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ABG Winter/Father's Day Catalogue 2004 NEW RELEASES

Alexander the Great

Carole Wilkinson

BLACK DOG BOOKS

ISBN 1876372338

160 PP, PB, **\$16.95**

What exactly made Alexander so Great? King by age 20, he led an army of 50,000 men and defeated armies five times the size of his own. He conquered most of the known world leaving 1000s dead or enslaved. In Persia he was known as Alexander the Accursed. Over 2000 years later he is regarded as one of the greatest leaders of all time. Was he a brilliant warrior or a ruthless invader?



AUGUST

When Dad Was a Teenager

Mini Goss

BLACK DOG BOOKS

ISBN 1876372559

160 PP, HB, **\$26.95**

My dad wasn't always bald. He used to have hair. That was when he was a teenager. Lots of things were different then. If you thought seventies fashion was bad, you've forgotten about big hair and padded shoulders. Get ready for the eighties when dad was a teenager. By Mini Goss, illustrator of When Mum was Little (Crichton Award winner 2002).



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The Art of Grieving

A Way Forward for Young People

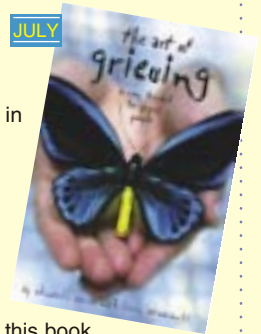
Elizabeth Vercoe and Kerry Abramowski

BLACK DOG BOOKS

ISBN 1876372524

160 PP, PB, RRP **\$16.95**

'Grief is like manure; if you spread it out it fertilizes. If you leave it in a big pile, it smells like hell.' This is a book for people who have lost someone, whose families have split up, who aren't feeling good. When someone is stuck and can't find a way out of their grief, this book will show them the way. It is for young people; it is for anyone experiencing grief.



JULY

Colosseum

Dipti Saravanamuttu

FIVE ISLANDS PRESS

ISBN 1741280435

88 PP, PB, **\$18.95**

Dipti Saravanamuttu was born in Sri Lanka and came to Australia with her family at the age of eleven. In Colosseum she travels backwards and forwards between the two countries, exploring people, culture and displacement as she does so.



JULY

The Sky's Beach

Ron Simpson

FIVE ISLANDS PRESS

ISBN 174128046X

92 PP, PB, **\$18.95**

'I think the secret of Ron Simpson's triumph is his recognition that while poets are cursed by the urge to create private masterpieces, they know even more desperately that their true responsibility is to make public ones ... He had the right sort of self-awareness, and therefore his readers can trust him all the way.' – Peter Porter



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Stories of the Feet

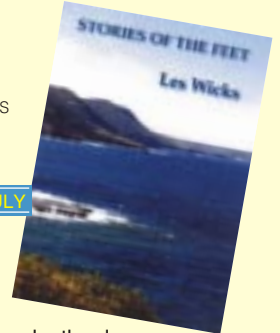
Les Wicks

FIVE ISLANDS PRESS

ISBN 1741280427

88 PP, PB, **\$18.95**

Here is a book celebrating Australian landscape, but always with a view to the rich diversity of people encountered. While relentlessly on the move – from Bondi to Broken Hill, North to South – this book refuses to look away.



JULY

The Floatingest Frog

Sally Murphy

& Simon Bosch (ill.)

NEW FRONTIER

ISBN 0975090704

24PP, HB, **\$24.95**

Ferdinand the Frog wants to outdo his brother Frankie in every possible way. He can jump the farthest, croak the loudest, and even has the longest name! Sibling rivalry soon reaches hilarious heights when Ferdinand pushes his luck too far. Based on an Aesop's fable, The Floatingest Frog is a cautionary tale about being too full of hot air.



AUGUST

Bruno Dreams of Ice-cream

Peter Whitfield & Nancy Bevington

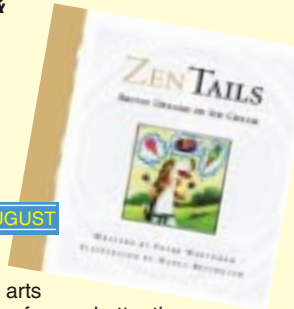
(ill.)

NEW FRONTIER

ISBN 0975090712

28PP, HB, **\$19.95**

Everyone has an ice-cream except Bruno and he can't get ice-cream off his mind. Bruno's teacher, a martial arts master, shows how focused attention and caring for others brings freedom, happiness and even ice-cream! Zen Tails is a series of philosophical stories adapted and beautifully illustrated for children. Bruno Dreams of Ice-cream is the first in the series.



AUGUST

Taming Butterflies

Sue Whiting & Mini Goss (ill.)

NEW FRONTIER

ISBN 0975090755

32PP, HB, **\$24.95**

What do you do when you have butterflies in your tummy, the ones that make you shy, nervous and keep you awake at night? One day a visitor arrives, who shows Tilly how to make those pesky butterflies be still.



AUGUST

NEW RELEASES & BEST SELLERS



Fire in the Belly

The Inside Story of the Modern Olympics
Carole Wilkinson

BLACK DOG BOOKS ISBN 1876372478
160 PP, PB, \$16.95

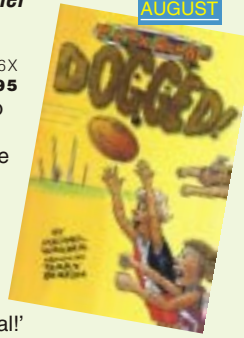
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THE BELLY
OLYMPICS POSTER
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Maxx Rumble: Dogged

Michael Wagner

BLACK DOG
BOOKS
ISBN 187637246X
48 PP, PB, \$9.95

'I was about to kick the ball when someone snatched it right off my boot. Who was that? I thought to myself. What an animal!' Maxx Rumble has played on some unusual opponents, but never one like this! How will he cope?

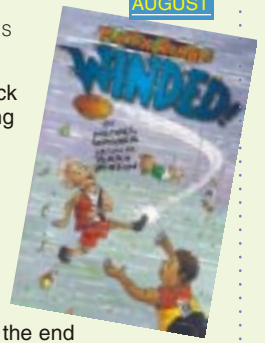


Maxx Rumble: Winded

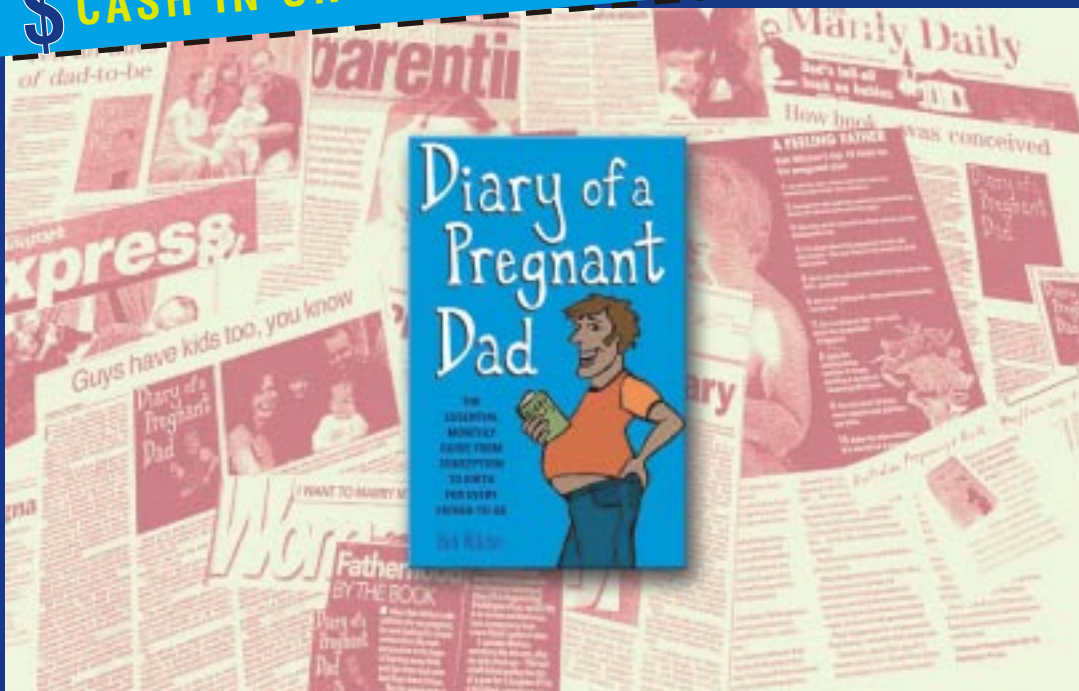
Michael Wagner

BLACK DOG BOOKS
ISBN 1876372451
48 PP, PB, \$9.95

'I did a quick check of my ribs. Nothing was broken. My spine seemed okay. My skull was smooth and in one piece. Then I remembered ... I wasn't breathing!' Is this the end for Maxx? How can he possibly keep going?



CASH IN ON ABG'S TWO TOP SELLERS FOR APRIL & MAY



SINCE ITS LAUNCH IN MARCH, THE DIARY'S MEDIA COVERAGE HAS BEEN EXTENSIVE AND IS ON-GOING. APART FROM MANY REGIONAL AND METROPOLITAN PUBLICATIONS (NINE TO FIVE MAGAZINE, NEWCASTLE HERALD, ILLAWARRA MERCURY, MX NEWS, THE LEADER, BALLARAT COURIER, GEELONG ADVERTISER, MERCURY, GOLD COAST BULLETIN), THE FOLLOWING CONFIRMED NATIONAL PUBLICITY IS STILL TO COME: AUSTRALIAN MOTHER AND BABY, AUSTRALIAN FAMILY MAGAZINE, PRACTICAL PARENTING, FRIDAY MAGAZINE, AUSTRALIAN PARENTS, AND GOOD MEDICINE.

Multi-award winning

Over 20 000 in print

Best-selling



"In a word: enchanting."
—Herald Sun

"Entrancing, beautifully written."
—Adelaide Advertiser



Shortlisted:
2004 NSW Premier's
Literary Awards

Shortlisted:
CBCA Book of the Year
Awards 2004

Joint winner:
Aurealis Awards
young adult division

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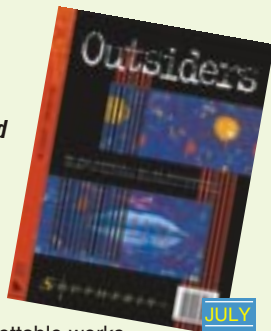
Asylum

Outsiders/Another Country

Thomas Kenelly, Rosie Scott & David Brooks (eds)

HALSTEAD PRESS
ISBN 192083107X
224 PP, ILLUSTRATED PB,
\$21.95

A unique, double-fronted issue with stunning and unforgettable works by refugee writers and detainees put together by Sydney PEN. An analysis of 'Outsider' art and music, including images and a free CD by The Loop Orchestra, featured on ABC radio. A rare piece of publishing.



Loose Lips

UTS Writers' Anthology UTS Creative Writing Group

HALSTEAD PRESS
ISBN 1920831142
192 PP, PB, **\$27.95**

Loose lips let secrets slip. Loose lips confide, share stories and cause trouble. From the prestigious writing program at University of Technology, Sydney, comes a collection of poetry and prose that will set tongues wagging. With fresh and original voices, these new writers tell tales that will echo in your memory, stories that you'll want to whisper to your friends.



Liar

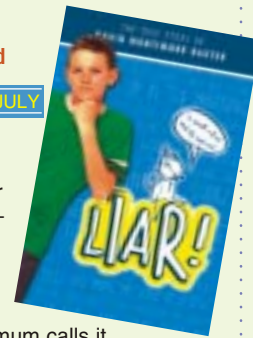
The True Story of David Mortimore Baxter

Karen Tayleur

BLACK DOG BOOKS
96 PP, PB, **\$12.95**
ISBN 1876372532

David Mortimore Baxter has a terrible problem – he can't stop lying. His next-door neighbour thinks David lies so much he must have a medical condition. The trouble is, once you start bending the truth it's really hard to straighten it out again.

'I wouldn't call myself a liar, it's just that sometimes I say things that aren't quite true.'



Planning and Scheduling

Using Microsoft Project 2002 ISBN 0975150324

Using Microsoft Project 2003 ISBN 0975150340

Eastwood Harris 274 PP, SPIRAL, **\$69.95**

These books stay focused on the information required to create and status schedules using Microsoft Project 2002/2003 by:

- Concentrating on the software core functions
- Keeping the information relevant to each topic in the appropriate chapter
- Providing a quick reference at the start of each chapter
- Providing a comprehensive index



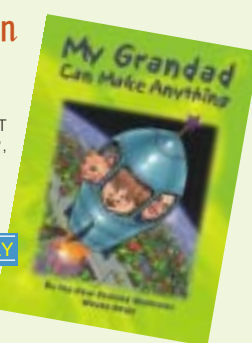
My Grandad Can Make Anything

Wayne Doyle

DOYLE ENTERTAINMENT
ISBN 047308368X 24PP,
FULL-COLOUR PB,
\$9.95

Josh's Grandad can make anything: gigantic kites or friendly dinosaurs and even rocket ships, nothing's a problem. But suddenly poor, tired old Grandad asks Josh to make something for him! What ever will he do?

This book has proved to be so popular that it was reprinted after just 6 months.



Excuses

Survive and Succeed with David Mortimore Baxter

Karen Tayleur

BLACK DOG BOOKS
ISBN 1876372370
96 PP, PB, **\$12.95**

David Mortimore Baxter has a terrible problem – he can't stop lying. 'Look, I'm sorry, but I didn't have time to come up with a blurb. It's just that I've been busy. I could have done it last night, but I had to watch television. So you see, I really do have a good excuse. Maybe you should forget about reading the blurb. Just buy this book of excuses. It will change your life.'



Domain

Ian McBryde

FIVE ISLANDS PRESS
ISBN 1741280451
88 PP, PB, **\$18.95**

Poems dealing with one of the darkest periods of European history – Germany 1936-46.

'Sharp with succinct but also darkly insidious poetry' – Dorothy Porter

'McBryde avoids the usual dangers of a sloppy meeting of the real and the inner world with a poetry marked by precision.' – A. V. Jones (Canada)



Pack Down

Michael Panckridge

BLACK DOG BOOKS
ISBN 1876372508
160 PP, PB, **\$14.95**

Rugby is a tough game and you have to be tough to make the team. Mitchell Grady badly needs the points if he is going to be in with a chance for this year's Legend award. But Travis Fisk has got the lead and he is more determined than ever. The toughest guy is going to win. But who will that be?



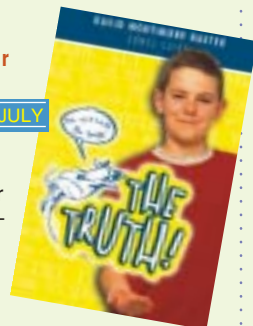
The Truth

David Mortimore Baxter Comes Clean

Karen Tayleur

BLACK DOG BOOKS
ISBN 1876372389
96 PP, PB, **\$12.95**

David Mortimore Baxter has a terrible problem – he can't stop lying. 'So here's the thing. I didn't want to go to Rose Thornton's house for dinner so I pretended to be sick. But I wasn't sick. And Mum found out. Now Mum's so mad with me she's thought up the worst punishment ever. One more lie and Boris is going to the pet shelter. So that's it. I'm turning over a new leaf. But if Mum hates it when I lie, she's really going to hate it when I start telling the truth.'

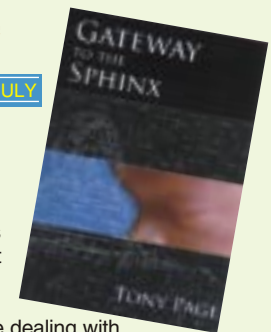


Gateway to the Sphinx

Tony Page

FIVE ISLANDS PRESS
ISBN 1741280508
92 PP, PB, **\$18.95**

'Yes, what we have here is dazzlingly entertaining. A series of virtuoso verse that one can only applaud. But, far more than that, we're dealing with a lucid, pellucid intelligence. Were Einstein alive today, I feel he would delight in this book.' – Phillip Adams



Offside, Upfront

Michael Panckridge

BLACK DOG BOOKS
ISBN 1876372494
160 PP, PB, **\$14.95**

Move over Mitchell Grady, Luci Rankin has a story to tell. In round two the game is soccer and you need to be good to make the team. If you happen to be a girl, you've got to be better than good.

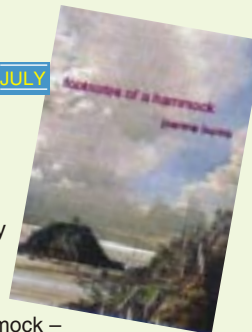


Footnotes of a Hammock

Joanne Burns

FIVE ISLANDS PRESS
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Burns' ironic/satiric scrutinising of contemporary society continues in the poems and prose fragments of Footnotes of a Hammock – but often in a more oblique, disjunctive, absurdist way.

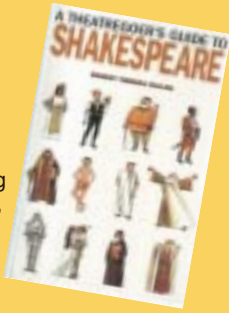


A Theatregoer's Guide to Shakespeare

Robert Thomas Fallon

GERALD DUCKWORTH
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With its intelligent plot breakdowns and engaging commentary on character, theme, setting, poetry and stage history, here we have a source of pleasure and insight for theatregoers, students and teachers alike.



**Helmut Newton
Autobiography**

Helmut Newton

GERALD DUCKWORTH
ISBN 0715632604
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A master of the risqué, the late Helmut Newton scandalised the world with his provocative photographs of women and his 'bad boy' persona. This outrageous, joyous book provides compelling insights into the connection between his life and work. 110 b/w photographs.

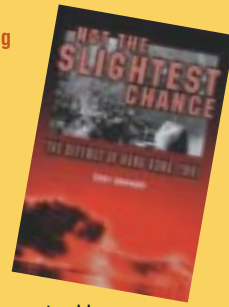


**Not the Slightest Chance
The Defence of Hong Kong 1941**

Tony Banham

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY PRESS
ISBN 9622096158
460 PP, HB, **\$89.95**

'Not the slightest chance' was Winston Churchill's estimate of Hong Kong's prospects in the face of a Japanese onslaught. His prediction proved sadly accurate. Here we have a phase-by-phase, day-by-day, hour-by-hour and death-by-death account of the battle.



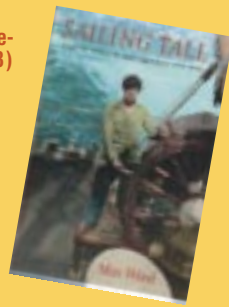
Sailing Tall

Around the world on a square-rigged Passat (1946-1948)

Max Wood

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Max Wood served his apprenticeship on one of the last commercial voyages of any cargo square-rigger. He tells of the exhaustion, the camaraderie, the constant hard work, the terrors, the frequent boredom, the sexual frustration, the fatigue as well as the pride of challenging the awesome forces of nature for little reward.

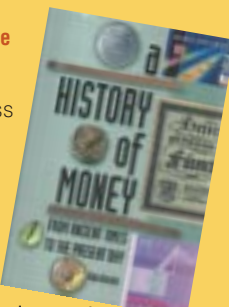


**A History of Money
From Ancient Times to the Present Day 3rd edn**

Glyn Davies

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715 PP, PB **\$56**, HB **\$132**

Useful for economists, political scientists and anthropologists, this book ranges from barter and the origins of primitive money to the development of coins and the expansion of trade and finance up to the controversies of the 20th century, including the European Monetary System. This third edition includes the future of coins in an increasingly cashless society.



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**An Anthology
Ian Plant**

EQUINOX PUBLISHING
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Paul Taylor

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History of Jewish Olympic athletes from the first modern Olympics in Athens in 1896 to the 1972 disasters and triumphs of Munich, and beyond. Illustrates how these athletes, many of whom suffered under the Nazi Holocaust, used sport to combat oppression, prejudice and inequality. Lists more than 250 medallists.



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Leo Panitch

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The unconcealed imperial face that the United States is now prepared to show to the world above all pertains to the increasing difficulties of managing a truly global informal empire. How to refashion all the states of the world so that they become at least minimally adequate for the administration of global order is now the central problem for the American state.

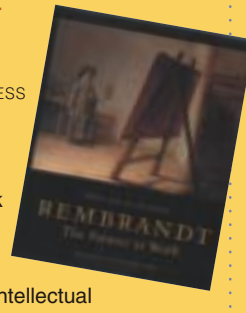


Rembrandt – The Painter at Work

Ernst van de Wetering

AMSTERDAM UNIVERSITY PRESS
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HB 9053562397

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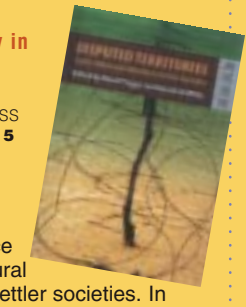


**Disputed Territories
Land Culture and Identity in Settler Societies**

David Trigger

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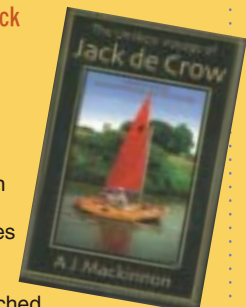


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Alexander Mackinnon

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