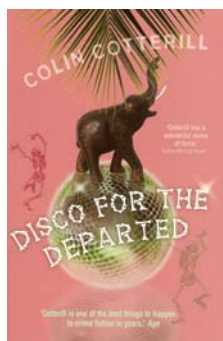


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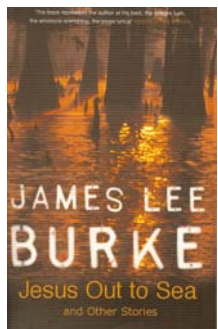
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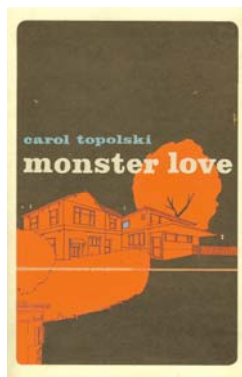
Disco for the Departed by Colin Cotterill

It's the 1970s in the People's Democratic Republic of Laos, and with the Communist bosses coming to town for a jamboree, everything needs to be tidy - which is why reluctant national coroner Dr Siri Paiboun finds himself in the mountains of Huaphan Province. Inconveniently, there's a mummified arm protruding from a concrete path. Questions Siri has to answer: What is a Cuban black magic cult doing in the mountains of Laos? Does the handsome officer have the hots for his assistant Nurse Dtui? Why does an infernal disco start up each night just as he begins to nod off? And why, *why* do the spirits insist on talking to *him*?



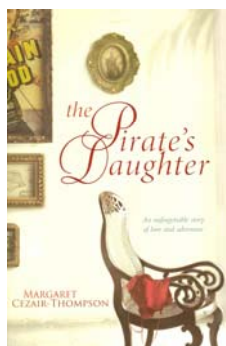
Jesus Out to Sea and Other Stories by James Lee Burke

A collection of short fiction ranging across landscapes from rural Louisiana and Mississippi, to war-torn Korea, and a New Orleans ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. The author brings a host of characters to life: soldiers and prostitutes, nuns and children, musicians and gangsters.



Monster Love by Carol Topolski

Brendan and Sherilyn - A young couple in love. Each has met their soul mate, and nothing can come between them. In fact, the Gutteridges are so wrapped up in each other that their neighbours barely know them, despite the woman next door's nosy curiosity. Their families and their work colleagues see only the perfect couple in the perfect home, the perfect car crouching in the drive. And then a baby is born - contaminating this pristine life in which there is only room for two. But they find the ideal solution. What may be one couple's happy ending is everyone else's indescribable nightmare. Told through the Gutteridges' voices, and those of their families, neighbours and others who will come across them in the aftermath, this perverse love story hurtles to the heart of evil - the evil that could be anyone's next door neighbour.

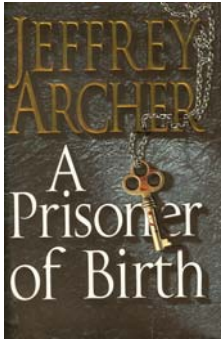


The Pirate's Daughter by Margaret Cezair-Thompson

Jamaica, 1946: Errol Flynn washes up on the island in his storm-wrecked yacht. Ida Joseph, the teenaged daughter of a Port Antonio Justice of the Peace, is intrigued to learn that the 'World's Handsomest Man' is on the island, and makes it her business to meet him. For the jaded swashbuckler, Jamaica is a tropical paradise that offers the tang of adventure and the promise of personal salvation. Soon, Flynn has made a home for himself on Navy Island where he entertains the cream of Hollywood - and Ida has set her heart on this charismatic older man. Ida's child, May, will meet her famous father only once. A tale of two generations of women and their battles for love and survival, and of a nation struggling to rise to the challenge of hard-won independence.

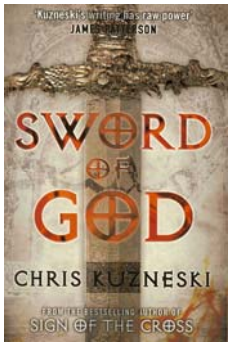
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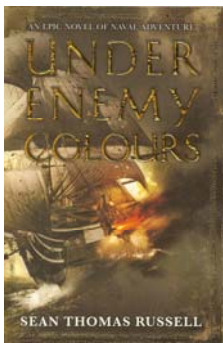
A Prisoner of Birth by Jeffrey Archer

If Danny Cartwright had proposed to Beth Wilson the day before, or the day after, he would not have been arrested and charged with the murder of his best friend. And when the four prosecution witnesses are a barrister, a popular actor, an aristocrat and the youngest partner in an established firm's history, who is going to believe his side of the story? Danny is sentenced to 22 years and sent to Belmarsh prison, the highest security jail in the land, from where no inmate has ever escaped. But Spencer Craig, Lawrence Davenport, Gerald Payne and Toby Mortimer all underestimate Danny's determination to seek revenge and Beth's relentless quest to win justice, which forces all four protagonists to fight for their lives.



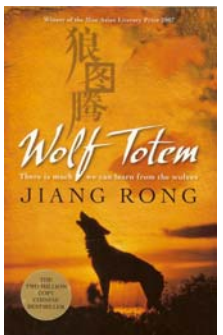
Sword of God by Chris Kuzneski

Off the coast of South Korea, a young boy discovers a cave that is soaked in human blood. Less than a week later, everyone in his village disappears... In Saudi Arabia, a female archaeologist unearths an artifact that threatens the historical foundation of Islam. To some Muslims, it is a discovery that must be silenced at all costs. Meanwhile, in a secret bunker run by U.S. intelligence, the unthinkable has happened. While interrogating one of the world's most dangerous terrorists, a former member of the MANIAC Special Forces squad is brutally executed. Jonathon Payne and D.J. Jones, his former commanders, offer to spearhead the investigation. They quickly realize that there is more to this atrocity than terrorist reprisal – there is a plot in motion that will burn the world in the fires of a holy war. And it's up to them to stop it.



Under Enemy Colours by Sean Thomas Russell

As England prepares for the inevitable war with France, the Royal Navy readies its fleet and its most capable officers. Lieutenant Charles Hayden is a man of undeniable ability. The son of an Englishman, his allegiance to the English Crown is beyond dispute. But, with a French mother, and without any influence in the Admiralty, he is seemingly overlooked for his first commission as Master and Commander. Instead, he is posted to an ageing frigate, the *Themis*, under the command of Captain Josiah Hart, a man known throughout the service as 'Faint Hart'. When the *Themis* takes to sea to hunt the enemy, Lieutenant Hayden is immediately caught between a tyrannical captain and a crew pushed to the verge of mutiny. Disaffection turns to violence, and Hayden is torn between honour and duty as the Royal Navy engages the French.



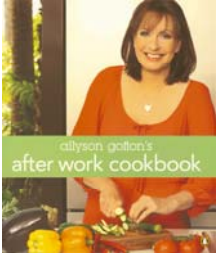
Wolf Totem by Jiang Rong, translated by Howard Goldblatt

It is the 1960s, and Beijing intellectual, Chen Zhen volunteers to live in a remote nomadic settlement on the Inner Mongolian grasslands. There, he discovers an age-old synergy between the nomads, their livestock, and the wild wolves who roam the plains. Chen learns about the rich spiritual relationship that exists between these adversaries, and what each might learn from the other. But when members of the People's Republic swarm in from the cities to bring modernity and productivity to the grasslands, the peace of Chen's solitary existence is shattered, and the delicate balance between humans and wolves is disrupted. Only time will tell whether the grasslands' environment and culture will ever recover...

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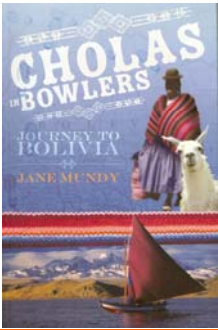
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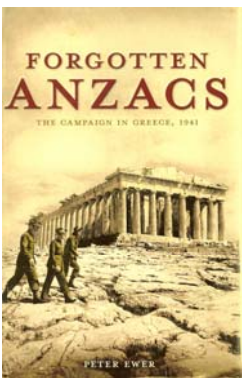
Allyson Gofton's After Work Cookbook

A collection of 90 recipes for busy people. Includes versatile ideas to minimize last-minute cooking panic, and a list of essential items to keep in your cupboard, fridge and freezer.



Cholas in Bowlers : Journey to Bolivia by Jane Mundy

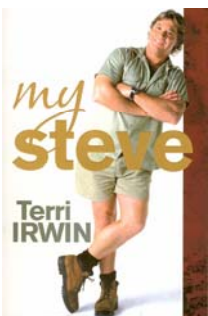
Jane Mundy had barely heard of Bolivia, a country that seldom makes the headlines. The only images she had were of people rioting in the streets over the downfall of yet another government, and of the indigenous women, called cholos, who get around in funny bowler hats. But less than six months after meeting Graham, a man who shared her own restless urge to escape everyday routines and live more dangerously, she had packed up her life and taken off with him to this most intriguing of South American countries. The account of their adventures against the backdrop of their fledgling relationship.



Forgotten Anzacs : The Campaign in Greece, 1941 by Peter Ewer

On 12 April 1941, General Thomas Blamey, commander of the Australian Imperial Force in the Mediterranean, issued an order of the day announcing the formation of a new Anzac Corps. Australian and New Zealand troops were at the time fighting side by side in Greece against an invading German army that had been triumphant everywhere. With the very existence of his force in the balance, Blamey invoked the spirit of Gallipoli to inspire his troops, suggesting: "*the reunion of the Australian and New Zealand Division gives all ranks the greatest uplift. The task ahead though difficult is not nearly so desperate as that which our fathers faced in April twenty-six years ago. We go to it together with stout hearts and certainty of success*". Those hopes would be quickly dashed. Desperately outnumbered, and fighting in deeply inhospitable conditions, the Anzacs found

themselves engaging in a long retreat through Greece, under constant air attack. Most of the Anzac Corps was evacuated by the end of April, but many men got only as far as Crete. Fighting a German paratroop invasion there in May, large numbers were taken captive and spent four long years as prisoners of the Nazis. The campaign in Greece turned out to have uncanny parallels to the original Gallipoli operation: both were inspired by Winston Churchill, both were badly planned by British military leaders, and both ended in defeat and evacuation. British bungling at Gallipoli was one thing; but in Greece, Churchill authorised his commanders to leave the Anzacs to their fate if their rescue compromised wider British interests. Just as Gallipoli provided military academies the world over with lessons in how not to conduct a complex feat of arms, Churchill's Greek adventure reinforced fundamental lessons in modern warfare - heavy tanks could not be stopped by men armed with rifles, and Stuka dive-bombers would not be deflected by promises of air support from London that were never honoured. Until now, there has been no history on the campaign in Greece and Crete written from a truly Anzac perspective. Based on rare archives and interviews with Australian, Greek, and New Zealand veterans.



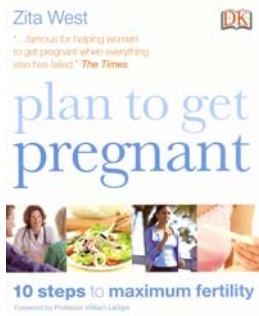
My Steve by Terri Irwin

Steve Irwin, Crocodile hunter, Aussie larrikin, the man who brought wildlife to the world. Steve was a devoted family man, a fervently dedicated environmentalist, a modest bloke who spoke to millions on behalf of those who could not speak for themselves. For Terri and their children, Bindi and Robert, the world stopped the day Steve was tragically killed. Millions of people shared their pain as they struggled to accept that this larger-than-life character was gone from their lives. An uplifting, humorous and heart-breaking account of Terri's relationship with Steve, the work they carried out together, and their unswerving commitment to wildlife conservation.

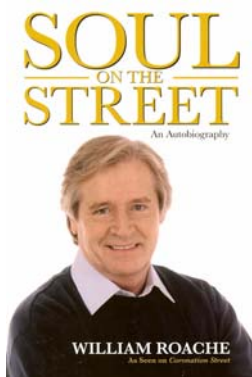
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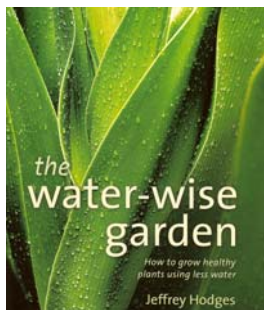
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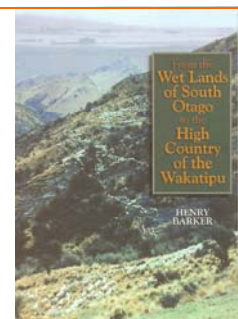
Plan to Get Pregnant : 10 Steps to Maximum Fertility by Zita West
Answers questions on everything from foods to boost fertility and IVF options, to research-based guidance that can dramatically increase your chance of getting pregnant.



Soul on the Street : An Autobiography by William Roache
The author has been an actor on *Coronation Street* for over 47 years, making him the world's longest-serving soap star. His years in the Army shaped him into a responsible and self-reliant young man who realized at the end of his service as an officer that he wanted to act. As a young actor, William auditioned for a TV drama that was likely to be running for only a few weeks. Now, he is the only original cast member and the soap's success has established him as a household name. Over the course of that time, William's character, Ken Barlow, has been married four times, twice to Deirdre, and had a series of tumultuous affairs. He gives an insight into what it has been like to play Ken for all those years, the story of his early life and the spiritual influences that have inspired him to seek a deeper understanding of life.



The Water-Wise Garden : How to Grow Healthy Plants using Less Water by Jeffrey Hodges
An Australian publication that gives advice on how to use less water and maintain a healthy, flourishing garden. Contains information for the reader to: understand the way plants use water and the way water is stored in the soil; create 'water-use zones' to improve water efficiency; improve the water-holding content of soil with compost and mulch; and how to make the best use of recycled water, including rainwater and grey water.



From the Wet Lands of South Otago to the High Country of the Wakatipu by Henry Barker
The author tells his family history, especially that relating to the Waitutu farm at Port Molyneux in South Otago that the Barkers owned from 1908 to 1947 and Ben Lomond Station in the Wakatipu from 1950 to 1972.

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