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JUNE 2020

Welcome Back!!!

How wonderful it is to welcome you back to the library – we have missed you! The Library was able to re-open from June 1st, albeit with some restrictions. Over the coming weeks, we will be increasing our services and hours, working towards a “new normal”. You will notice some changes when you come in to the library, as we implement the social distancing and safety requirements necessitated by the Covid-19 pandemic. We thank you for your assistance in safeguarding the health and wellbeing of our staff and patrons, by observing all the required precautions.

Whilst we were closed, we kept very busy behind closed doors, completing a full stocktake, weeding and re-arranging some collections, undertaking some catalogue enhancements and preparing plenty of new stock for the shelves. The “Click and Collect” service we operated was very popular, with over 400 orders being placed for 4,000 items during the period of closure. Quite a few people took advantage of our digital resources, with over 900 eAudio books and 1400 eBooks being borrowed in the two month period.

On behalf of all my staff, thank you for your kind messages of support and gratitude during the last few months – it meant a lot to us to know that you all missed us, as much as we missed you.

I want to personally acknowledge the support of Council in helping us navigate the challenges of the last few months, and the hard work, dedication and positivity shown by each of my staff. They have each been enthusiastic, creative and customer-focused throughout, and have made my role as Manager so much easier in the process. Thank you to Maria, Leanne, Camille, Helen, Belynda, Tracey, Debbie, Kylie and Mia.

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NEW BOOKS

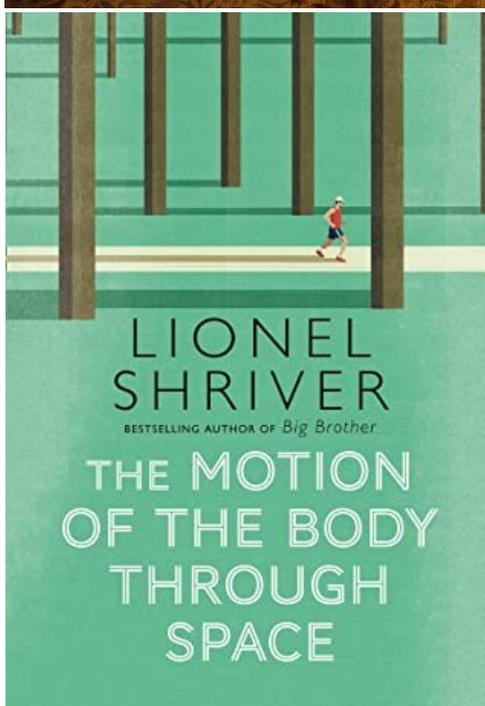
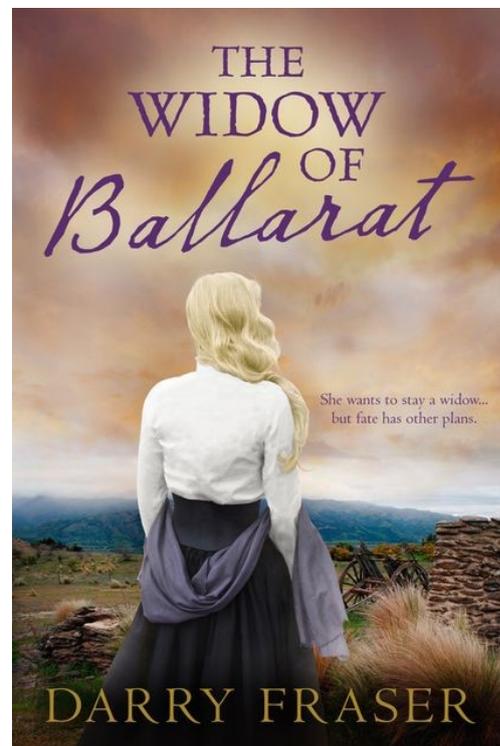
***The widow of Ballarat* by Darryl Fraser (AF FRAS)**

1854, Ballarat, Victoria.

When Nell Amberton's husband is shot dead by a bushranger, there are few who grieve his passing-least of all is Nell. How could she miss the monster who had abused her from the day they wed - the man who had already killed his innocent first wife? But his death triggers a chain of events that seem to revolve around the handsome bushranger who murdered him - a man to whom Nell, against her better judgement, is drawn.

But Nell has far more than a mysterious stranger to worry about. With a mess of complications around her late husband's will, a vicious scoundrel of a father trying to sell her off in a matrimony, and angry relatives pursuing her for her husband's gold, she is more concerned with trying to ensure her safety and that of her friend, goldfields laundry woman Flora, than dealing with the kind of feelings that led her astray so catastrophically before.

After the violence on the goldfields, Nell's fate also hangs in the balance. It seems that, after all, she might need to do the one thing she has avoided at all cost...ask for help of a man.



***The motion of the body through space* by Lionel Shriver (AF SHRI)**

Allergic to group activities of any kind, all her life Serenata has run, swum, and cycled - on her lonesome. But now that she's hit 60, all that physical activity has destroyed her knees. As she contemplates surgery with dread, her previously sedentary husband Remington, recently and ignominiously redundant, chooses this precise moment to discover exercise.

Which should be good for his health right? Yet as he joins the cult of fitness that seems increasingly to consume the whole of the Western world, her once-modest husband burgeons into an unbearable narcissist. Ignoring all his other obligations in the service of extreme sport, he engages a saucy, personal trainer named Bami, who treats his wife with contempt. When Remington announces his intention to compete in the legendarily grueling triathlon, MettleMan, Serenata is sure he's going to end up injured or dead - but the stubbornness of an ageing man in Lycra is not to be underestimated.

Vince Flynn



The fifth of seven children, Vince Flynn was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, in 1966. He graduated from the St. Thomas Academy in 1984, and the University of St. Thomas with a degree in economics in 1988.

After college he went to work for Kraft General Foods where he was an account and sales marketing specialist.

In 1990 he left Kraft to accept an aviation candidate slot with the United States Marine Corps. One week before leaving for Officers Candidate School, he was medically disqualified from the Marine Aviation Program, due to several concussions and convulsive seizures he suffered growing up. While trying to

obtain a medical waiver for his condition, he started thinking about writing a book. This was a very unusual choice for Flynn since he had been diagnosed with dyslexia in grade school and had struggled with reading and writing all his life.

Having been stymied by the Marine Corps, Flynn returned to the nine-to-five grind and took a job with United Properties, a commercial real estate company in the Twin Cities. During his spare time he worked on an idea he had for a book. After two years with United Properties he decided to take a big gamble. He quit his job, moved to Colorado, and began working full time on what would eventually become 'Term Limits'.

Like many struggling artists before him, he bartended at night and wrote during the day. Five years and more than sixty rejection letters later he took the unusual step of self-publishing his first novel. The book went to number one in the Twin Cities, and within a week had a new agent and two-book deal with Pocket Books, a Simon & Schuster imprint.

He died on June 19, 2013, after three years with prostate cancer.

Biography and image from vinceflynn.com

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STAFF BOOK REVIEW

Strange the Dreamer by Laini Taylor

Young Adult Fiction (YA TAYL)

Review by Mia, Workplace Trainee

'*Strange the Dreamer*' by Laini Taylor is an enchanting duology that follows the story of Lazlo Strange, who has dreamt and studied the long lost city of Weep since he was a child. In the beginning Lazlo feels as though he will forever be stuck working as a librarian and only ever dreaming for his dreams to come true. When a band of Tizarkane soldiers ride into his city, seeking scholars and experts of different kinds of knowledge to join their party and ride with them to Weep, Lazlo is soon whisked away and transported straight to the city he has been studying practically his whole life.

Here we are introduced to our other main character, Sarai, who is stuck with her family in their palace filled with ghosts, gardens, and memories. Every day is the same and they are unable to leave their beautiful prison, but Lazlo could change that. Sarai is able to visit other peoples' dreams, though the dreamers cannot see her, except Lazlo, and this is how the two set about planning Sarai's escape. It is here we see our unlikely hero in Lazlo and almost as unlikely, damsel in distress in Sarai, as both characters attempt to free Sarai, unleash the 'secret of Weep,' and defy the fear and hate that has settled around Weep and through its people for so many generations.

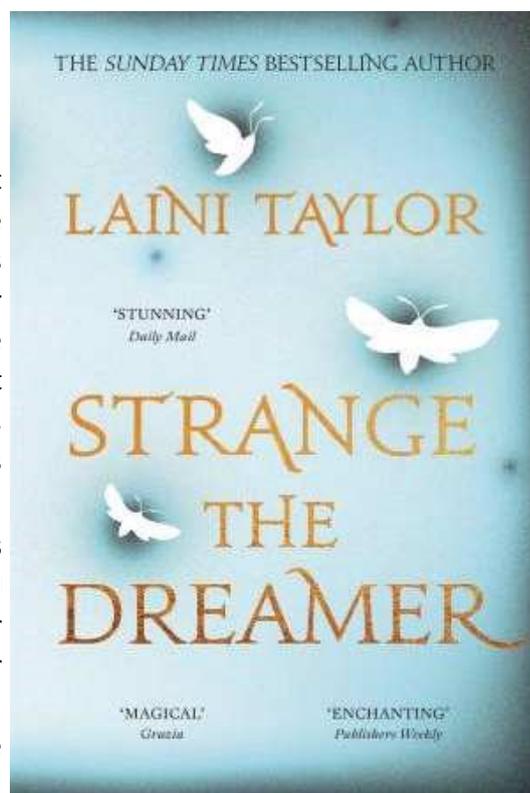
Laini Taylor breaks all the barriers with '*Strange the Dreamer*', breaking through generic tropes whilst still keeping to the classic and much-loved style of young adult fiction. She brings to her writing a magical quality that is rarely seen in young adult fiction and weaving her story with such a unique writing style that is simplistically beautiful and uses an extensive and delicate vocabulary, as well as incredible world building, character development, imagery and such subtle romance for a young adult novel.

Laini plays with the trope of toxic masculinity in male characters, which is so often portrayed in young adult fiction with the main characters of a story; and whilst there are characters in her novel that have deliberate toxicity, her main character, Lazlo, almost abolishes this trope with a life devoted to study and books and the reality that he had never held a sword or trained physically before his journey to Weep. This I thought was fantastic, something new and refreshing to be seen in the young adult department rather than the generic, brooding teenage boys that make most of us roll our eyes.

'*Strange the Dreamer*' was a beautiful read, something that really takes the reader into its world and gives us the sense that Laini is an artist more than an author. Its simplistic style gives the book a calming and easy-to-read quality, making it perfect for a rainy Saturday.

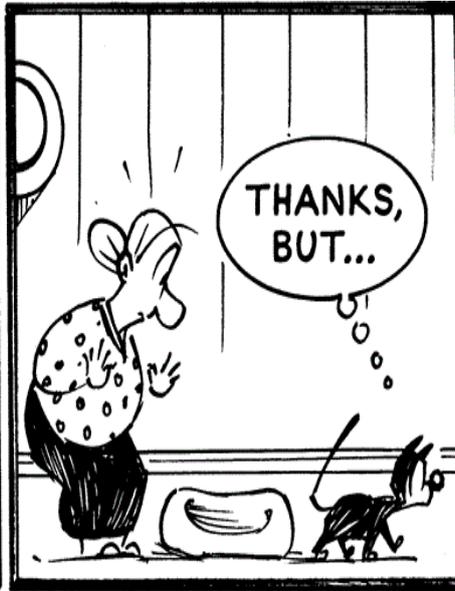
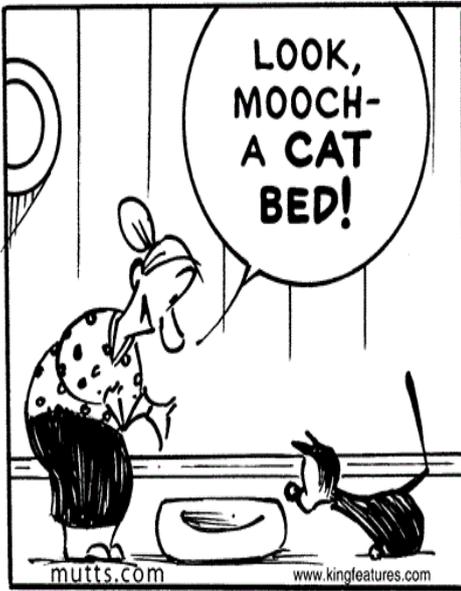
I, myself, unfortunately, am a reader that is almost solely invested in heavy fantasy and battle scenes, and so found '*Strange the Dreamer*' to be almost too slow a read to want to revisit it again someday. I would highly recommend '*Strange the Dreamer*' if you are an avid reader of author's like Maggie Stiefvater and Erin Morgenstern, but would almost caution against the duology if you're a reader who favours George R. R. Martin and Jay Kristoff.

Laini Taylor, as an author, is incredible at what she does and I found the book gorgeous, but also craved an almost heavier plot, something a little more intricate, and is why I would rate it a solid three out of five stars.



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Can you spot the 10 differences?



Junior Gems

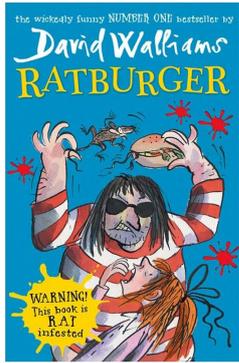
Book Review by Philippa

Grade 6

'Ratburger' by David Walliams

The books that have been reviewed on pages 10 and 11 were also kindly donated to the library by Philippa.

Thank you so much for your generosity Philippa and for your reviews. We hope other readers will enjoy your recommendations.

Illustrator:	Tony Ross	
Publisher:	HarperCollins	
Year Published:	2012	
Pages:	316	
Date Reviewed:	5th May 2020	

Major Characters:	Zoe, Zoe's Dad, her stepmother Sheila, Gingernut (Zoe's old pet hamster), Armitage (Zoe's new pet rat) and Burt.
Minor Characters:	Raj, Tina Trotts (the school bully), the teachers and students at Zoe's school.
My favourite Character:	Zoe, because she loves animals, especially rats.
Setting:	Zoe's flat, her school and Burts' lair.
Plot:	Zoe lives in a dilapidated flat with her Dad and horrible, lazy stepmother Sheila. When Zoe's pet hamster Gingernut dies, she is devastated, until she finds Armitage-a baby rat, in her bedroom. Now Zoe is happy as she teaches Armitage breakdancing and takes him everywhere she goes. But when Zoe finds out that an evil man, Burt, is trying to steal Armitage and turn him and thousands of other rats into Ratburgers, she is terrified. With the help of her Dad, Zoe must save all of the rats before it's too late.
My favourite part:	When Zoe and her Dad defeat Burt and Sheila and then they start their own
Is this book fiction or non-fiction?	Fiction
Would I read other books written by this author?	Yes, definitely
Star Rating: 1=Not recommended 2=Leave it for a rainy day 3=Recommended 4=Highly Recommended 5=Absolutely Recommend	

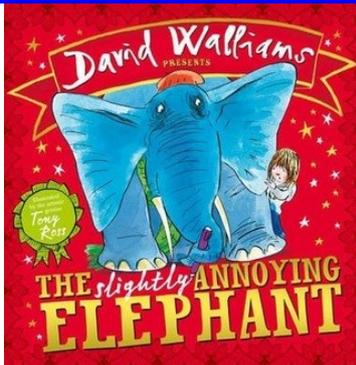
Junior Gems

Book Review by Philippa

Grade 6

'The slightly annoying elephant'

by David Walliams

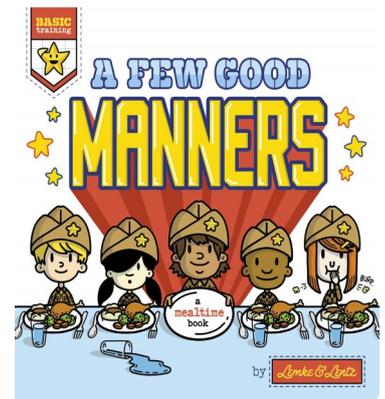
Illustrator:	Tony Ross	
Publisher:	HarperCollins	
Year Published:	2014	
Pages:	32	
Date Reviewed:	5th May 2020	

Major Characters:	Sam, the Elephant and all his friends.
Minor Characters:	Sam's mum
My favourite Character:	The Elephant
Setting:	Sam's house
Plot:	When the doorbell rings, Sam doesn't know who it is. When he opens the door he gets a big shock-there is an elephant standing outside his house. When Sam takes him inside, he doesn't know what to do. The elephant is breaking things and demanding lots more. How is Sam going to get rid of this very annoying elephant? As Sam is thinking, the doorbell rings, again! When Sam opens the door he doesn't know what to do-standing outside on the street are hundreds of elephants..!
My favourite part:	When hundreds of elephants arrived at Sam's front door.
Is this book fiction or non-fiction?	Fiction
Would I read other books written by this author?	Yes, definitely
Star Rating: 1=Not recommended 2=Leave it for a rainy day 3=Recommended 4=Highly Recommended 5=Absolutely Recommend	

NEW BOOKS FOR YOUNGER READERS

A few good manners: a mealtime book by Donald Lemke (Board Book)

It's chow time! And time to learn the rules of engagement at the dinner table in this fun-filled mission.



Izzy and Frank by Katrina Lehman (Picture Book)

Izzy loved her island. But most of all, she loved Frank the seagull.

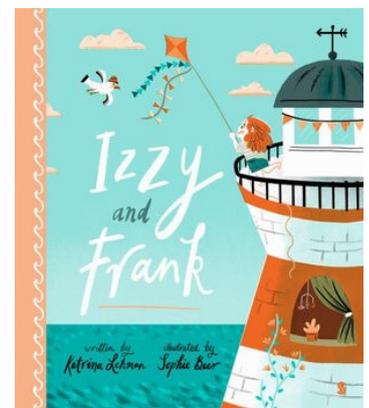
Izzy and Frank spend blue-sky-sunny days and grey-cloud-rainy days roaming and playing by the sea.

But when Izzy has to leave her lighthouse and island life behind to move to the city, she also has to say goodbye to Frank.

The city is crowded and noisy, and Izzy misses the sand and the sea.

Can Izzy find a place for herself in her new home?

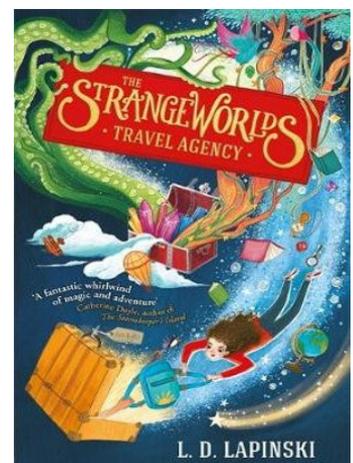
And will she ever see Frank again?



The Strangeworlds Travel Agency by L.D. Lapinski (Junior Fiction)

When 12-year-old Flick Hudson is invited to join the secret Strangeworlds Society, she's thrilled-but quickly realizes that something isn't right in the magical multiverse. Blizzards are hitting in the middle of summer, entire city streets are disappearing, and one suitcase leads her to a world that has been completely abandoned.

Soon, Flick is breaking all sorts of society rules and pushing the very limits of magic to try and figure out what's going on. But will she be able to fix things before all the worlds-including her own-vanish completely?



The Secret Runners of New York by Matthew Reilly (Young Adult)

When Skye Rogers and her twin brother Red move to Manhattan, rumours of a global apocalypse are building.

But the young elite of New York keep partying without a care.

And then suddenly Skye is invited to join an exclusive gang known as the Secret Runners of New York. This is no ordinary clique-they have access to an underground portal that can transport them into the future.

And what Skye discovers is horrifying.



Coming Soon...New Australian Historical Fiction

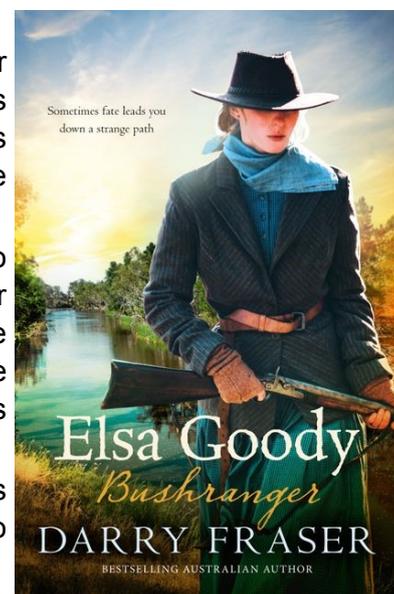
Elsa Goody, Bushranger by Darry Fraser

1896, Robe, South Australia.

When Elsa Goody's father and brother die in quick succession she and her sister Rosie are in trouble. Pursued by an unpleasant suitor with dubious motivation, Elsa leaves for Victoria on the hunt for a fortune in gold coins that her brother has hidden. If Elsa can find it she will be able to save Rosie and herself from married slavery.

Their quest leads them on a cross-country journey to find the last man who saw her brother alive, Ezekiel Jones. But Elsa is not the only one looking for buried treasure. She and Rosie are beset by bushrangers and in the confusion Elsa is accused of being an accomplice. Luckily not everyone believes that Elsa is a criminal. When she finally catches up with Ezekiel, it's clear that for him she can do no wrong.

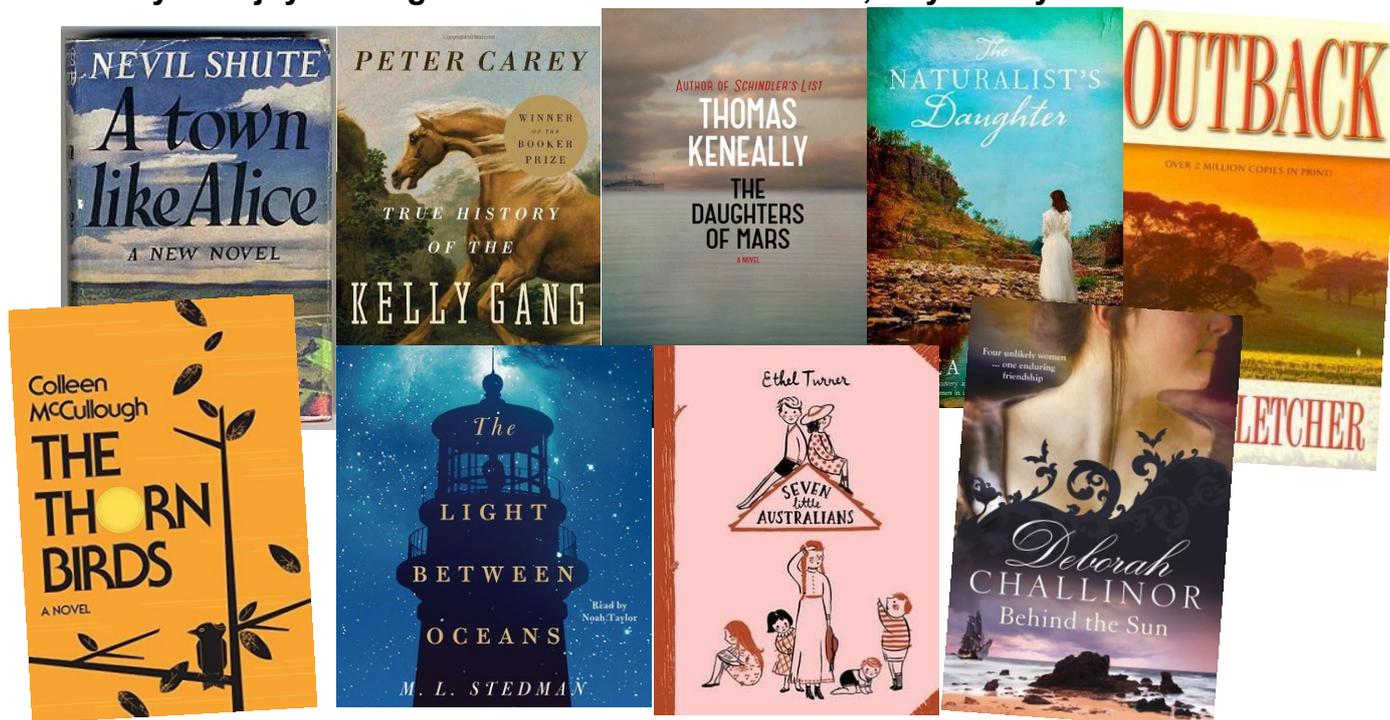
But with everyone chasing her and bloody violence on the horizon, life is becoming increasingly complicated. Will she and Rosie ever manage to solve the mystery, find the gold and free themselves from a dark future?



About Darry Fraser

Darry's first novel, *'Daughter of the Murray'*, is set on her beloved River Murray, where she spent part of her childhood. *'Where the Murray River Runs'*, her second novel, is set in Bendigo in the 1890's, and her third novel, *'The Widow of Ballarat'*, takes place on the Ballarat goldfields in the 1850's. *'The Good Woman of Renmark'* is set on the mighty Murray in the 1890's once again. She has an extreme fondness for plain potato crisps, dark chocolate, fresh licorice, and loves a bold berry-flavoured red wine (not necessarily at the same time). Hamish the Wonder dog is her beloved writing companion. Darry currently lives, works and writes on Kangaroo Island, an awe-inspiring place off the coast of South Australia.

If you enjoy reading Historical Australian Fiction, why not try these books



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'Playing on' by Michael Sexton

Biography

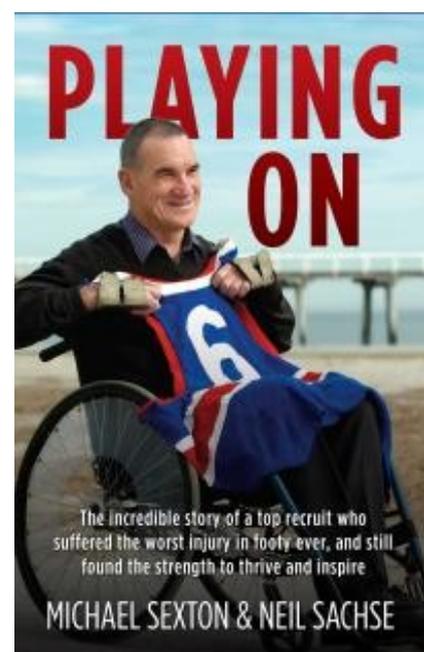
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224 pages

At 24, Neil Sachse was an Aussie Rules star on the rise. The burly South Australian had torn through the ranks to become one of the most sought-after players in the country. Then, in only his second game in the top flight, playing for Footscray, a front-on collision left Neil a quadriplegic.

It remains the most catastrophic injury to any player in the history of the VFL/AFL competition. However, it's not the injury, but what Neil went on to achieve that has come to define him.

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Inverell Friends of the Library

Friends of the Library (FOL) are members of the community who recognise the importance of the library and wish to support its operations.

Membership is open to any over 18 years old.

The role of FOL

- Promote library services.
- Develop community support for the library.
- Make presentations on behalf of the library to Government bodies.
- Access non-government funding sources.
- Provide practical assistance with major library events and projects.

Past success include

- Provided bookcase display for Local History books.
- Arranged cultural events including author visits, poetry nights and film screenings
- Donated generous amounts of money towards library stock since inception
- Enrich the cultural life of the community
- Provide ongoing magazine subscriptions of popular titles.

The FOL usually meet on the 2nd Wednesday of the month at 10am.

Meetings are a great opportunity for the FOL to plan events, determine how they assist in library projects and receive a report on library news from the Manager, Library Services. Meetings are open to all who are interested.



For more information or to join the Friends of the Library please see the staff at the library or phone (02) 67288130.

Are you temporarily or permanently housebound?

Every 3 weeks, library staff are able to deliver items of your choice to you.

We have a wide range of selections ranging from books, music, DVD's, magazines, large print, talking books, mysteries, romance, westerns and more.

You might read very quickly and in large numbers, or perhaps you would just like a book or two handy for a bit of leisure reading. Maybe you would like to listen to some music or watch a DVD.



Please Note: We can only provide Home Library Service to genuinely housebound people living within Inverell's town limits. We are unable to deliver out of town.

If this service would be helpful for yourself or someone you know, please contact the library on (02) 67288139.





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