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Inverell Library News

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BeanStack

We have an exciting new free service to help adults and children keep track of their reading, hit their reading goals, and earn recognition and rewards. Beanstack allows us to create challenges for you to participate in, and gives you a super easy way to log your reading, and earn entries in prize draws.

- Create an account (at inverell.beanstack.com or via the Beanstack Tracker app)
- Register for challenges that interest you
- Log your reading
- Earn rewards and enter prize draws



We have 3 challenges to get you started:

Summer Reading 2021 - Armchair Travel (ages 16+): read books set in different countries, log them against the appropriate activity badge, and earn entries in a prize draw for [\\$100 Sapphire Dollars](#).

Summer Reading 2021 (ages 5 - 5): keep the kids practicing their reading this Summer, and as they read books of their choice, log them and earn badges and entries into a Gift Card prize draw

Master of Minutes Summer 2021 (ages 5 - 15): encourage children to read every day, then log their minutes to earn badges and entries into a gift card draw.

Logging is quick and easy, and, if using the app, can be done by scanning the ISBN barcode on the back of the book. You can also log the same book for multiple readers with one touch, if you are reading aloud to your family. Ask the staff for more information, and look out for further challenges, including our revamped *Little Gems Storytime Reading Program*, and a *1000 Books Before School* challenge.

Register for a reading challenge on Beanstack!

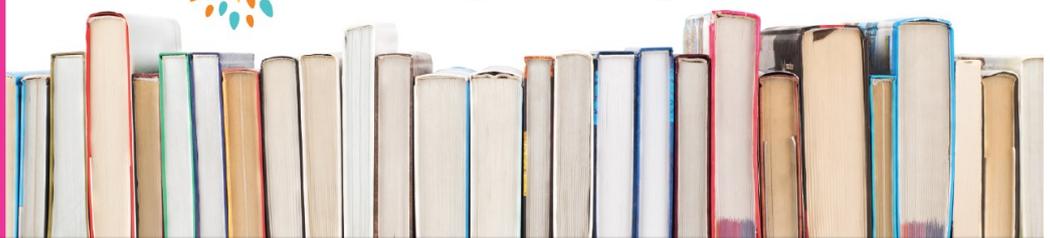
Track your reading, and access rewards.

Challenges for all ages.

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Beanstack



READING CHALLENGES

Armchair Travel

With most of our travel curtailed this year, we have created an armchair travel themed reading challenge this summer. Open to readers over 16 years of age, the challenge is running on Beanstack, and offers **\$100 Sapphire Dollars in prizes.**

To participate:

1. Log in or create an account on Beanstack (app or <https://inverell.beanstack.com>)
2. Register for the Summer Reading 2021 - Armchair Travel challenge
3. Explore the different "Activity" badges to see what books you need to read (books set in various locations around the globe)
4. When the challenge opens at 5pm on 4th January, start logging your reading against the appropriate "Activity" badge to earn recognition badges and entries in the prize draw.
5. Add a book review to earn extra entries.
6. Challenge finishes on 28th February.



Junior Summer Reading Challenge

We are running two reading challenges for 5-15 year olds this summer, the first of which, Summer Reading 2021 rewards children for reading books over the holiday period, and awards entries in a prize draw for a **\$50 Gift Card.**

1. Create an account on Beanstack and add each child to your account
2. Register each child for Summer Reading 2021 (note the challenge only shows up for children in the correct age range)
3. Once the challenge commences (5pm Monday 4th January) log "Books" against the challenge, and earn recognition badges and entries into a prize draw
4. Make sure you are logging each child's reading in their own account.
5. Challenge finishes 28th February.
6. Children may participate in both the Summer Reading 2021 and Master of Minutes challenges (see below), and can log the same reading for each challenge.



Master of Minutes

Our second summer reading challenge for the 5-15 year old is Master of Minutes, and focuses on building the habit of reading every day, to maintain literacy levels over the long summer holidays. By reading for 15 minutes every day, your child can earn recognition badges, and entries into a prize draw for a **\$50 gift card.**

To participate:

1. Log in or create an account at Beanstack
2. Register each child for Master of Minutes (the challenge will only show up for children in the appropriate age group)
3. Log against "Minutes Reading" each day to earn time based badges and entry tickets
4. Log against "Activities" to gain extra rewards for reading for three, seven or ten days in a row.
5. Make sure you log each child's reading in their own account
6. Challenge runs until 27th January, and children may participate in both challenges, and log the same book for both challenges.



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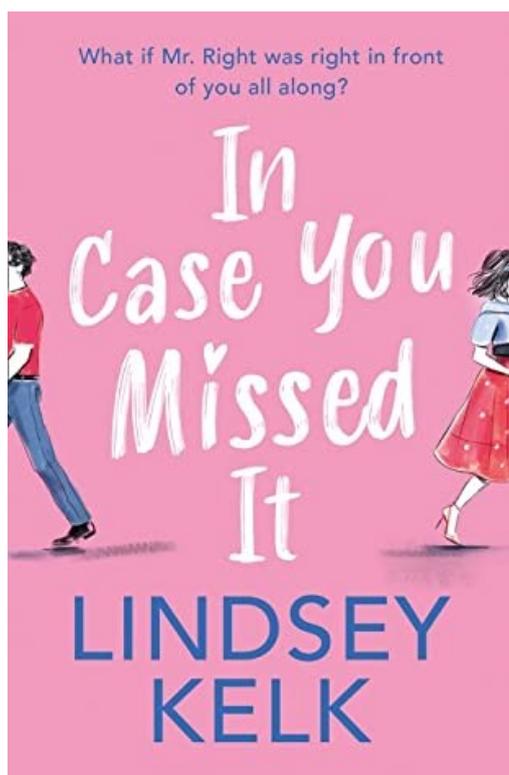
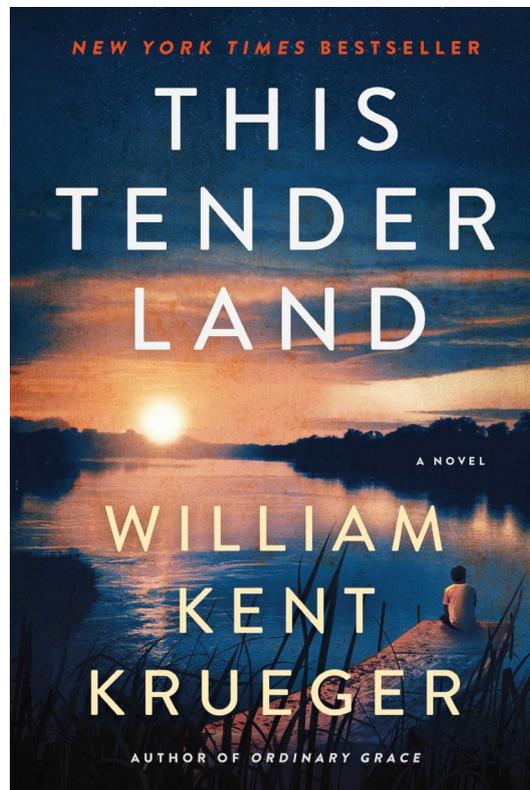
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NEW BOOKS

This Tender Land by William Kent Krueger (AF KRUE)

In the Summer of 1932, on the banks of Minnesota's Gilead River, Odie O'Banion is an orphan confined to the Lincoln Indian Training School, a pitiless place where his lively nature earns him the superintendent's wrath. Forced to flee after committing a terrible crime, he and his brother Albert, their best friend, Mose, and a broken-hearted girl named Emmy steal away in a canoe, heading for the mighty Mississippi and a place to call their own.

Over the course of one summer, these four orphans journey into the unknown and cross paths with others who are adrift, struggling farmers and traveling faith healers to displaced families and lost souls of all kind. With the feel of a modern classic, *'This Tender Land'* is an enthralling, big-hearted epic that shows how the magnificent American landscape connects us all, haunts our dreams, and makes us whole.

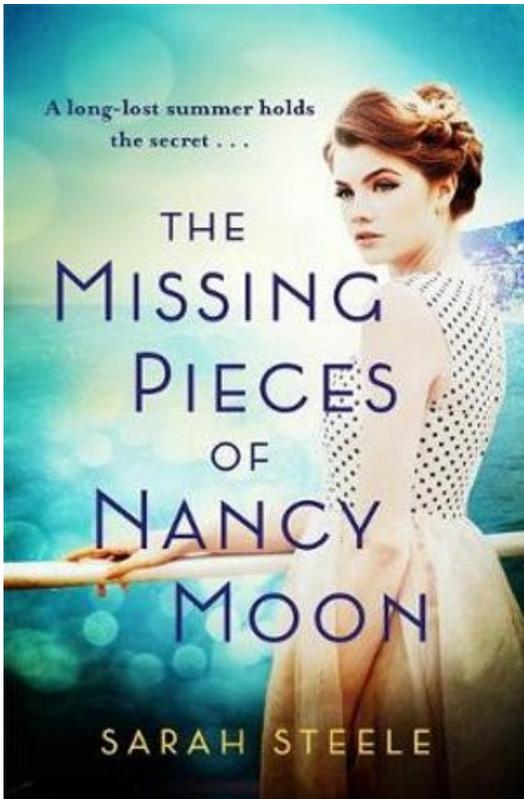


In Case You Missed It by Lindsey Kelk (AF KELK)

When Ros comes home after three years away, she's ready to pick up with life exactly where she left it. But her friends have moved on, her parents have rekindled their romance, and her bedroom is now a garden shed. All of a sudden, she's swept up in nostalgia for the way things were.

Then her phone begins to ping, with messages from her old life. Including one number she thought she had erased for good - the man who broke her heart. Is this her second chance at one big love? Sometimes we all want to see what we have been missing...

NEW BOOKS



The Missing Pieces of Nancy Moon by Sarah Steele (AF STEE)

Florence Connelly is broken-hearted.

Her marriage has collapsed under the weight of the loss she shares with her husband, and her beloved grandmother has just died. Even the joy she found in dressmaking is gone.

But things change when Flo opens a box of vintage 1960's dress patterns found inside her grandmother's wardrobe. Inside each pattern packet is a fabric swatch, a postcard from Europe and a photograph of a mysterious young woman, Nancy Moon, wearing the hand-made dress.

Flo discovers that Nancy was a distant relation who took the boat train to Paris in 1962 and never returned. With no one to stay home for, Flo decides to follow Nancy's thread. She unravels an untold story of love and loss in her family's past, and begins to stitch the pieces of her own life back together.

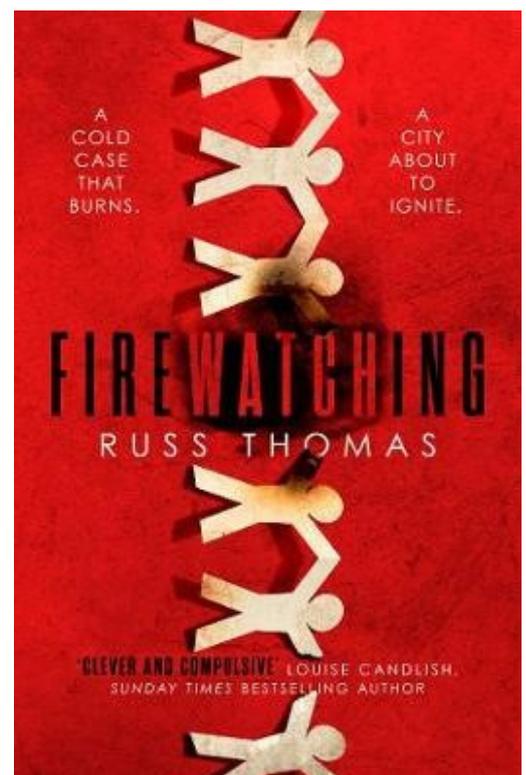
Firewatching by Russ Thomas (AF THOM)

A body is found bricked into the walls of a house - from the state of the hands, it's clear he was buried alive, that he tried to claw his way out before he died. The victim is quickly linked to a missing person's case, and DS Adam Tyler is called.

As the sole representative of the Cold Case Review unit, Tyler understands he has been placed there to keep him out of the way following an "incident". So when the case falls into his lap, he grabs the opportunity to fix his stagnating career.

But then he discovers he has a connection to the case that hopelessly compromises him, and he makes the snap decision not to tell his superiors. With such a brutal and sadistic murder to unpick, Tyler must move carefully to find out the truth without destroying the case himself.

Meanwhile, someone in the city knows exactly what happened to the body. Someone who is watching Adam closely. Someone with an unhealthy obsession with fire.



CHRIS HAMMER

Chris Hammer is a leading Australian crime fiction novelist, author of international bestsellers 'Scrublands' and 'Silver'.

His new book, 'Trust', was published in Australia and New Zealand in October 2020.

'Scrublands' was an instant bestseller upon publication in 2018, topping the Australian fiction charts.

It was shortlisted for major writing awards in Australia, the UK and the United States. In the UK it was named the **Sunday Times Crime Novel of the Year 2019** and won the prestigious UK Crime Writers' Association **John Creasey New Blood Dagger Award**.

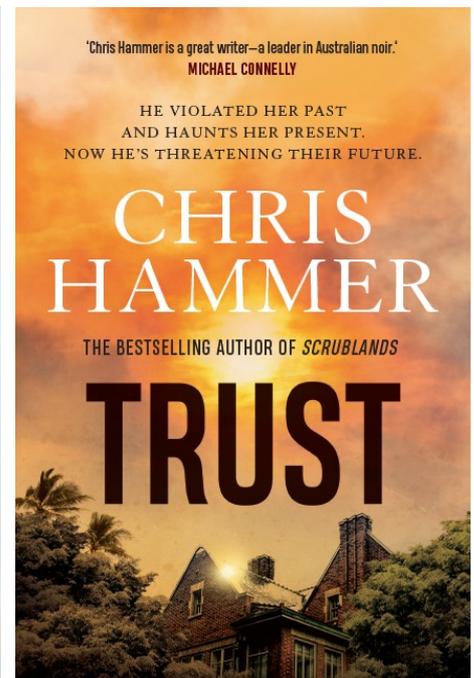
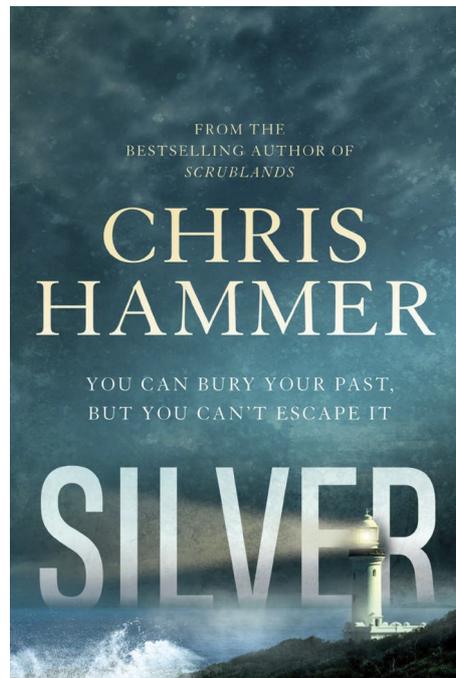
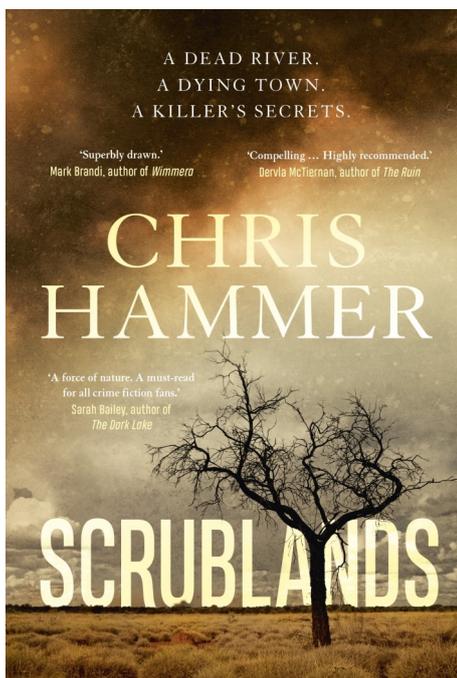
'Scrublands', 'Silver' and 'Trust' all feature troubled journalist Martin Scarsden and his partner Mandalay Blonde.

The books are notable for their atmospheric Australian settings, range of colourful characters, intricate plots, descriptive language and emotional depth.

Before turning to fiction, Chris was a journalist for more than thirty years. He reported from more than 30 countries on six continents for SBS TV. In Canberra, roles included chief political correspondent for *The Bulletin*, senior writer for *The Age* and Online Political Editor for *The Age* and *The Sydney Morning Herald*.

Chris has written two non-fiction books 'The River' (2010) and 'The Coast' (2012), published by Melbourne University Press.

He has a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Charles Sturt University and a Master's Degree in International Relations from the Australian National University. He lives in Canberra, Australia.



Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman

Dymocks Number One Book of 2020

New York Times Bestseller

Winner British Book awards 2018

Eleanor Oliphant has learned how to survive – but not how to live.

Eleanor Oliphant leads a simple life. She wears the same clothes to work every day, eats the same meal deal for lunch every day and buys the same two bottles of vodka to drink every weekend.

Eleanor Oliphant is happy. Nothing is missing from her carefully timetabled life. Except, sometimes, everything.

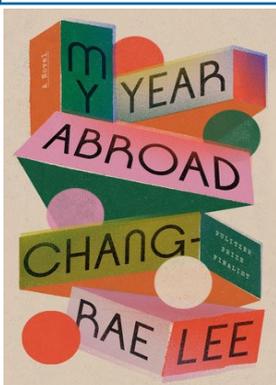
One simple act of kindness is about to shatter the walls Eleanor has built around herself. Now she must learn how to navigate the world that everyone else seems to take for granted – while searching for the courage to face the dark corners she's avoided all her life.

Change can be good. Change can be bad. But surely any change is better than... fine?



Anticipated Books For 2021

Information from www.penguinrandomhouse.com

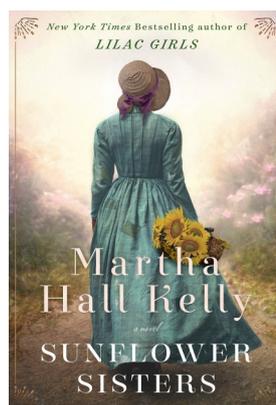


From the award-winning author of 'Native Speaker' and 'On Such a Full Sea', an exuberant, provocative story about a young American life transformed by an unusual Asian adventure – and about the human capacities for pleasure, pain, and connection.

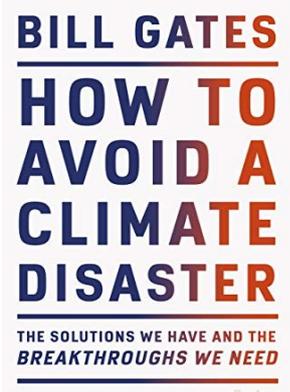


In this world, girls are outcasts by blood and warriors by choice. Knowing the dangers that lie ahead yet yearning for acceptance, Dekka decides to leave the only life she's ever known. But as she journeys to the capital to train for the biggest battle of her life, she will discover that the great walled city holds many surprises. Nothing and no one are quite what they seem to be - not even Dekka herself.

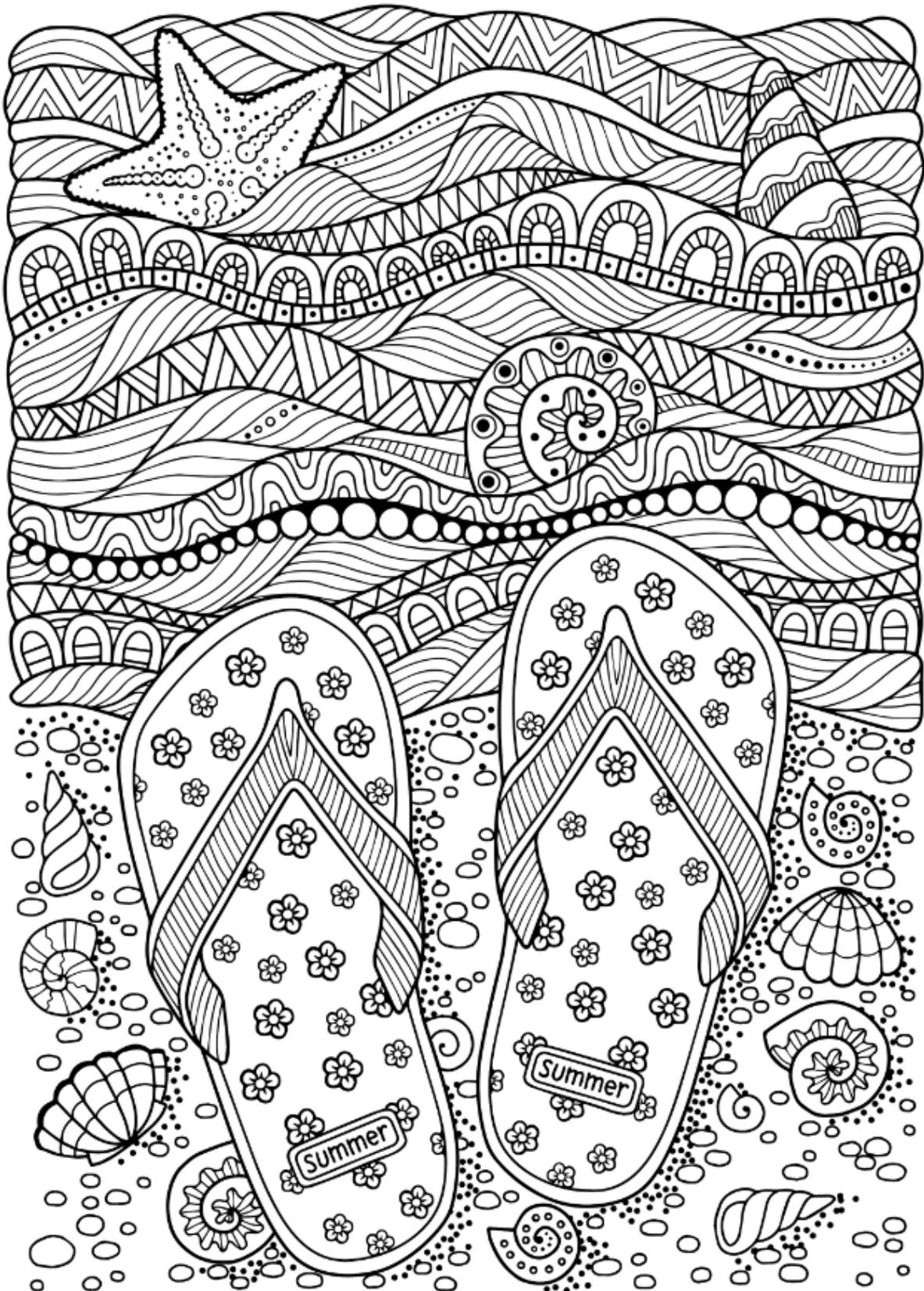
Martha Hall Kelly's million-copy bestseller *Lilac Girls* introduced readers to Caroline Ferriday. Now, in *Sunflower Sisters*, Kelly tells the story of Ferriday's ancestor Georgeanna Woolsey, a Union nurse during the Civil War whose calling leads her to cross paths with Jemma, a young enslaved girl who is sold off and conscripted into the army, and Anne-May Wilson, a Southern plantation mistress whose husband enlists.

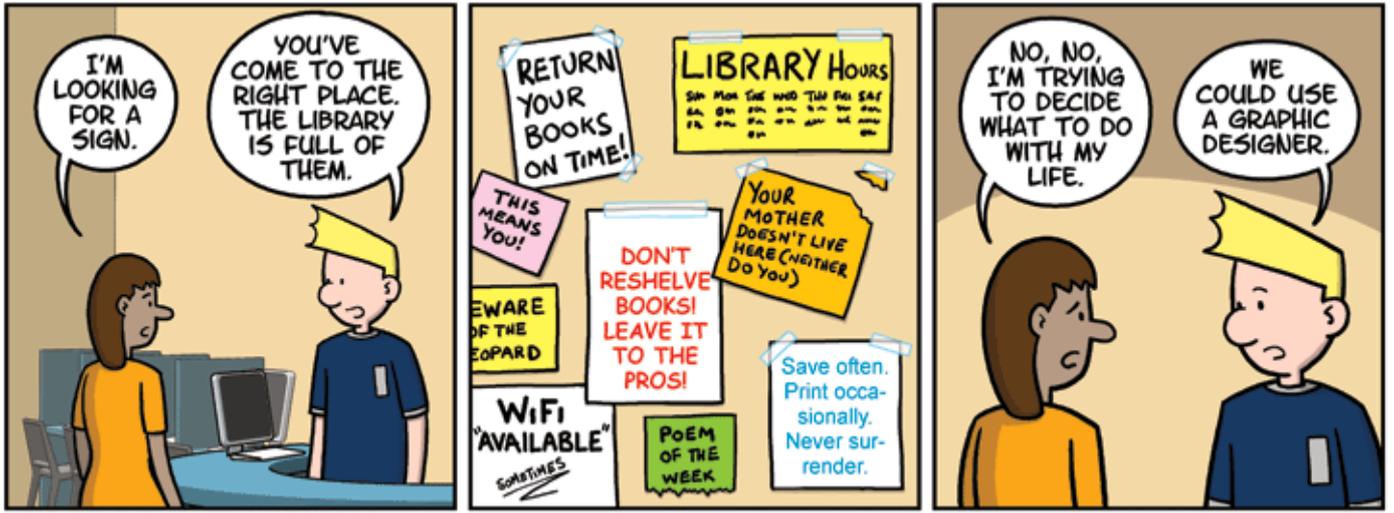


In this urgent, authoritative book, Bill Gates sets out a wide-ranging, practical and accessible plan for how the world can get to zero greenhouse gas emissions in time to avoid a climate catastrophe.



SUMMER FUN COLOURING PAGE





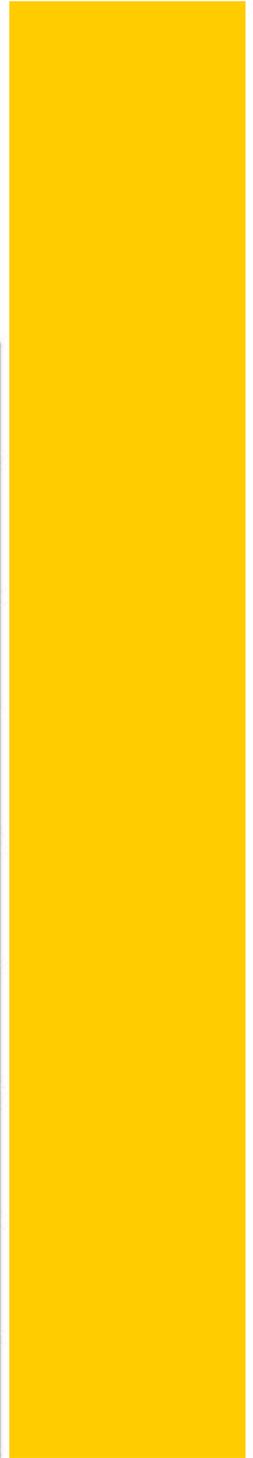
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BOOK BAGS FOR BABIES

Every year around 300 babies are born in the Inverell region. We want to get them off to a great start by giving them a bag of specially selected books!

We need your help to make the bags for the project - bags made by the community, to help welcome babies to our community.

You can help by making bags (guidelines below) or by donating suitable fabric for others to make the bags.

We already have a team of helpers crafting bags, but more volunteers are most welcome.

Bags should be:

- * made of colourful sturdy fabric, and preferably lined
- * approximately 35cm wide & 40cm high
- * have an internal library card pocket 10cm wide x 7cm high
- * have a strap/straps around 50cm long

Contact us at 67288130 and speak to Sonya or Leanne to find out how you can help.

A project by the Inverell Library & the Friends of the Inverell Library

NEW BOOKS FOR THE KIDS

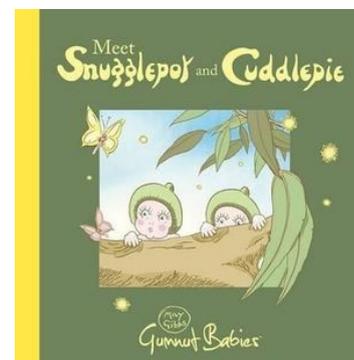
Meet Snugglepot and Cuddlepie by May Gibbs (Board Book)

Before dawn, when everyone was still asleep, Snugglepot and Cuddlepie crept out of bed.

“I want to see a human!” said Snugglepot.

“But only in the distance” added Cuddlepie.

Join Snugglepot and Cuddlepie, May Gibbs’ endearing gumnut babies, as they go on an Australia bush adventure.

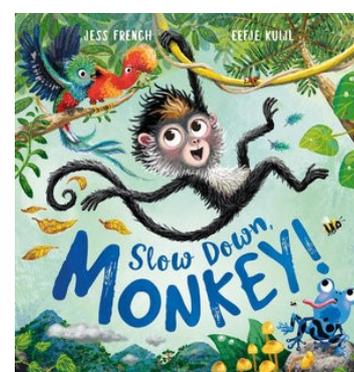


Slow down, Monkey! By Jess French (Picture Book)

Sometimes you need to slow down to see what’s right in front of your eyes.

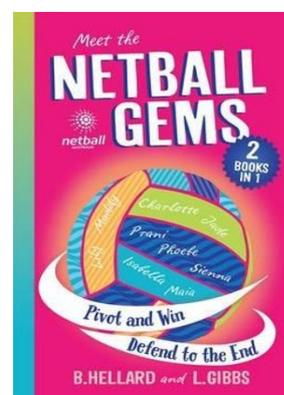
Monkey is always in a hurry, until she meets a super-chilled sloth, who helps her to see the world in a whole different way.

This rhyming text, set to a jumping, jungle beat, is the debut picture book from Dr Jess French, best-selling children’s author, TV presenter, qualified vet and committed conservationist.



Meet the Netball Gems (2 books in 1): ‘Pivot and Win’ and ‘Defend to the end’ by B. Hellard and L. Gibbs (Junior Fiction)

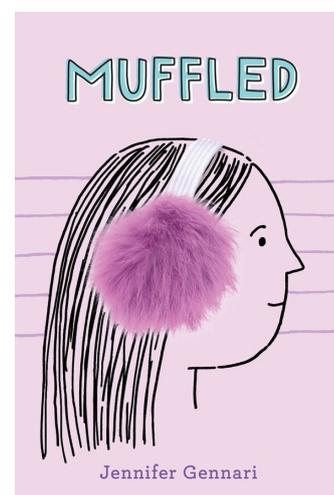
It’s their first season together and the Marrang under 13s team is finding its way. All the girls have a favourite position and dream of playing for the Australian Diamonds. But before that dream can become a reality, there are skills to learn, nerves to overcome, friendships to make, matches to play and so much fun to be had!



Muffled by Jennifer Gennari (Young Adult Fiction)

Amelia doesn’t like noise. From subway brakes to squeaky sneakers, she is sensitive to sound, just like her dad. Amelia has always worn noise-cancelling headphones, but now that she’s going into fifth grade, her parents want her to stop wearing them. To make matters worse, she must learn to play an instrument! Or, as Amelia sees it, make noise on purpose.

To help Amelia cope, her father gives her a pair of earmuffs to wear instead. Even with her new earmuffs, Amelia struggles at school...until she gets partnered with Madge in music class. Madge is loud and bold and goofy - everything Amelia is not. So Amelia is surprised when Madge wants to be friends. It’s not long though before Amelia’s quiet nature clashes with Madge’s loud personality. When Madge disappears after an argument, Amelia fears Madge might be in trouble. If she’s to have any hope of helping her friend, she will have to find a way to let in the noisy world she’s muffled for so long.



School Holiday Activities

We are pleased to be able to offer some activities during the January school holiday period. Please note: all activities require bookings as there are limited places available. Bookings can be made in person at the library or by phoning 67288130. Bookings will not be accepted by email, SMS or Facebook messenger.

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<p>WOODEN DESK ORGANISER</p> <p>TIME: 10.30-11.20 am</p> <p>AGE: Kinder 2020 – Yr6</p> <p>COST: \$3 Child \$7 Family</p> <p>Bookings essential</p> 	<p>WATER-COLOUR PAINTING</p> <p>(Adult & Child Activity)</p> <p>TIME: 3.00-3.40 pm</p> <p>AGE: Child 8-12 yrs and accompanying adult</p> <p>COST: \$5 per group</p> <p>Bookings essential</p> 	<p>SAND ART/ VELVET ART FRAME</p> <p>TIME: 11.00-11.45 am</p> <p>AGE: Kinder 2020 – Yr6</p> <p>COST: \$3 Child \$7 Family</p> <p>Bookings essential</p> 	<p>EXPLOSION BOX PHOTO ALBUM</p> <p>TIME: 3.00-4.00 pm</p> <p>AGE: 9 -12 years</p> <p>COST: \$3 Child \$7 Family</p> <p>Bookings essential</p> 	
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Digital Library

The Inverell Library has a collection of eBooks and eAudio books that can be downloaded to your computer, tablet, phone or other mobile device. All digital services are free to library members. When accessing these new services, please note that the first character of your library card number is a Capital Letter "I" for Inverell, and not the number one.

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Tech Savvy @ Your Library

Smart Home Technology

What is Smart Home Technology?

Smart home technology may seem complicated, but it's all about making your life easier and more convenient:

- * A smart home uses the internet and your Wi-Fi network to make all kinds of compatible devices talk to each other.
- * Instead of complicated control panels, you control your smart devices by talking to a smart-speaker (eg, Google Home)
- * The smart speaker has a built-in voice assistant which understands what you are saying and can speak back to you.
- * A smart home can be simple, with just a device or two, or very sophisticated, controlling air-conditioning, home security, lighting and more.



Benefits of smart home technology

Here are some of the things that smart home technology can do for you:

- * You can simply tell a compatible smart tv to change channels or play a movie, without the need to touch the remote control.
- * A smart speaker can connect to the internet and play just about any kind of music from a music streaming service, either using that speaker or other speakers across the whole house.
- * Compatible light bulbs can be controlled by voice or set to operate at specific times. Some can even change colour.
- * Smart switches connect to your Wi-Fi and can switch appliances on and off to a schedule, or just when you tell them to.
- * Inexpensive smart speakers are the heart of a smart phone. Not only can they control your smart devices, they can give you information such as the weather or information from the web.

What you need for a smart home

You will need a few things to get your smart home started:

- * Home internet with Wi-Fi so that your smart devices can be connected. You should have plenty of data available on your home internet plan for streaming music and video.
- * A mobile device such as phone or tablet, because you set up and control your smart home using an app, in addition to your voice. Sometimes the smart system will need to send information to your device.
- * A smart speaker, since that's the easiest way to tell your smart home what to do.
- * A smart home account with one of the providers, such as Google, Apple or Amazon. There's a good chance you already have one of them. Those accounts are free.

This information has been provided by **'Be Connected'** which is a government initiative *"committed to increasing the confidence, skills and online safety of older Australians and aims to empower everyone to use the internet and everyday technology to thrive in our digital world"*. **'Be Connected'** has simple and easy to use online resources where you can learn a variety of digital devices and navigating the internet. If you would like more information on the **'Be Connected'** online learning experience, please speak to library staff.



Be Connected
Every Australian online.

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

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



Home Library Service 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 items available, from books, music, DVD's, magazines, large print, talking books, mysteries, romance, westerns and more.

This service is perfect for the elderly who are unable to drive, those in aged care facilities, or if you have recently become house bound due to medical issues. If this service would be helpful for yourself or someone you know, please contact the library on 67288139.

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.



Library Catalogue

Welcome to our **NEW**
Online Library!

Search the Library's range of books, magazines, CD's, DVD's, CD ROMS, talking books and much more.

We have an online public access catalogue.

Go to www.inverell.nsw.gov.au and click on the 'Public Library' tab.

*Please note that your card number starts with a Capital Letter "I" for Inverell, and not the number one.

You can check the due date of your items, renew your loans, reserve items (fees apply) and search our whole collection for an item of interest to you.



App Store

We Now Have An App!

Borrowing items and accessing your account has now become even easier.



Google play

- Simply download the app from the App Store or Google Play Store. (the name of the app is **Inverell Shire Public Library**).
- Log in with your card number and PIN.
- You can access your account and renew your items (if applicable)
- You can even use the app to borrow items while you are in the library! Simply scan the barcode on the front of the item using your phone camera.
- This is what the app will look like on your phone →
- We would love for you to try the app and let us know what you think.



Admont Abbey Library

Admont, Austria

The largest monastic library in the world, along with one of the oldest, was built in 1776 with Baroque architecture playing heavily throughout. The gold and white color scheme gets accented by 48 windows for natural light and murals aplenty on the ceiling. Using a great hall design with seven distinct domed cupolas, Bartolomeo Altomonte created seven distinct works of art.

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