



AUSTRALIAN BOOK GROUP

GOOD BOOKS → EVERYWHERE

ABG Winter Catalogue 2005

NEW RELEASES

The Boats I Flew

Bryan Monkton

OTFORD PRESS
ISBN 1876928050
352 PP, PB, **\$34.95**
From mine-laying several feet above the sea at night during WW II to surviving a rocket attack in the Belgian Congo and engine failure in the middle of the Pacific, Bryan Monkton's extraordinary autobiography is as full of excitement, intrigue and swashbuckling exuberance as the finest adventure novel.



AUGUST

The Big End of Town

W.R. Widerberg

OTFORD PRESS
ISBN 1876928085
320 PP, PB, **\$29.95**
David Preston's big chance comes when offered a job running one of Sydney's big breweries. Success comes at a price. Unwilling to be drawn into corrupt financial dealings, David resigns, then makes a takeover bid for the company. Suddenly, not only is his career at stake, but also his life.

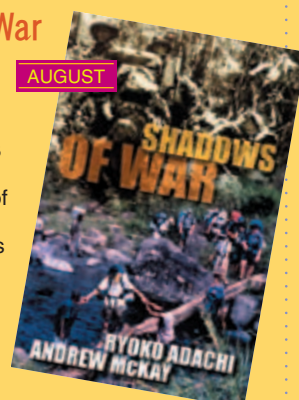


AUGUST

Shadows of War

Ryoko Adachi & Andrew McKay

INDRA PUBLISHING
ISBN 1920787135
PB, 176 PP, **\$27.95**
In the 60th anniversary year of the end of WWII we hear the voices of veterans, now old men and women, as they share their feelings about the war, about the Japanese, about relations between Australia and the old enemy. We also hear Japan's silence on its wartime history.



AUGUST

The Outback

Annaliese Porter & Bronwyn Bancroft (ill.)

MAGABALA BOOKS
ISBN 1875641866
HB, 28PP, **\$22.95**
A stunning full-colour picture book. Annaliese Porter captures the Australian outback in all its moods in this moving bush ballad about the country's vast interior. Written when she was only eight years old, *The Outback* brings together a gifted young writer and one of Australia's most celebrated artists, Bronwyn Bancroft.



JULY

Australia's Artful Dodger

Centrelink Exposed Rod Whyte

ISBN 0975246321
PB, 256 PP, **\$22.95**
'For the first time ever, a former Senior Manager of Centrelink speaks out about how and why so many innocent people are suffering through mistakes, debts, ineffective practices and Centrelink's amazing run at dodging accountability. This is a Must-Read for all Centrelink's 6.5 million customers and every Australian taxpayer.'



JULY

Worm in the Bud

June Duncan Owen

INDRA PUBLISHING
ISBN 1920787127
PB, 248 PP, **\$26.95**
While Rose was looking forward to celebrating their wedding anniversary, her husband, Lewis, remained cold and detached, his manner increasingly distant from the entire family. What secrets of infidelity, murder and incest lie hidden behind this outwardly strong farming family? *Worm in the Bud* – set in the farmlands of southern Tasmania, by the author of *The Missing Wife*.



JULY

Team Dream

J.A. Mawter

OTFORD PRESS
ISBN 1876928018
192 PP, PB, **\$14.95**
Mem has a dream – to play rugby for the local football team and win the approval of her father, a famous rugby player. But her mother and the club have other ideas. An uplifting story about reaching for your dreams and having the courage to stand up for yourself.



JULY

Spin the Bottle

Janette Brazel

OTFORD PRESS
ISBN 1876928042
192 PP, PB, **\$14.95**
Spin the bottle is just a harmless game ... or is it? Jessi must find out why people in her street are disappearing and who's writing SOS messages on bottles. Could this be the end of Jessi's hockey career or the start of an intriguing mystery?



JULY

Normal Service Will Resume

Anthology

CARDIGAN PRESS
ISBN 0958130418
304 PP. PB, **\$19.95**

Fast fiction? What's that all about? It's about searching war-torn Vienna for that last cigar or making sure your personal gods are well-dressed. 'The shuffling heroisms of the little guy ... the stubborn maintenance of friendships with the gone-shitty - these are celebrated in the small worlds of these short fictions.' Toby Litt

RE-RELEASE JULY



The Floatingest Frog

Sally Murphy & Simon Bosch (ill.)

NEW FRONTIER PUBLISHING
ISBN 1921042540
PB, 24PP, **\$14.95**

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. A cautionary tale about being too full of hot air.

AUGUST



The Mighty Matilda Mudpuddle

Gordon Winch & Dee Texidor (ill.)

NEW FRONTIER PUBLISHING
ISBN 1921042060
64PP, PB, **\$12.95**

Matilda is extraordinary in everything she does but never more so than when she eats some spinach her grandfather brings her back from Spain. The spinach gives her immense strength. Matilda's mother records all Maty's adventures in this, the second book in the Matilda Mudpuddle series. Illustrated throughout in Dee Texidor's whimsical style. Early reader/Age 6-8yrs.

JULY



All Change Please

Anthology

CARDIGAN PRESS
ISBN 0958130426
292 PP. PB, **\$19.95**

Have you been missing your fast fiction? Then you've been missing getting dumped by your dog or finding yourself trapped in a bomb shelter with the bitchiest girls in school. Go out looking for love with Schmoookin' Serge or get God to pour you the next round. It's as unmissable as the next tram, train, bus or ferry.

RE-RELEASE JULY



Biddy's Fishing Line

An adventure of Biddy when she was young

Bridget Priman & Robbie Paul (ill.)

BLACK INK PRESS
ISBN 1863340122
32 PP, FULL-COLOUR PB, **\$15.00**

'What did you do when you were little?' This is one of Bridget's many stories of growing up in Queensland as a resourceful child, as told to her curious family. Robbie's life-like illustrations vividly capture the little girl and her bush home. This book will fascinate and educate children and stimulate adults' memory of their own childhood.

JULY



Turtle Egg Day

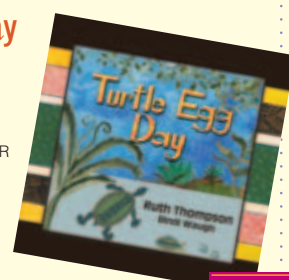
Ruth Thompson & Bindi Waugh (ill.)

BLACK INK PRESS
ISBN 1863340114
32 PP, FULL-COLOUR PB, **\$15.00**

Published posthumously, this is a treasure left for her family by Ruth Thompson. It tells of growing up in the North Queensland rainforest as a loved grandchild. Since the lifestyle has changed so much, this will educate and surprise both children and adults.

Ruth's original illustrations are complemented by Bindi Waugh's sensitive and life-like images of the little girl and her bush home.

JULY



AB AUSTRALIAN BOOK GROUP
GOOD BOOKS → EVERYWHERE

Stock up with
→ ABG

book.distribution@elandmark.com.au

River Girl

Growing up around the Murray River

Glenda Andrew

BLACK INK PRESS
ISBN 1863340130
108 PP, ILLUSTRATED PB, **\$18.00**

Glenda Andrew tells vividly of childhood fun, teenage fears and family hopes in a changing world. She grew up as a granddaughter of, on one side the famous Pastor Doug Nichols and, on the other, traditional Nan Karpany. This life of a school-girl in Murray river country is enlivened by a family tree, a map, and many photos and sketches.

JULY



Gudjal Language Pocket Dictionary

William C. Santo & Cassy Nancarrow

BLACK INK PRESS
ISBN 1863340157
32 PP, PB, **\$18.00**

This is a wordlist (Gudjal to English and English to Gudjal) of the Australia Indigenous language spoken by the people from around Mt. Garnet and Charters Towers. It is a tool to build respect, knowledge and understanding and includes a map and a guide to pronunciation. A companion to the colourful *Gudjal Book of Animals*, *Book of Birds*, and *My Country*.

JULY



My Country

William C. Santo

BLACK INK PRESS
ISBN 1863340165
24 PP, FULL-COLOUR PB, **\$12.00**

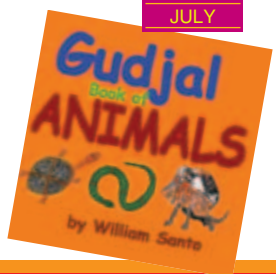


JULY

Gudjal Book of Animals

William C. Santo

BLACK INK PRESS
ISBN 186334019X
24 PP, FULL-COLOUR PB, **\$12.00**

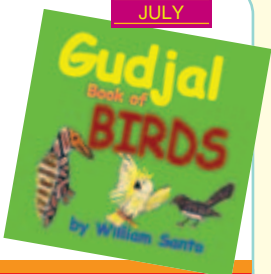


JULY

Gudjal Book of Birds

William C. Santo

BLACK INK PRESS
ISBN 1863340173
24 PP, FULL-COLOUR PB, **\$12.00**



JULY

These are simple word books (Gudjal and English) which will entertain people of all ages, but especially introduce new words to young children. The artwork is original and bright, the design simple and striking.

Gudjal is the language spoken by the people from around Mt Garnet and Charters Towers. These small books have a companion in the *Gudjal Pocket Dictionary* by the same author which includes a map and a guide to pronunciation.

Mini Goss is one of Australia's most vibrant and exciting children's books illustrators. Her trade picture book *When Mum Was Little* won the **2002 CBC Crichton Award** in recognition of new Australian talent in the field of children's book illustration.

When Mini was two she went with her parents 'on the ship' to London. Mini's mum was a fashion model and her father an architect. In 1969 they moved to New York for a year. There they watched Neil Armstrong walk on the moon on a huge screen in Central Park. Another time they went to a party on a roof, given by a man called Andy Warhol!

When she was 11, Mini's family returned to Melbourne – to her grandmothers and a long-promised dog.

As a teenager, Mini was only allowed to watch half an hour of TV a day. The rest of the time she liked to draw. Her favourite subject was her dog Snoopy.

As a grown-up, Mini still likes to draw her dog, her cat, rabbits, birds, fish and her three children. Since starting to write and illustrate children's books about 13 years ago, her pets and children have been the models for many characters in her books. In *Taming Butterflies*, Mini's daughter Hazel was the model for Tilly. Unfortunately Mini isn't allowed to have her own rhinoceros or elephant, so she had to go to the zoo to find models for the characters in *Rhino Neil*.



Four Picture Story Books by Award-winning Mini Goss

The Grief Book

Strategies for young people
Elizabeth Vercoe & Kerry Abramowski

BLACK DOG BOOKS
ISBN 1876372524
PB, 208PP, **\$16.95**

Short-listed, **Eve Pownell Award for Information Books, CBCA 2005**

'This unique guide has a place in every school library.' – *The Age Education Unit*
'... Both radical and liberating, Vercoe shines a bright light.' – *The Age*
'... gives people struggling with grief and loss the tools they need to work through their grief.' – Dr Michael Carr-Gregg Phd MAPS, Adolescent Psychologist, Founder CanTeen



When Mum Was Little

Winner 2002 CBC Crichton Award in recognition of new Australian talent in the field of children's book illustration

Mini Goss
BLACK DOG BOOKS
ISBN 1876372109
24PP, PB, **\$16.95**



Rhino Neil

Mini Goss
NEW FRONTIER PUBLISHING
ISBN 1921042303
28PP, HB, **\$24.95**

All the animals in the zoo are warned to stay away from the huge Rhino Neil. He is a very lonely rhinoceros until one day Tuscany the elephant arrives. Rhino Neil is pleased to have a friend at last.

Picture book – age 3-6 years



Crow Feathers

An Indigenous collection of poems and images

Rebecca Edwards & Janelle Evans (Eds)

BLACK INK PRESS
ISBN 186334005X
PB, 72 PP, **\$18.00**

Winner, National Indigenous Media Prize 2004

Selected work of 28 emerging Indigenous writers and artists. The book is an outcome of the inaugural Indigenous writers and illustrators awards. Attractive, very accessible layout.

In 2003, *Crow Feathers* won the Townsville Literature Award.



When Dad Was a Teenager

Mini Goss
BLACK DOG BOOKS
ISBN 1876372362
PB, 24PP, **\$16.95**

Praise for *When Dad Was a Teenager*:

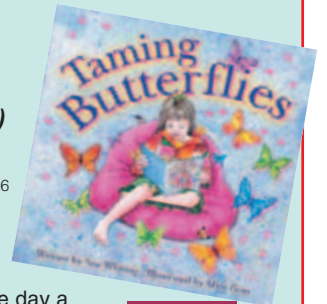
'Vibrant colours and exuberant action.' – *Reading Time*
'[Take] a trip down good and bad memory lane ... enormous fun.' – *The Sunday Age*
'1980s Australia in full roar.' – *Australian Bookseller & Publisher*



Taming Butterflies

Sue Whiting & Mini Goss (ill.)
NEW FRONTIER PUBLISHING
ISBN 1921042486
32PP, PB, **\$14.95**

Tilly has butterflies in her tummy. One day a visitor arrives who shows Tilly how to keep her butterflies at bay. A story about how to cope with anxiety in those early years of school.



A Home for Bilby

Joanne Crawford & Grace Fielding (ill.)

MAGABALA BOOKS
ISBN 1875641912
PB, 28 PP, FULL-COLOUR, **\$18.95**

Short-listed, **WA Premier's Literary Awards**

First published October 2004, now available in its second printing, this engaging picture book takes children on a journey through the Australian outback and the habitats of the animals that live there. Join Kangaroo, Emu, Platypus, Wombat and Koala as they help find a home for their new friend Bilby. Illustrated by award-winning artist Grace Fielding.



The Mark of the Wagarl

Lorna Little & Janice Lyndon (ill.)

MAGABALA BOOKS
ISBN 1875641971
28 PP, HB, FULL-COLOUR, **\$22.95**

Notable Book, CBCA Younger Readers, 2005

Maadjit Wagarl is the sacred water snake and guardian spirit of all the rivers and fresh waters of Nyoongar Country in the south-west of Western Australia. This is the story of how a young boy questioned the wisdom of his elders and why he received the Wagarl for his totem.



The Real Desire

Robyn Ferrell
INDRA PUBLISHING
ISBN 1920787011
PB, 196 PP, **\$27.95**

Short-listed, **NSW Premier's Literary Awards**

In *The Real Desire*, the lenses of art, philosophy, sensuality and the dreamscape invite us to explore the many guises of desire. A childhood interwoven with Aboriginal history, the banalities of buying real estate, discussion of lingerie and writing philosophy are all to be found in this collection of essays from Robyn Ferrell.



Two important refugee books from Halstead Press

Another Country

Writers in detention

Thomas Keneally & Rosie Scott (Eds)

HALSTEAD PRESS
ISBN 1920831282
128 PP, PB, \$27.95

The first edition of this collection of fiction, shocking true stories, poems, illustrations and cartoons from inmates of detention camps won its editors the prestigious Human Rights Award from the UN.

In this new, expanded edition, Thomas Keneally is plunging deeper into controversy over the Government's treatment of refugees by including his confronting letter to Amanda Vanstone (featuring resolutions from a packed-out session at last year's Sydney Writers' Festival), and her reply.

PROMOTION:

- LAUNCH AT BAXTER DETENTION CENTRE BY CHRISTINE RAU
- TV NEWS AND RADIO COVERAGE – COMMERCIAL AND ABC
- WRITE-UPS IN MOST MAJOR NEWSPAPERS
- SYDNEY WRITERS' FESTIVAL PANEL: CLAUDIA KARVAN, BRIAN BROWN AND DAVID MALOUF
- CELEBRITY EVENT IN MELBOURNE IN JULY

'A deeply disturbing collection . . . encapsulates our collective shame.' – *The Age*



Seeking Refuge

Foreword by Thomas Keneally

Jo Coghlan & John Minns (Eds)

UWP
ISBN 1920831509
160 PP, PB, \$29.95

The refugee and humanitarian issues challenging Australia and the world.

Detainees tell their own stories in direct interviews. Expert contributors, including Tessa Morris-Suzuki, Andrew Wells, and Carmen Lawrence, analyse the role of governments and the UN, and the manipulation of public opinion.

JUNE



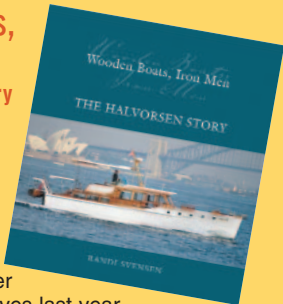
Wooden Boats, Iron Men

The Halvorsen Story

Randi Svensen

HALSTEAD PRESS
ISBN 1920831118
HB, 192 PP, \$79.95

Beautifully produced, like the classic boats it celebrates, and after walking off the shelves last year, the reprint is NOW BACK IN STOCK. Randi Svensen, granddaughter of Lars Halvorsen, traces a family saga from 19th century Norway and 20th century Australia, and a boat building tradition which sets the global mark for design and craftsmanship.



Nine Tenths Below

Foreword by Debra Adelaide

HALSTEAD PRESS
ISBN 1920831304
PB, 160PP, \$28.95

The big name writers of tomorrow in a striking collection of stories, travels and poetry. Focussing on the forces that send people away from home and lead them back, they discover that much more lies below than on the surface – and that it is never what you'd expect. The latest in the highly acclaimed anthologies from UTS writers in conjunction with Halstead Press.



Jesus, Judas and Mordy Ben Ruben

Dick Gross

TABLET BOOKS
ISBN 0975024418
352PP, PB, \$24.95

Was Jesus actually a mentally unstable, relentless self-promoter blinded by his own ego? Was Judas's apparent suicide really a murder covered up by the remaining disciples? Dick Gross has created a thought-provoking alternative account of the events surrounding Jesus' last days – throwing new light on the gospels and challenging some of Christianity's foundation myths.

JULY



Bend of the River

John Marshall

PALLAS PUBLISHING
ISBN 0975726706
PB, 192PP, \$24.95

Dunk fights to save bushland which Swin intends to destroy for a caravan park. The conflict leads to a riot and court trial; eventually to murder and blackmail. Love and hate flourish with the same unpredictability as the surging river. One of the funniest and compelling of Australian stories.

JULY



Impressions of Australia

Ric J. Steininger

RIC J. STEININGER PUBLICATIONS
ISBN 0958163308
FULL-COLOUR HB, 65 PP, \$12.95

- A great gift for people with relatives overseas and for visitors to Australia, this book contains grand views of Australian natural splendour.
- Features a fantastic selection of inspiring images from Central Australia, the Great Barrier Reef, Alpine country, 12 Apostles, beaches and Sydney.
- A Best-seller, now available in its 5th reprint.



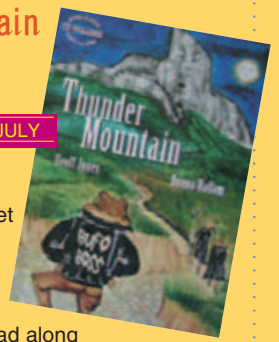
Thunder Mountain

Geoff Jones

BILLY NUGDEL BOOKS
ISBN 0958153795
PB, 32 PP, \$14.95

Thunder Mountain beckons a thousand toads to gather for a party. The toads are set to make an awesome sound, but could their plans go wrong? An engaging picture book for young readers. Read along with the narrator, or sing along to a rocky tune by Geoff Jones which makes playing 'air guitar' irresistible! Full colour, with Audio CD.

JULY



Impressions of Cairns

Ric J. Steininger

RIC J. STEININGER PUBLICATIONS
ISBN 0958163316
FULL-COLOUR HB, 65 PP, \$12.95

- An exquisite gift featuring brilliant colour images of natural scenic icons of tropical North Queensland.
- A great gift book for all who have visited or wish to visit Tropical North Queensland.
- Features a fantastic selection of inspiring images from Cairns, tropical islands, the Great Barrier Reef, rainforest and coastline from Mission Beach to Cape Tribulation.



Weekend Warriors II

Jake Haddad

ROOST INDUSTRIES
ISBN 0958169810
PB, 160 PP, \$39.95

Weekend Warriors II lists 21 new suggested riding locations within 3 hours of the Melbourne CBD. It includes reviews, statistical information, rider ratings, trail surface descriptions, recommended loops, and detailed maps specifically designed with the trail bike rider in mind.

JULY



AB AUSTRALIAN BOOK GROUP
GOOD BOOKS → EVERYWHERE

Stock up with
→ ABG

book.distribution@elandmark.com.au

USING OUR SEPARATE ORDER FORM, GIVE YOUR ORDER TO OUR SALES REPRESENTATIVE OR SEND IT TO:

Australian Book Group Pty Ltd Customer Service PO Box 130, Drouin, Vic. 3818

tel: 03 5625 4290 fax: 03 5625 3756 email: book.distribution@elandmark.com.au