaves with a cat and a deeper understanding of themselves.





NON-FICTION

Is It Too Late to Make a Run for It?

Dame Judi Dench

Penguin | \$40.00

Over nine decades, Judi Dench has been a spymaster, a queen and one of Britain's most beloved actors. Funny, intimate and surprising, this memoir traces a seven-decade career alongside the family, friendships, pranks and passions that made her who she is.

Rooms Volume Two

Jane Ussher and Douglas Lloyd Jenkins

Massey University Press | \$90.00

The follow-up to Jane Ussher's sold-out 2022 collection, this stunning volume presents 300 images of remarkable New Zealand interiors from across the country, celebrating not what their owners have, but how they've placed it. A beautiful, enduring testament to the art of living well.

In the Room

Andrew Campbell

Allen & Unwin | \$37.99

Andrew Campbell served as Jacinda Ardern's Chief Press Secretary for almost her entire time in office — present for the Christchurch shootings, Whakaari, COVID-19 and three elections. A candid, witty insider account of the conversations and decisions that shaped Aotearoa during one of its most extraordinary political eras.

The Beaded Curtain

Lloyd Jones

Massey University Press | \$39.99

Part autobiography, part memoir, part quest, lauded writer Lloyd Jones's *The Beaded Curtain* is a trenchant exploration of the artist as witness. Elegant and searing, tender and angry, it is a reckoning with memory, history and the past.

Birdlands

Edin Whitehead

Penguin | \$50.00

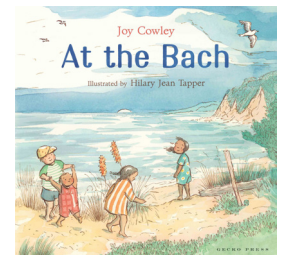
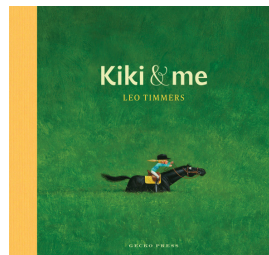
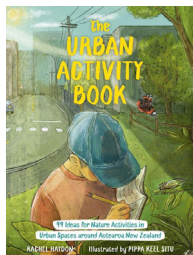
From the storm-lashed Subantarctic Islands to the volcanic islands of Tikapa Moana, *Birdlands* offers a rare passage through the remote, largely inaccessible places where Aotearoa's birds still thrive. Part natural history, part love letter — a stunning reminder that these birdlands are ours to protect.

Nothing But the Truth

Stuart Grieve

Allen & Unwin | \$45.00

Over five decades of criminal law and trial advocacy, Stuart Grieve (King's Counsel) has had a front-row seat for New Zealand's most gripping legal cases. Candid and compulsively readable, this is an account of a life spent in pursuit of the most difficult question the law can pose: what is justice, and who does it truly serve?



KIDS & YA

The Urban Activity Book

Rachel Haydon & Pippa Keel Situ

Te Papa Press | \$35.00

Grounded in Mātauranga Māori and the theme of nature connectedness, these ninety-nine activities are designed for tamariki in urban Aotearoa, connecting young people with nature in unexpected ways through experiments, observation, conservation and mindfulness.

Detective Beans Colouring Club

Li Chen

Penguin | \$21.00

Forty removable colouring pages featuring all your favourite Cat Town characters — Biscuits, Bear, Detective Baby Bird and more — across scenes from the beloved Detective Beans graphic novel series. Includes a fold-out back cover to keep your pages ink-free. Join the Detective Beans Colouring Club!

Hometown

Shaun Tan

Allen & Unwin | \$28.00

Imagine living in a perfect world. You have a loving family, a beautiful home and awesome friends. Everything is just as it should be. Until one day, when a stranger arrives. A stranger who looks just like you. A stranger with a troubling message. This is a glorious graphic novel about belonging and identity, family and the power of 'home'.

The 113th Assistant Librarian 3: Forbidden Pages

Stuart Wilson

Penguin | \$24.00

When Library Director Thorne arrives in Blackmoor-up-on-Wyvern and discovers several volatile books are missing, Oliver and Agatha set out to retrieve them. Their trail leads through retired pirates, apprentice mages and a snail the size of a cottage — in the most dangerous library quest yet.

Kiki and Me

Leo Timmers

Gecko Press | \$37.99

Kiki and her horse are inseparable — exploring the landscape together, caring for each other through every season. But as Kiki grows older, things begin to change. A poignant, beautifully illustrated story about friendship, growing up and the bonds that endure even as life moves on.

At the Bach

Joy Cowley & Hilary Jean Tapper

Gecko Press | \$19.99

An evocative bedtime picture book that distils the essence of a family summer at the bach. This simple poem by internationally renowned Joy Cowley transports the reader to a childhood summer with language that asks to be read over and over. Hilary Jean Tapper's warm watercolour and ink illustrations add an inclusive cast of extended family, friends and children of different ages.

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