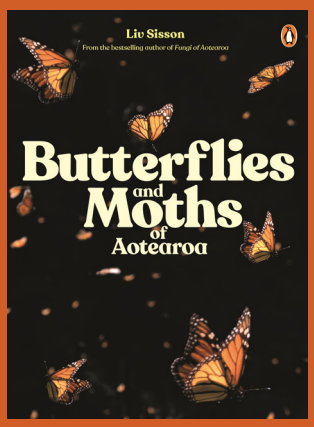
# November Highlights

New books you need to know about

BOOK OF THE MONTH




**Butterflies and Moths of Aotearoa**
Liv Sisson
*Penguin | $50.00*

*Coppers and cosmets, blues and brushfoots, loopers and twirlers... Welcome to the wondrous world of moths and butterflies!*

New Zealand is home to colourful, curious species that are variously conspicuous and covert. We have world-famous monarchs, a gold-flecked moth as old as dinosaurs, butterflies that flash from purple to orange, and a lime-green moth said to bring messages from the spirit realm. But where do they live, how did they get here and what do they do when we aren't looking?

Discover how to find, identify and support these remarkable creatures in this practical guide from bestselling author Liv Sisson. Featuring hundreds of full-colour photographs, diagrams, fun facts and up-to-date descriptions, *Butterflies and Moths of Aotearoa* will delight any curious mind, and inspire fresh adventures in your own backyard.

**Liv Sisson**
a curious observer and author who has been enchanted by the minutiae of nature for as long as she can remember.

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## NON-FICTION

### Good Morning
Tom Hishon
*Penguin | $55.00*
From matcha bircher and kūmara tortillas to Southland cheese rolls and courgette frittata, this is the ultimate breakfast bible from the celebrated team behind *Daily Bread*, *Orphans Kitchen* and *Kingi*. Packed with recipes for every kind of morning person, it's a warm and joyful love letter to good food, good bread and the ritual of the table.

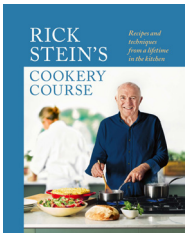
### Rick Stein's Cookery Course
Rick Stein
*Penguin | $75.00*
Rick Stein has been cooking and inspiring food lovers for over 60 years — and now he's going back to basics. With 150 classic recipes across eggs and dairy, fish, meat, vegetables and grains, this is his most extensive book yet and a true lifetime's worth of expertise in one essential volume.

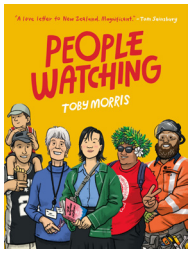
### Te Ao Mārama
Huriana Kopeke-Te Aho
*Allen & Unwin | $32.99*
Step into *Te Ao Mārama*, the world of light and understanding, through this beautifully illustrated colouring book by young Māori artist Huriana Kopeke-Te Aho. Across 70 intricate designs inspired by Aotearoa's natural and spiritual realms, these pages offer a moment of mindfulness and a chance to slow down and reconnect with your creativity.

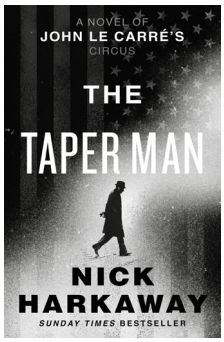
### Nothing to Lose
Nix Adams
*Allen & Unwin | $39.99*
In 2018, Nix Adams started posting videos on Facebook straight out of jail to show her kids she was sober and finding her way back to them. Now one of Aotearoa's most beloved storytellers with almost three million followers, this is her open, moving account of grief, addiction and recovery.

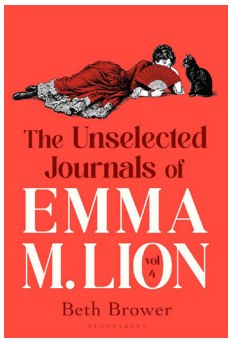
### People Watching
Toby Morris
*Allen & Unwin | $32.99*
For two years, cartoonist Toby Morris struck up conversations with strangers right across Aotearoa — All Blacks, dairy farmers, cat show regulars and Neil Finn among them. A warm, uplifting portrait of a country that, when you look closely enough, turns out to be pretty great.

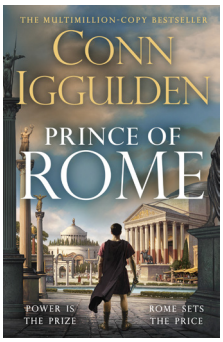
### On the Records
Brian Beck
*Penguin | $60.00*
Eighty celebrated artists — from Brian Eno and Erykah Badu to Dolly Parton and Billie Eilish — share the overlooked albums that have shaped their work and stayed with them. An intimate, genre-spanning collection of essays about the recordings that never got the recognition they deserved but changed everything for the artists who found them.

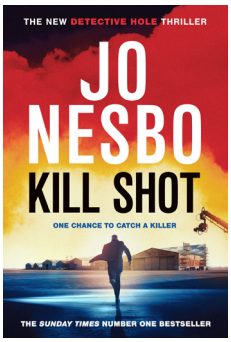


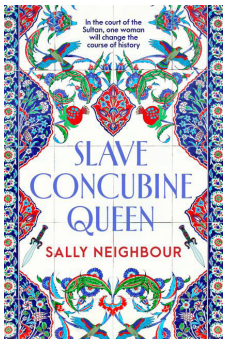


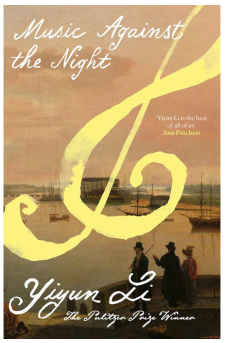













## FICTION

### The Taper Man
Nick Harkaway
*Penguin | $38.00*
1965. When a British agent is shot in Helsinki, George Smiley uncovers a Soviet operation threatening his most valuable Moscow source. The trail leads unexpectedly to Los Angeles, where a Communist sleeper agent buried deep in US intelligence is poised to destroy everything.

### The Unselected Journals of Emma M. Lion, vol. 4
Beth Brower
*Bloomsbury | $25.00*
London, 1883. Emma M. Lion has returned to St. Crispian's with plans for a charmed and studious life — promptly derailed by an eccentric cousin, a formidable aunt and the peculiar residents of her neighbourhood. A delightfully witty series told through Emma's self-incriminating journals.

### Prince of Rome
Conn Iggulden
*Penguin | $38.00*
Rome, AD 46. Sixty million people live under the empire's rule — slaves, citizens, noblemen and emperors alike. For a Roman slave, there is further to fall than most. A gripping new adventure from Sunday Times bestseller Conn Iggulden set in the brutal ancient world.

### Kill Shot
Jo Nesbo
*Penguin | $38.00*
Dive in to a brand new Harry Hole thriller from the king of Scandinavian crime fiction. Harry Hole is out of the police force and trying to leave his past behind. But when a series of murders styled after famous movie scenes draws in his former colleagues, Harry's unique expertise pulls him back into the darkest corners of the job.

### Slave Concubine Queen
Sally Neighbour
*HarperCollins | $37.99*
A sweeping saga of passion, betrayal, power and revenge set in the opulent Ottoman palace of Suleyman the Magnificent, as one fierce slave girl rises from captivity to queen, using all the intrigue necessary for her own and her sons' survival. Inspired by the wondrous and compelling true story of Sultana Roxelana.

### Music Against the Night
Yiyun Li
*HarperCollins | $36.99*
Dublin, 1780s. Musical prodigy John Field can hear notes in the air and dreams of greatness. In French India, orphaned Adelaide charts her own escape through music. Two aspiring pianists destined to meet, in a sweeping epic about talent, ambition and the price of genius.

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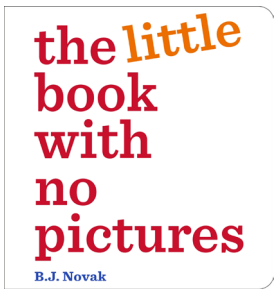

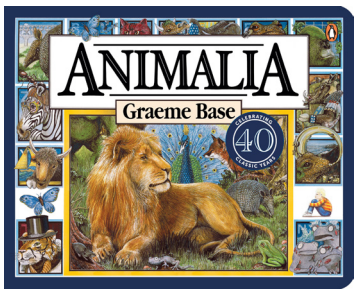

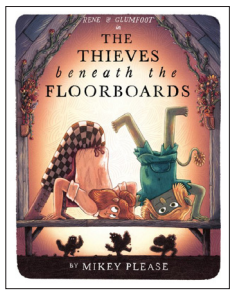

## KIDS & YA

### The Little Book with No Pictures
B.J. Novak
*Penguin | $21.00*
What might the words in this book with no pictures make the reader say? Maybe: "BONK my nose!" or "MOO like a cow!" or "Eat the book—yum yum yum!" It might even include some actions, like bouncing and hugging and dancing. Wait—WHAT?! The Little Book with No Pictures is filled with so much silly fun, perfect for babies, toddlers and grownups alike.

### Animalia
Graeme Base
*Penguin | $21.00*
A whole new generation can enjoy the fun and detail in Graeme's beloved illustrations for *w* in this sturdy board-book format with rounded corners, perfect for small hands. Turn the pages and rediscover this beloved classic with fresh eyes, perfect for the very young.

### The Girl and the Ghost: Spirited Travels (Book 4)
Jacqueline Harvey
*Penguin | $21.00*
Josephine Thomas is heading to Singapore to meet her extended family for the first time, with the ghost of Louis XVII and her boyfriend Gabriel in tow. But when two new ghosts complicate the trip and criminal mastermind Anastasia looms, this family holiday is about to get very eventful.

### Nightmare League
Reece Carter
*Penguin | $21.00*
Maxwell Pidgeon thought monsters only existed in nightmares — until he's recruited by the Nightmare League, a top-secret organisation protecting the world from creatures lurking in the dark. But as agent-in-training Max proves himself, he discovers the League is hiding the truth about his missing dad. How far will he go to find out?

### The Thieves Beneath the Floorboards
Mikey Please
*HarperCollins | $29.99*
When Rene hears gnawing and scratching beneath the café floor, she can't ignore it. She lays an elaborate trap — but what she finds lurking under the floorboards threatens everything she's worked for. More folklore figures, culinary escapades and wildly unexpected guests in this charming second instalment.

### Salt Water Blood
Manuia Heinrich
*Allen & Unwin | $27.99*
Eighteen-year-old Moe hears the sea's prophetic thoughts — a gift that warned her of her father's death and now warns her brother Tao will drown. When Tao is found at a murder scene with blood on his hands and no memory of what happened, Moe must trust the gift she's spent years dreading.

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